

## In Our Prayers

Oaklynn (3 year old granddaughter of Tina Caldwell)\*\* Those impacted by nature's fury\*\*Michael Savanelli (recovering from a heart procedure) \*\*Beth Piascyk\*\*Linda Syphers (friend of Gail Berlepsch)\*\*Louis Pasierello Jr. (friend of Mike and Pam Savenelli)\*\*Jeff Clay (progressive throat cancer, (Tina Caldwell's brother in law)\*\*Gladys Wells\*\*Carolyn Keehan (in Hospice)\*\*Bob Kaden (having neck surgery)\*\*Andrew (brain cancer)\*\* Friends of Cynthia Bruestche\*\* Healing for Justin Weekes, son of Sandy Weekes\*\*Tina Caldwell\*\*Sally Coleman\*\* Megan Perkowski \*\*Cousin Jean Farrell and Aunt Joyce Gorsky (the McKenna Family) \*\* Mark and Lynn Bailey (friends of John and Sherry Perkowski)\*\* Tim Keogh\*\* Charmaine Craggs\*\* Ashley Sibley (Bernie and Tony's great-niece)\*\*Tom Jastermsky\*\* Gabe and Jude Heidenis (Bernie and Tony's grandsons)\*\*Jack Grotti (friend of Sally Coleman)\*\* Wendy Riddle, sister of Sandy Weekes \*\* Cathy Kovi\*\* Sandy McCume\*\* Betsy-Sue Eisenman\*\*Janice Frey\*\*David Lick\*\*Those around the world who live in areas of conflict and war.



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**At the First Congregational Church, UCC of Wallingford, CT, we have discerned the following vision and mission for our faith lives together:**

### Vision

***Our faith – rooted in the compassion and teachings of Jesus Christ – is the foundation of our love for one another and service to the world around us.***

We offer a home for those seeking deeper meaning or purpose in their lives through the exploration of Jesus Christ's teachings. The love and compassion found in those teachings commit us to up lift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity.

### Mission

***We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.***

We commit to developing a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful participation in the life of the church. Through our Christian faith, compassion, and service, we will dedicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community and beyond.

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# First Congregational Church



**October 27, 2024**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**October 27, 2024**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Elergy* Brenda Portman

*We Sit Down in Tears*  
J.S. Bach/arr. Robert Gower

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls*  
Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

**All: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

One: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

**All: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

One: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

**All: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

+HYMN I Sing a Song of the Saints of God NCH #295

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with**

**any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 6:20-31

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS (insert)

ANTHEM *We Are Not Alone* Pepper Choplin  
Holly Francke, solo/Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE

+HYMN I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry NCH #351

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *Here in the Silence*  
Text, Ronald W. Cadmus/Music, R. Kevin Boesiger/Chancel Choir

+DOXOLOGY NCH #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN For All the Saints NCH #299

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Spirit Song* John Wimber

POSTLUDE *Fanfare on Sine Nomine* John West

**Announcements**

**Welcome to the First Congregational Church of Wallingford!** If you are visiting with us this morning, we extend a special welcome and greeting to you. First Church is a part of the United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

**The flowers** on the altar are given with thanks for the blessing of family and friends and the love we share by Sharon and Greg Whitehouse.

**Serving the church today:** Michael May, Heidi Bonassar, Greg Whitehouse, Ushers. Debby Voelker, Liturgist. Bob Westervelt, Chimes.

**CHRISTMAS CARD CONNECTION 2024 - Our 5<sup>th</sup> year!!**

We will be meeting on the following dates to sign and address Christmas cards to people on our list of those in need of special Christmas greetings and love. Tues., Oct. 29, 10am -11:30am, Tues., Nov. 5, 10am - 11:30am, Tues., Nov.12, 10am -11:30am. Please plan on coming to Congregational Hall for this fun, chatty short time and *make a difference* by addressing and signing some cards. All cards and envelopes, return address stamp, stamps and some pens will be provided. Questions? Contact Sandy Weekes (203) 233-7269.

You will not want to miss the Choral Sermon **Our Father, A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer** November 17 at the 10 am service. Join our Chancel Choir and a host of guest musicians for this special musical opportunity!

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, we will welcome **the Rev. Dr. Sue Foster as our Guest Preacher.** Pastor Sue grew up at FCCW and was ordained here in 1988. She recently retired after a long and fruitful ministry at East Woodstock Congregational Church in Northeast CT. A festive **Thanksgiving Potluck** will follow! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor  
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music  
Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager  
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton  
Ms. Maddie Torre, Coordinator Sunday School  
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