

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 Piascy**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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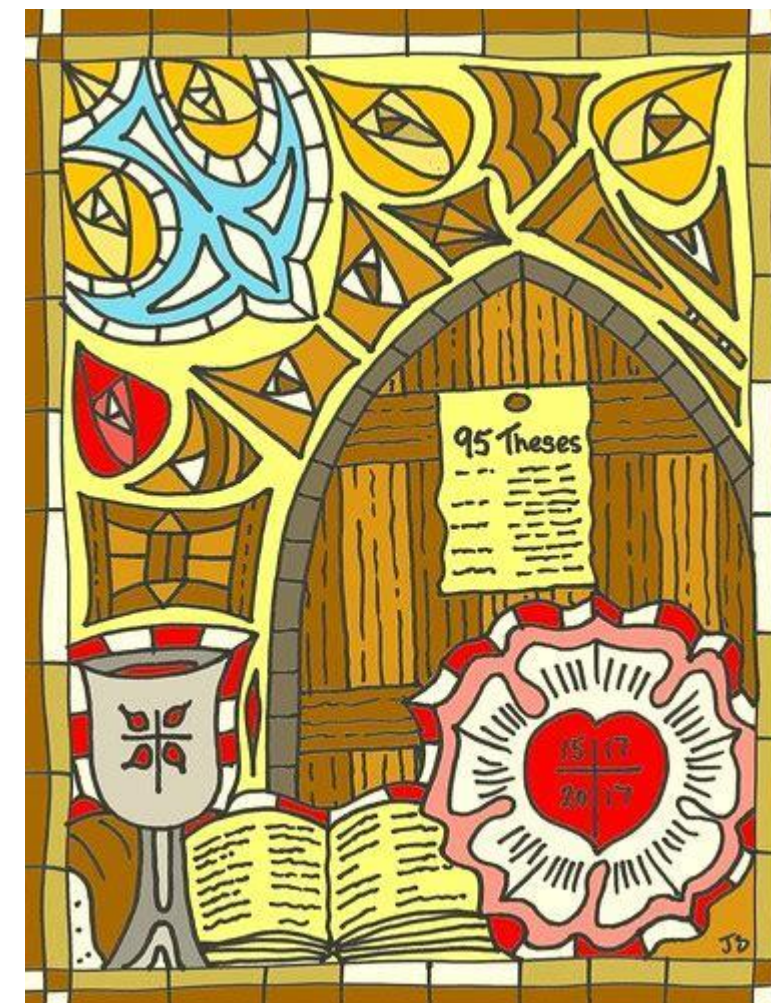
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First Congregational Church



November 3, 2024

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

REFORMATION SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Our Father in Heaven* Georg Boehm

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Our Father, You are in Heaven Above*
J.S.Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Across time and place, people of faith have gathered to praise God's holy name.

P: As we seek to understand who we are, we praise God's holy name.

L: May God teach us to be seekers in our worship and our daily lives.

P: As we seek to understand who God is, we praise God's holy name.

L: May God teach us to be curious about how God will be revealed to us.

P: As we grow into who we will be, we praise God's holy name.

+HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* NCH #439

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

O God, you have never stopped moving in the world and calling your church to follow your lead. Forgive us, O God, when we think of ourselves as reformed only in the past tense. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to follow the winds of your spirit leading us to change. Forgive us, O God, when we are stuck in our ways, hesitant to listen to your message coming to us through the voice of a neighbor, a stranger, or a new generation. Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance that you have never stopped reforming your church.

For you are the one who makes all things new and forms life even from ashes. Amen

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

READING FROM SCRIPTURE John 11:32-44

ANTHEM *We Believe*
Travis Ryan, Matthew Hooper and Richie Fike
Sarah Mather, Soloist

THE MESSAGE

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *Feed Me Lord* Patrick Liebergen

+DOXOLOGY

**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 *As We Gather at Your Table* NCH #332

COMMUNION

This is the Table of the Lord and all who wish to receive here are welcome. You will receive first the bread and then the juice. You are invited to hold each as you receive them so that we might partake together.

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**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* NCH #117

+COMMISSION AND BLESSING

RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* Bob Gillman

POSTLUDE *Trumpets in Dialogue* Louis Clerambault

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 gratitude for the Search and Call Team. Your devotion, time, and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated by this congregation.

Serving the church today: Bob Blakeslee, Bob Westervelt, John Lenox, Bill Zemina, Ushers. Cheryl Naski, Kathy Filkins, Debby Voelker, and Rick Voelker, Sacramental Ministers. Dawn Charron, Liturgist. Bernie Annunziata, Chimes.

CHRISTMAS CARD CONNECTION 2024 - Our 5th year!!

Join us this Tuesday Nov. 5, 10am - 11:30am in Congregational Hall and *make a difference* by addressing and signing some cards. 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.** estive **Thanksgiving Potluck** will follow! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert.

Our **Christmas Fair** is just a month away, December 6-7. There are many ways to enjoy getting involved. Donation request slips for crafting items are on the Fair table. There are one hour crafting workshops every Sunday after church with no skill needed and all (12+) are invited to help. Contact Fair Coordinator: Lorraine Westervelt 203-257-6964 with questions, offers, ideas, thoughts.

If you haven't already, VOTE! Tuesday November 5!

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor
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Ms. Maddie Torre, Coordinator Sunday School
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