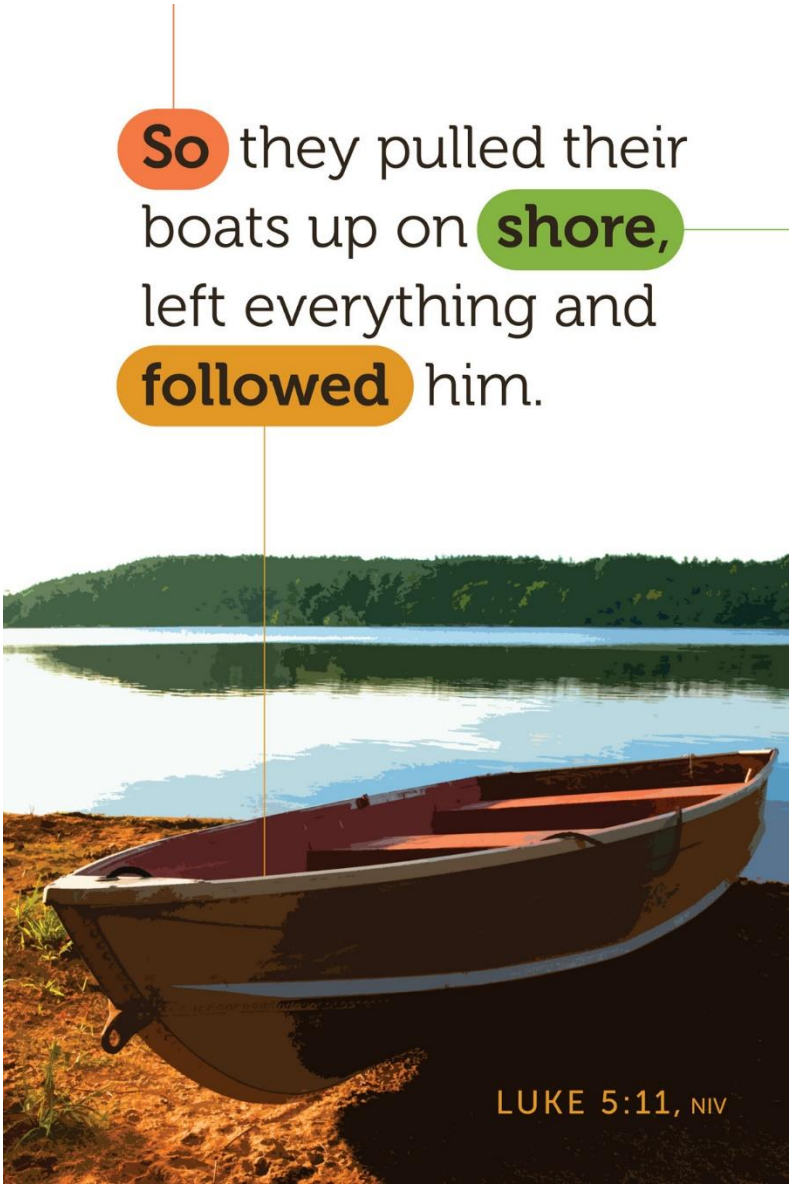

THE FIRST CHURCH

NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Congregational – United Church Of Christ

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Gathered December 16, 1685

No matter who you are, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Morning Worship

Communion Sunday
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022 10:00 AM

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*If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand

APPROACH TO GOD

Let us keep silence as we prepare for worship.

TOWER CHIME Norma MacKinley Smith

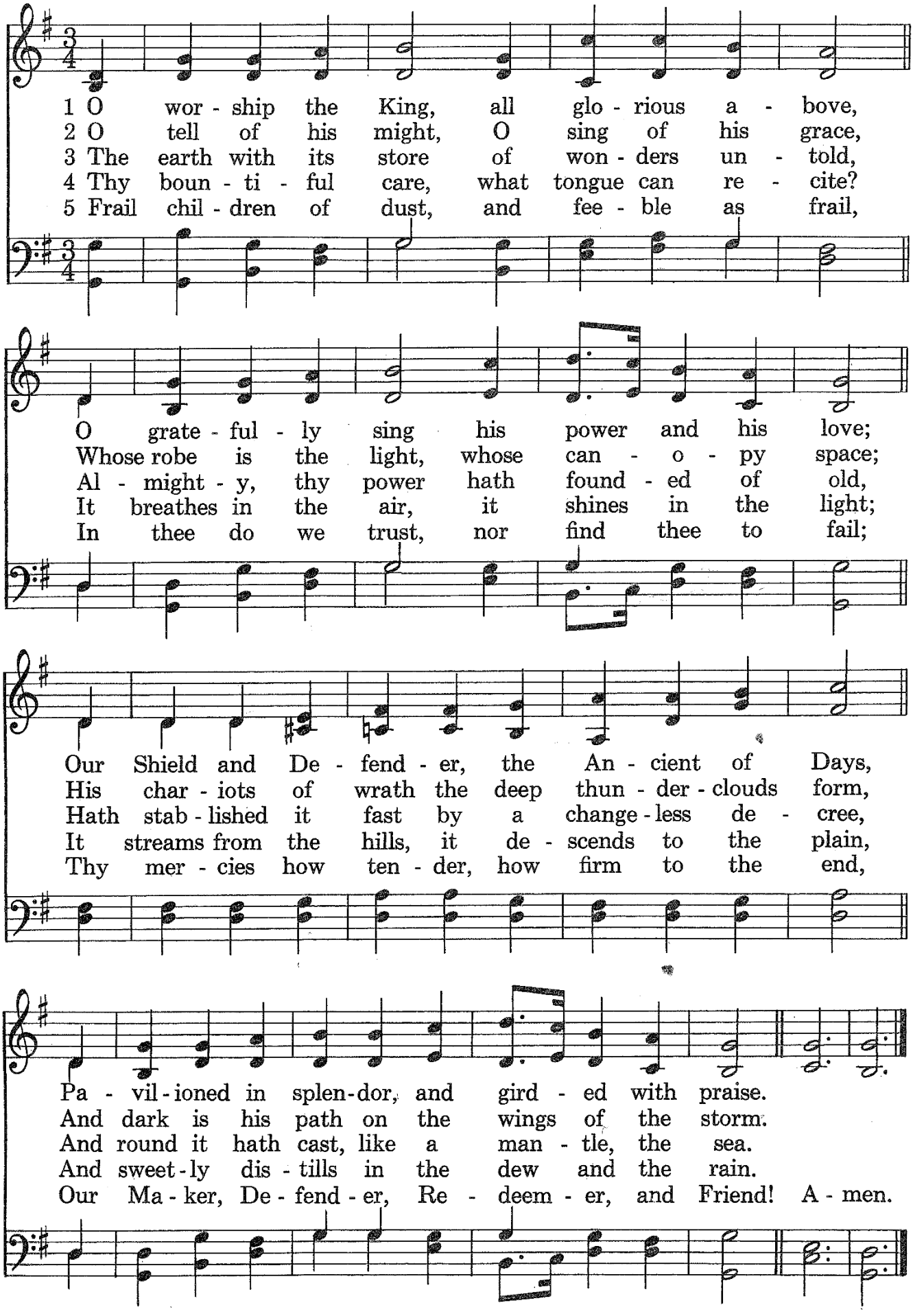
MEDITATION "Your life is shaped by the end you live for. You are made in the image of what you desire." Marva Dawn

PRELUDE *Prière à Notre Dame* L. Boëllmann
from *"Suite Gothique"* *(1862 – 1897)*

INTROITUS *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* F. R. Lund
STAFF SINGER QUARTET *(*1938)*
Composer-In-Residence

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 138)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord, with all our heart!
People: We will sing Your praises before all creation, and rejoice in Your steadfast love!
Leader: You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself,
People: In You we become everything You have made us to be!
All: Together, we worship you with heart, mind and soul.

***HYMN #6** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* LYONS

***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison)

O God, Your holiness is not limited to grand cathedrals or saintly persons, spectacular mountains or breath taking sunsets. You are everywhere and beyond all limits. Your holiness is often discovered in everyday places and people from all walks of life. We enter your holiness right now. Grow us this hour, that we might bloom, right where You plant us, right where we are. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #513**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, A-men, A-men.

GREETINGS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had

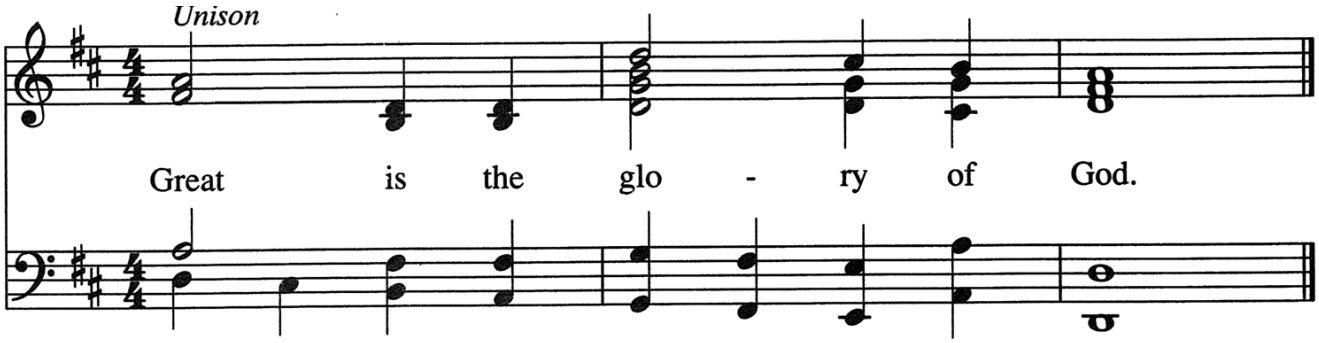
taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GRATIA TIBI *Thanks Be to Thee* T. Tallis
(1505 – 1585)

SERMON "When God Shows Up" Rev. Dr. Andrew Armstrong

RESPONSIVE PSALM 138

The Psalm will be intoned once: The Congregation sings the same Response, and then again at the "℟" indication below.

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[1]I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

[2]I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.

[3]On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul. ℟

[4]All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O God,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

[5]They shall sing of the ways of God,
for great is the glory of God.

[6]For though God is high, God regards the lowly;
but the haughty, God perceives from far away.

[7]Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

[8]God will fulfill God's purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O God, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. ℟

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (First Church Covenant)

Relying upon divine help we promise to cooperate as members of this Church in the study and practice of the law which Christ taught as supreme, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself", to attend its services; to contribute to its support according to our ability; to aid in the extension of the Kingdom of God; and to promote efficiency, purity, and peace in this household of faith.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Leader: If we say we have it all together, the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.

People: Before God and one another, we confess our unwillingness to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to Good News. Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service and recharge us with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

A time of silence for personal confession

KYRIE #545 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* J. Merbecke

CONGREGATION JOINS IN SINGING *(1510 – 1585)*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new beginning with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERTORY *Gloria* from "*Missa Sancti Ioannis"* L. Ciampa *(*1971)*

***DOXOLOGY #515** OLD HUNDRETH LM

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

Generous God, we have known Your unfailing love and faithfulness, Your care and provision, Your protection and salvation. We are so grateful and offer back to You a small portion of what You have given to us. Accept the gifts we bring—tangible expressions of our love and gratitude for what You have so generously given to us. Amen.

The Communion

It is a tradition at First Church that we eat the bread and drink the cup together as the people of God renewing our covenant. We serve grape juice, bread and gluten free bread.

Invitation, Sursum Corda and Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Leader: It is right to glorify You and to give You thanks, our holy and living God; You dwell in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, You made all things and fill them with Your blessing; You created them to rejoice in the splendor of Your radiance. With the faithful of every time and place, we joyfully praise Your name:

SANCTUS #550 — S. Wesley *(1766 – 1837)*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. A-men.

Leader: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "This is My body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is of the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." By eating of this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Sharing of the Bread

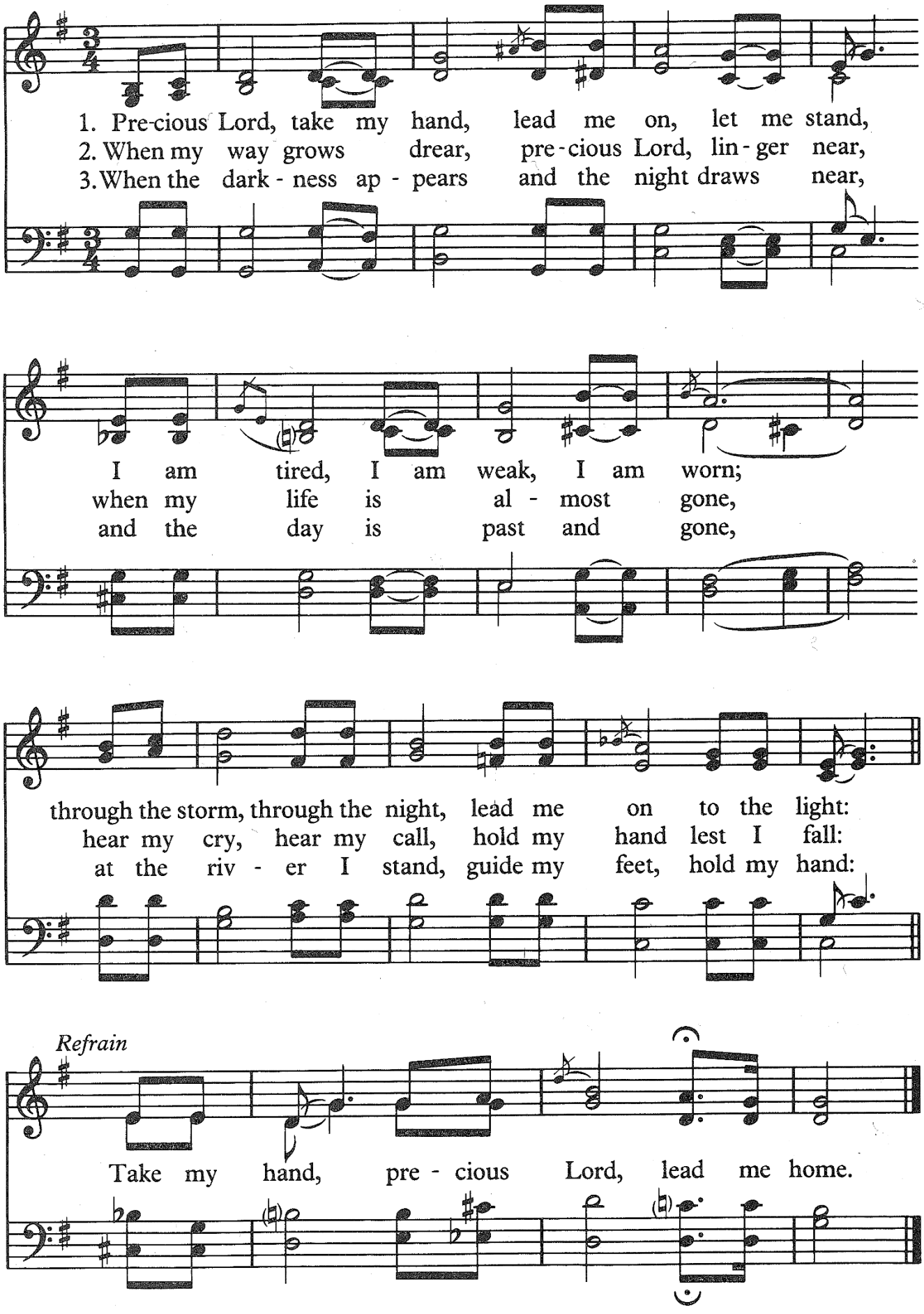
Kyrie from "*Missa Sancti Ioannis"* — L. Ciampa

Sharing of the Cup

Sanctus & Agnus Dei from "*Missa Sancti Ioannis*" — L. Ciampa

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

***HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* MAITLAND

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTUS** *On Us Bestow Thy Blessing* F. R. Lund

The congregation is kindly asked to be seated for the POSTLUDE

POSTLUDE *Deep River* Spiritual
arr. J. Utterback
*(*1944)*

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED; OUR SERVICE BEGINS

AV TEAM CAMERA CREW: Doug Brenner, Joe Glajch, Lee Hauenstein, Craig Neth, Don Smith-Weiss and Dennis Webster
HYMNS & PSALM: Pilgrim Hymnal, New Century Hymnal, United Methodist Hymnal, CCLI#3034682
COVER ART: Image from ChurchArt.com
DEACON OF THE DAY: Bill McIntyre
STAFF SINGER QUARTET: Janet Poisson, soprano; Brianne Biastoff, alto; Harry Nordyke, tenor; Jason Iannuzzi, bass

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The flowers in the pulpit are given in celebration of Olive Samuel on her 100th birthday, from Ginny Fellows and Karen and Dan Campagna.

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HEARING AIDS AND LARGE PRINT OF HYMNS AND PRAYERS
ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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PLEASE USE THE VARIOUS CARDS IN THE PEW RACKS TO
HELP KEEP THE STAFF INFORMED OF YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS.

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Have you remembered First Church in you will?

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MASK USE IS REQUIRED WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDINGS.

Worship Schedule

Temporary Worship Service Time Change through February 27
10:00 AM: In-Person Worship, Livestream,
Sunday School & Nursery Care
Radio broadcast at 10:00 AM on WSMN AM 1590 & FM 95.3

The 8:30 service will return!
Watch for the return date, hopefully during the Lenten Season.

Notes from the Chancel

Today's choral music heard in the body of corporate worship, penned by local composer and organist **Leonardo Ciampa**, was written in 2018. The **Chancel Choir** of The First Church has been building their "settings" repertory for Communion services in the past few seasons, which now includes Communion service music by Haydn, Lund *(our composer-in-residence),* Mozart, Oldroyd, Olefirowicz, Schubert, Titcomb, and White. Today's setting of the **"St. John Mass"** is new to the repertory of our music library, and the members of the Chancel Choir are with us today in spirit, as we hope to have them reconvene again, in time for March's Communion services.

The choral writing of Ciampa has a unique combination of an attractive sound of contemporary classical choral writing, a hint of "Mendelssohn" and 19th century harmonic technique, and a unique "accessibility" in the writing which allows the piece to be learned in a relatively short timeframe, which is always good for choral programs! Solid treatments of the text- specifically penned in English- allow the 4-part harmonies to bloom and develop, as our minds are brought to reflecting on the elements we receive during Communion together, or other aspects of praise to God.

Leonardo Ciampa was born in Boston in 1971. He is currently Director of Music at *Emanuel Lutheran Church* in Worcester, MA and Maestro di Cappella Onorario of the Basilica in Gubbio, Italy. He also served as artistic director of organ concerts at *MIT* in the period of 2009 - 2016. As an organ recitalist, Ciampa has made a dozen European tours encompassing Italy, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. His work particularly admired in Italy, where he has played in numerous international festivals *(Festival Perosiano, Festival Biellese, Organi Storici della Valsesia, Le Voci della Città, Festival Organistico Lauretano, Reate Festival, among others).* As a composer, Ciampa's compositions have been heard in venues such as *Sanders Theatre* (Harvard), *Kresge Auditorium* (MIT), *Mechanics Hall* (Worcester), and the *Mormon Tabernacle* (Salt Lake City); at cathedrals in Vienna, New York, Boston, Altenberg, Brandenberg, Tortona and Biella, and at basilicas in Rome, Turin, Loreto, Rieti and Gubbio. His compositions include *Suite Siciliana,* Op. 145 (for two violins, piano and orchestra), commissioned by the *Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra* of Boston to open their 25th anniversary season at Harvard's *Sanders Theatre*; *The Annunciation*, Op. 203 (cantata for chorus, soloists, and strings); the *Kresge Organ Symphony,* commissioned by MIT and premiered in *Kresge Auditorium*; a piano quintet (premiered by the *Lavazza Chamber Ensemble*) and *Missa Pamphyliana,* premiered at the *Basilica di Sant'Ubaldo* in Gubbio by the *Cantores Beati Ubaldi.*

Christian Formation Corner

The Nursery opens for our youngest members (infants through age 2) at 9:45 AM during the 10:00 AM worship service. Nursery coordinators are on hand to greet parents and explain the procedure for checking in and picking up your child.

In the Sunday School this Sunday:

- Our youngest students in Preschool, K, 1 & 2 learn about Jesus calling the disciples.
- Older students in grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6 learn about being a disciple.

Make a Difference (MAD) News

MAD Students meet today to learn, rally and respond to help victims of the tornadoes, wildfires and other natural disasters through the UCC fund. Steve Buck has graciously crafted a wooden bowl for the group to use for donations. Share your time, talents and treasure for those in need. Help our MAD kids Make a Difference by placing a special offering in our Magical, Missional Ministry Bowl.

Family Forum - "Okay-Today: Ways to Survive and Thrive" - Mark Baddeley of the Pastoral Counseling Services led an educational forum for children, parents, guardians and caregivers on January 27. Mark is a licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor with specialties in Anxiety, Emotional Regulation, Trauma, and Parenting. We learned what we can do to keep ourselves centered in what we value most and how we approach our daily practices and improve our mind-body-spirit.

The session was recorded and the link is available through e-News or by contacting the church office. There is possibility to expand this opportunity to special groups and focus areas. If you have interest in future opportunities, contact LeeAnne at lsteenhoek@tfcucc.org

First Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 13, 2022
11:45 AM — Virtual

All members must register online by February 10!

Contact the church office or view the weekly e-News for the link. You must register to receive the meeting link. Each individual needs to register in order for your vote to count!

Bylaws Changes: A set of proposed changes for the First Church Bylaws will be considered at the Annual Meeting. Thank you to those who attended the January bylaws Zoom sessions; several valuable suggestions from those meetings were incorporated into the latest version.

You will be given a link to view the bylaws and the proposed changes, the 2021 Annual Report, minutes from the 2021 meeting and an agenda for this year's meeting once you have registered for the meeting.

Winter parking reminder

Use caution when parking along the north side of the church building. Heed the posted signs. Falling snow and ice can cause damage to your cars!

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Church Cancellation Policy

In the event of inclement weather, a power outage, or severe weather advisory, First Church may cancel the Worship Service and Sunday School. Please visit the church webpage (www.tfcucc.org), or Facebook Page (First Church Nashua UCC) for any cancellation notices. You can also check media outlets WMUR Channel 9, or WZID 95.7 under the heading First Church Nashua. The notifications will read as follows: First Service Cancelled or Sunday School Cancelled or All Services Cancelled and will be announced by 6am on the Sunday in question.

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Music in Worship Next Week

Sunday, February 13, 2022

10:00 Debbie Nordyke, mezzo soprano, Harry Nordyke, tenor & guitar,
Chris Guild, acoustic bass
Staff Singer Quartet

Church Happenings and Outreach - New/Current

Introducing Rev. Nancy Haynes as Interim Associate Minister

Please welcome Rev. Nancy Haynes as our Interim Associate Minister! Rev. Nancy is a lifelong member of Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, MA. She has served in every role imaginable from Christian Education Teacher to Church Moderator to Chair of Council and Deacons! After a varied and successful first career in high tech, she felt the call to ministry and enrolled at Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Upon graduation, she presently serves as Chaplain to Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA and compliments that role as a Sabbatical supply minister. Most recently, she served Plymouth Congregational Church in Plymouth, MA. Nancy's extended family lives in NH with whom she spends a great deal of her vacations and holidays. She knows Nashua and our surrounding regions well.

Rev. Nancy will pick up where Rev. Andy Gilman left off and provide general ministry duties. While she will serve on a part time basis her hours will expand while Rev. Andy Armstrong is on Sabbatical this summer. Rev. Nancy's first day will be February 1st. You can reach her at the church office and through her e-mail Nhaynes@tfcucc.org.

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Mission Trip to La Romana, DR – The mission team is packing up supplies, today, in room 13. Thank you for your support of the team. Direct any questions to Rev. Andy or Beth Raymond.

Time is quickly approaching for our departure to La Romana. So far we've raised additional funds, attended numerous online orientation seminars, in person team meetings and gathered many supplies. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your generous support of the Holiday Fair that is helping to fund our mission and all your donated items. We expect to pack and take with us over 3,000 lbs. of medicines, medical supplies, clothing, balls, hygiene products worth tens of thousands of dollars!

There will be a total of 33 mission team members from First Church in Sterling Ma, The West Boylston UCC and our own First Church Nashua members. Our final day of packing is on February 19 and we will joyfully receive your blessing at a commissioning service to be held on February 20 at the 10:00 AM worship service. We expect to keep you updated on our mission efforts at https://www.facebook.com/CentralMALaRomana/ and other outlets TBD.

Please keep in prayer our partners and us. We anticipate returning with stories to share about our experiences with God in service in the DR.

In Christ,
Anna and Mike Fauteux, Judy and Chris Gentile, Adaeze and Kelechi Okorie,
Kathy Meighan, and Rev. Andy

The Fridays at First organ concert scheduled for February 4 was postponed, due to weather, to Friday, February 11. All are welcome to this free, 30-minute concert.

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All Boards will meet on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 PM.

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The Wednesday Morning Men's Group meets at 8:00 AM on Zoom. Contact the church office for the link.

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Bible, Friends and Coffee is on break through the end of February. Stay tuned for a start-up date.

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The March newsletter deadline is Monday, February 14. Please send your items to Sue in the church office.

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Outreach Focus for February - First Church is continuing our support of the **End 68 Hours of Hunger program**. This program is aimed at providing nourishing food for children who don't have enough food at home to carry them through the weekend. During the school week they have at least two full meals daily, but on the weekends they leave for a period of 68 hours with little to eat.

Carefully planned packs of wholesome food are provided each Friday to 347 elementary school students. We have two ways you can support their efforts:

- The End 68 Hours of Hunger collection bin is now near the Welcome Center. They appreciate donations of any of the following items: Peanut Butter, Saltines, Graham Crackers, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Pasta, Canned Soup, Hormel Complete Meals, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Individual Oatmeal packets, Pudding Cups and Instant Rice or Noodles. OR
- Since many of us won't be entering the church this month we urge you to consider sending a check or monetary donation to this worthy charity. Here is the link to the End 68 hours of Hunger website:

https://www.end68hoursofhunger.org/find-your-community/new-hampshire/nashua/

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Pulpit Flowers – If you would like to provide fresh flowers for the pulpit on Sunday morning, sign up on the chart located on the window sill near the welcome center or contact Sue in the church office to see what dates are available.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry – Crafted by the loving hands and hearts of parishioners, this ministry strives to bring comfort and healing to those in need and to those celebrating. Upon completion of each shawl, a final blessing is said before being sent to the individual. Prayer shawls bless recipients by knowing they are wrapped in loving prayers of healing and celebration from their fellow parishioners. This vital ministry is looking for more knitters. For more information, speak with Karen Bianchi, Kay Potfora, or Rev. Jami.

Aspects of Christianity - In an effort to further feed the Spirit that is within each of us, First Church is making available small brochures that are based on one particular area of Christian concern, and consist of scripture and other helpful quotes on that topic. The brochures are displayed on the windowsill opposite the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take one of the brochures, and an information sheet about the project. Each brochure has a black and white drawing that you may color if you like.

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Pledge Envelopes - If you requested 2022 pledge envelopes, they are available at the Welcome Center. If you would like to have envelopes but did not check the box on your pledge card, you may still request them. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office.

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The First Church Thrift Shop is open on **Thursdays, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.** They are now accepting donations of *spring and summer clothing*. Items needed: Boys' and girls' clothing up to size 14, baby clothes, women's clothing (all sizes), costume jewelry, pocket books and accessories, small knickknacks. Leave donations - *clean and in good repair* - in the marked bin in the courtyard lobby. Contact Gale Cummings, Beth Bartlett or the church office with any questions.

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Submit Prayer Concerns Online - Find the 'prayer request' button on the worship page for any prayer concerns you would like to share with Rev. Jami. You may also submit a confidential prayer by calling the church office.

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This Week at First Church

SUN FEB 06	9:15 am	Chapel Chimers, Shaw Chapel
	10:00am	Worship, Livestream, Radio Broadcast
		Childcare & Sunday School
	11:20am	Joyful Noise, Shaw Chapel
	11:30am	Mission Trip Supplies Packing, room 13
MON FEB 07	7:00pm	All Boards
TUE FEB 08	10:00am	Staff Meeting
	2:00pm	Visitation Committee, Zoom
	4:00pm	First Church at NSKS
	7:00pm	Thank You Project, room 10
WED FEB 09	8:00am	Men's Group, Zoom
	6:45pm	Staff Singer Quartet, Sanctuary
THU FEB 10	2:00pm	Victorian Handworks, room 15
	6:30pm	Quilt Guild, Dining Room
	7:00pm	Decibells, Fellowship Hall
FRI FEB 11	12:15PM	Fridays at First Organ Concert, Sanctuary
SAT FEB 12	10:00am	Organ Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:00am	Sisters in Sobriety, Dining Room

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WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who are attending this worship service. A special greeting to those who are visiting or worshiping for the first time. Please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out the **visitor card** found in the pew racks. Fill out the back of the card, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a minister, Usher or Deacon so we may acknowledge your visit. Join in the time of fellowship, in Chapel Hall, following worship. If you have any questions about the life and ministry of First Church please seek out the individuals wearing colored name tags; they are members of the various boards and committees.

INFORMATION

First Church was gathered on December 16, 1685 as The Church of Christ in Dunstable. On the same day Thomas Weld was ordained and settled as minister of the church. The current building, built in 1894, is the tenth building to house the First Church community. In 1961, the church entered fellowship with the United Church of Christ. We welcome into our membership any who will own the covenant of First Church and seek to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in the community and world. Those interested in joining the church should contact the church office for information. New members are received during worship in November, February and May. The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and the Sacrament of Baptism on the last. First Church is supported almost entirely by pledges. Every member is expected to make a financial pledge according to their ability.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is available to all in need. Please keep the ministers informed of occasions of sickness, sorrow, and joy. Let the church office know if you or family member or friend is hospitalized.

COMMUNICATIONS

If you have a change of address, phone number, or email address, please let the church office know so that we may keep our records current.

All information for the weekly bulletin must be in the office by noon on Wednesday. All information for the monthly newsletter must be in the office by 4:30 PM on the second Monday of the month.

<u>All use of the building must be scheduled by the Secretary.</u>

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