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
First Sunday in Lent

March 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 "Lent is a time to take time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us." Ann Weems

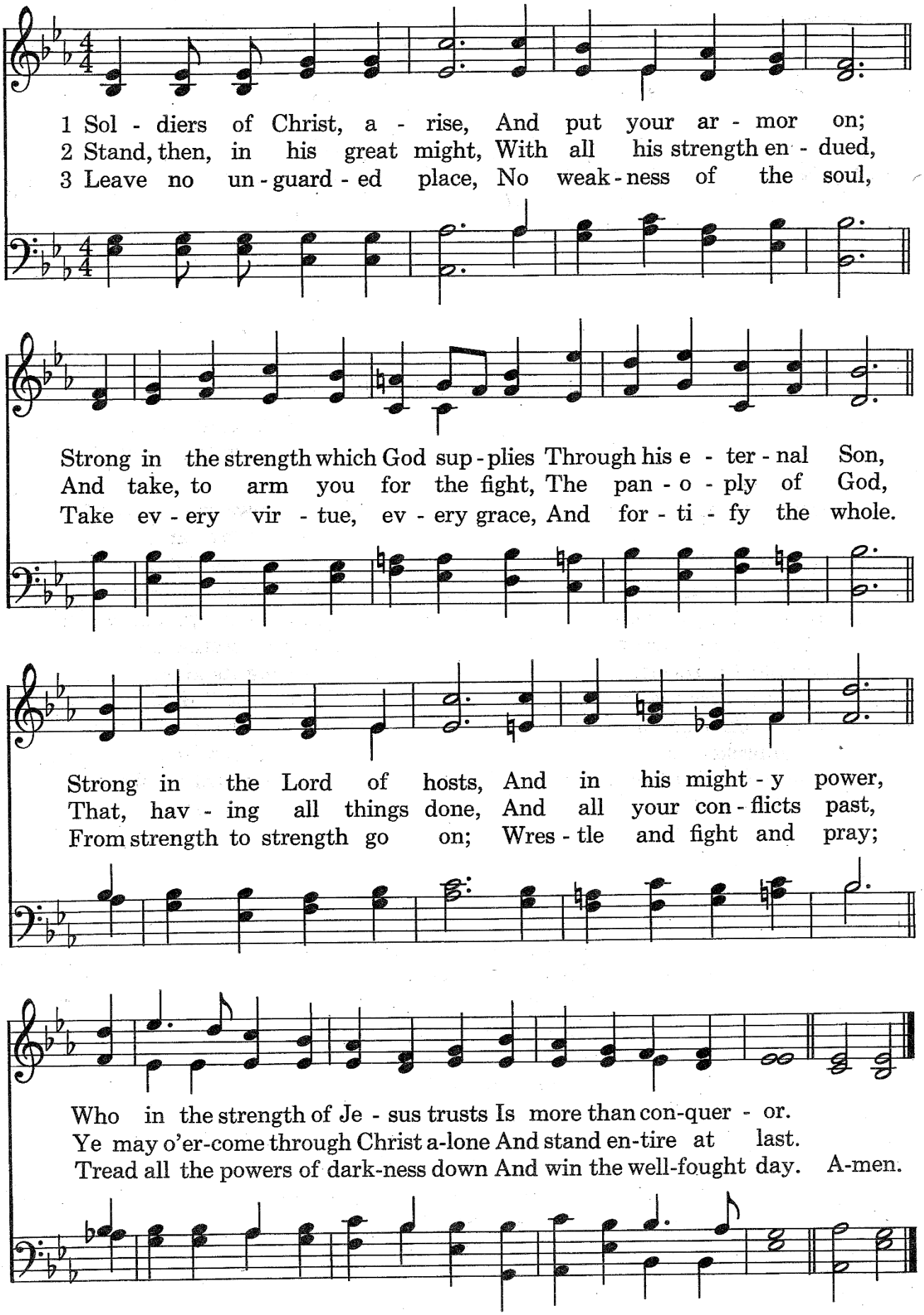
PRELUDE *Adagio for Strings,* Op. 11 (1936) S. Barber
(1910 – 1981)
trans. Eddings

INTROITUS *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* F. R. Lund
CHANCEL CHOIR *(*1938)*
Composer-In-Residence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The dust that shapes the journey,
People: The cross that guides it,
Leader: The color that surrounds it,
People: The light that fades through it,
Leader: The word that foretells it,
People: The wilderness that invites it.
Leader: This is Lent, and into its wilderness God calls us.
People: Come, brothers and sisters, Christ is heading for Jerusalem.

***HYMN #384** *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* DIADEMATA



***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison)

Creator and Savior, Lord Jesus Christ, You lead us through the late winter wilderness of Lent. As we trudge through the stuff of our lives, show us, guide us, and remind us of Your presence. Help us to see and praise You in, around and through our days. Increase Your Holy Spirit within us as we walk toward the veiled cross. 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 **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone

to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

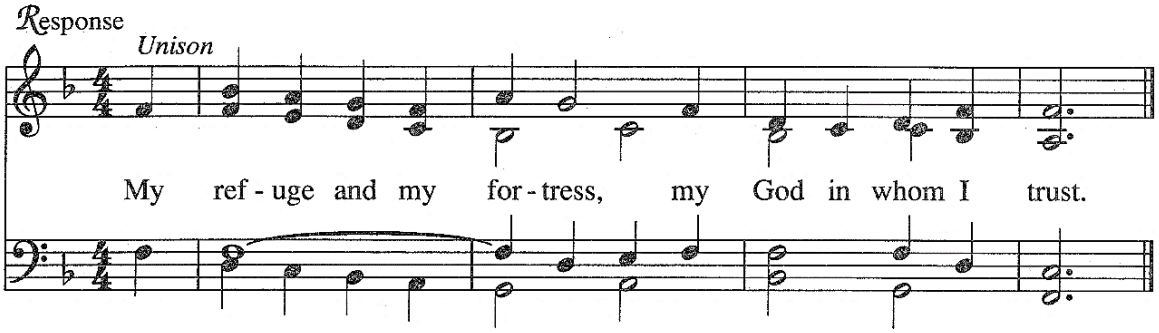
Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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

SERMON "Wanderings and Faithfulness" Rev. Nancy Haynes

RESPONSIVE PSALM #91:1-6, 9-16

(10:00) **JANET POISSON, psalmist**

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

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[1]You who live in the shelter of
the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of
the Almighty, [2]will say to God,

"My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

[3]For God will deliver you from
the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;

[4]God will cover you with God's
pinions, and under God's wings
you will find refuge;
God's faithfulness is a shield
and buckler. ℟

[5]You will not fear the terror
of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,

[6]or the pestilence that stalks in
the nighttime,
or the destruction that wastes
at noonday.

[9]Because you have made God
your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

[10]no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent. ℟

[11]For God will command God's angels
concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

[12]On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot
against a stone.

[13]You will tread on the lion
and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.

[14]Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know
my name. ℟

[15]When they call to me,
I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

[16]With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation. ℟

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)

Forgive us, O God, when we stumble in the darkness and turn away from your face. Strengthen us to walk in your brightness and live in your ways. Enlighten the shadows that keep us from growing in your love and light. Shower us with your grace so that we might shine as your people upon this earth. We pray this, counting on your grace. 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: May God pardon you and deliver you and give you time to amend your lives.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen.

OFFERTORY *How Lovely Are the Messengers* F. Mendelssohn

from the Oratorio "St. Paul" *(1809 – 1847)*

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY #515** OLD HUNDRETH LM

Lord Christ, throughout these Forty Days
Thy sacrifice our voices praise
Through thy temptation victory won:
Eternal life, Eternal Son. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

In all the seasons of our lives, gracious God, You are our light and our life. Right now, in this season of our lives, we offer you our thanks with these gifts. May they help our church fulfill our calling and help each of us feel your guiding hand upon our lives through Christ who goes before us making the Way. 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 Eleison — A. Dvořák
from *“Mass in D, Op. 86”* — *(1841 – 1904)*

Kyrie Eleison	Lord, have mercy
Christe Eleison	Christ, have mercy
Kyrie Eleison	Lord, have mercy

Sharing of the Cup

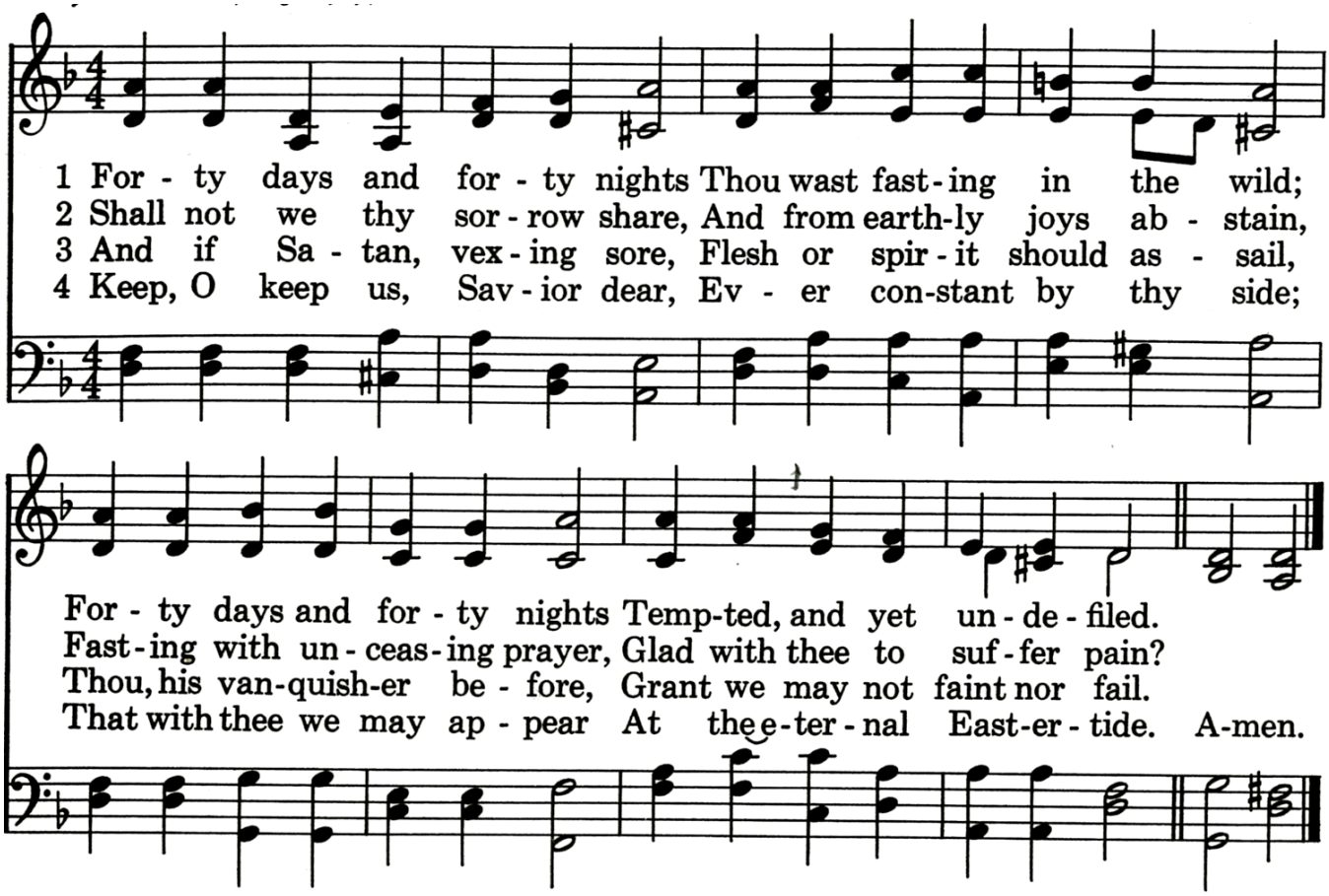
Agnus Dei — F.-J. Haydn
from *“Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo”* — *(1732 – 1809)*

Agnus Dei	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi	who takes away the sins of the world
miserere nobis	have mercy on us
Dona nobis pacem	Grant us peace
Amen	Amen

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 #148** *Forty Days and Forty Nights* HEINLEIN



***BENEDICTION**

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

In reverence to the solemn season, remembering Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, a postlude will not be played during the season of Lent

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, CCLI#3034682
COVER ART: Christ in the Wilderness - Kramskoĭ, Ivan Nikolaevich (1837-1887) Source: Wikimedia
DEACON OF THE DAY: Dale Neth
STAFF SINGER QUARTET: Janet Poisson, soprano; Brianne Biastoff, alto; Scott Taylor, tenor; Jason Iannuzzi, bass

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The flowers in the pulpit are given in loving memory of May J. Leach, grandmother, by Dennis Webster.

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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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Worship Schedule

8:30 AM: In-Person Worship
10:00 AM: In-Person Worship, Livestream, Sunday School & Nursery Care
Radio broadcast at 10:00 AM on WSMN AM 1590 & FM 95.3

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.

Make a Difference (MAD) News - Students continue to study, rally and respond to help victims of the tornados in December of 2021. Our focus is to learn about this specific disaster and tragedy, what victims need and want and how to help.

We appreciate the gifts given for this special offering in our Magical, Missional Ministry Bowl, crafted by Steve Buck. Look for MAD teachers and students near the welcome center or leave your checks in the collection plates. Make checks payable to First Church, with MAD Tornados in the memo line. May they receive our tornado of love, light and healing.

High School Youth Group is starting on March 20 in the dining room. Calling all high school students in grades 9-12!!! Are you looking for a safe and welcoming community within First Church to spend some time bonding with friends and having fun? A place where you can feel free to share both your triumphs and concerns? Well, the new senior high youth group is YOUR group!

Holly Columbus-Frye and Shana Dodge are leading this group. It will meet ***every 2 weeks*** after the service from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.

We would love to see you at the first meeting! We will be playing cornhole, eating pizza, getting to know each other, and deciding on a name for the group!

March is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Take a few minutes to thank our teachers, assistants and Office volunteers for all their hard work either in person or in a note. Baskets to collect your thoughtful notes will be at the Welcome Center and Christian Formation Table.

Pretzel Sunday, March 13 - Emily and Mike Adasczik will be teaching the Sunday school about the Trinity and prayer with this beloved First Church Tradition.

Confirmation Class meets on the following dates:
March 6, 11:30am-1:00pm: Fireside Room
March 11, 8:00pm-9:30pm: Temple Beth Abraham - Confirmands & Mentors attend
March 13, 11:30am-1:00pm: Fireside Room
March 27, 11:30am: Mentor's Lunch & Resurrection Gardens Assembly. Pick-up at 3:00pm

The 2022 First Church Scholarship application is available for any First Church Seniors who will be graduating in June and plan to continue their education beyond high school.

The 2022 First Church Continuing Education Grant application is available to any member of the church pursuing further training or education. Please contact Scholarships@tfcucc.org with any questions, or to request an application.

Scholarship Applications are due no later than April 15,2022. Late scholarship applications will not be accepted. First Church Scholarships are awarded on Children's Day.

Lenten Activity Packets for Sunday School Children

In March, Lenten Activity Packets are being mailed to all of the young children in the Sunday School. The packets include a Lenten Bible Story and activity pages. Also included are links to the reading of the Bible Story by Stacey Plummer and to a sing-a-long with
Steve Blunt.

The Christian Formation Board hopes that this special mailing will support families' efforts at home to help their children understand the Seasons of the church and that God loves all of our church family, especially the children.

As with adult church members, it has been difficult for children to join us at church at times. This mailing also sends the message that Sunday School is open and we look forward to seeing all of our children again on Sunday mornings.

We hope that all families will encourage their children to open the packet they receive, learn about Lent and have some fun with the activities. They might even like to share these activities with a friend or family member.

Church Happenings and Outreach - New/Current

Lenten Study Series for 2022 for First Church Study Groups - In person study groups are returning to First Church just in time for Lent! In addition to Monday Morning Bible, Coffee and Friends and Wednesday Morning Men, we will be adding a 5-week Tuesday evening Lenten study group. Each group will be exploring Devotional Classics by Richard Foster, which is considered among the finest compilation of Christian spiritual resources available today.

Prepared materials will be available to you at each session.

The Tuesday Lenten Study Group meets in the dining room beginning on Tuesday March 8 at 7 PM and will continue through April 5.

Week 1. Preparing for the Spiritual Life-C.S. Lewis: "Giving All to Christ"
Week 2. The Prayer–Filled Life-Brother Lawrence: "An Habitual Sense of the Presence of God."
Week 3. The Virtuous Life-Richard Rolle: "The Spiritual Flame"
Week 4. The Spirit–Empowered Life-Catherine of Genoa: "Waiting Upon God"
Week 5. The Compassionate Life-Hannah Whitehall Smith: "Recovering the Joy of Service"

*In addition to the author's thoughts on a related subject, each entry includes a biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises.

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Bible, Friends, and Coffee will resume on **Monday, March 7 at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. The class will follow the Lenten Series *Devotional Classics.*

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The Wednesday Morning Men's Group will meet on March 9 at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. The group will follow the Lenten Series *Devotional Classics.*

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Membership Orientations - For anyone wishing to join the church, there will be two orientations on **Sundays, March 20 and 27 at 11:30 AM** in room 15. You only need to attend one session. The joining date will be **Sunday, April 3**, during the 10:00 AM worship service. Please contact Sue in the church office to register.

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Coffee with Rev. Nancy – Join Rev. Nancy at Riverwalk Café, on Tuesdays from 2:00 until 3:00 PM for coffee and conversation. Sign-up is not necessary.

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

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

Upcoming Kitchen Training Session - In order to ensure the kitchen is meeting the commercial kitchen standards and codes, it is expected that prior to a group using the kitchen, at least one member of the group will have completed kitchen training. That person will take responsibility for following the kitchen policy. If you have not yet been trained, or if you need a refresher, there will be a session on **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 PM**. Contact the church office or Erin Almeda to register.

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Family Forum – Mark Baddeley of the Pastoral Counseling Services will lead another Family Forum with us on **Thursday, March 10**. The theme is "The Importance of Religion and Spirituality". It will be held via zoom from 6:45-8:15 PM. More information will follow. Contact LeeAnne, Sue or Dianne for the link.

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Tower to Tower Fundraiser - During his spring sabbatical Rev. Andy will be going on the road for a 2,000 mile Tower to Tower Historical Ride that will take him from Nashua, Iowa to Nashua, NH to raise awareness of The First Church Nashua's profound history and raise $75,000 for our tower renovations. Nashua's Goodale's Bike Shop will support Rev. Andy's cycling needs on this week's long trip.

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Soup Kitchen Emergency Shelter Tours – Construction is now well under way on NSKS's Spring Street emergency shelter. They are offering tours in the coming weeks for anyone who would like to see the new shelter in progress. All meet at 35 Spring Street at 4:00 PM. Tours will take place on: Monday, March 14, Tuesday, March 29.
Please contact the church office, if you would like to schedule a date.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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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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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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Music in Worship Next Week

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:30 & 10:00 First Folk

Assist Folks with filing their taxes - United Way is seeking volunteers to help folks with filing their taxes. For more information, reach out to Sara Ceaser, Director of Volunteer and Community Engagement, United Way of Greater Nashua. 603-438-2173 or sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org. To register, go to: https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need_id=656996

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This Week at First Church

SUN MAR 06		Mission Trip Returns
	10:00am	Worship, Livestream, Radio Broadcast Childcare & Sunday School
	11:30am	Confirmation Class, dining room
MON MAR 07	9:30am	Bible, Friends & Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	All Boards Prudential, dining room
TUE MAR 08	2:00pm	Visitation Committee, Zoom
	4:00pm	First Church at NSKS
	6:00pm	Rehearsal, Shaw Chapel
	6:30pm	First Folk
	7:00pm	Lenten Study Series, dining room
	7:00pm	Thank You Project, room 10
WED MAR 09	8:00am	Men's Group, Fellowship Hall
	6:45pm	Staff Singer Quartet, Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Kitchen Training, kitchen, dining room
THU MAR 10	10:00am	Thrift Shop
	6:30pm	Quilt Guild, dining room
	7:00pm	Decibells, Fellowship Hall
FRI MAR 11	4:00pm	Women's Association, parlor
	8:00pm	Confirmands/Mentors at Temple Beth Abraham
SAT MAR 12	10:00am	Organ Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:00am	Sisters in Sobriety, Dining Room
	2:00pm	NCMS, Nauss Hall

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MARCH

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship

8:30am: In-Person Worship (beginning March 6)
10:00am: In-Person Worship, Livestream & Radio Broadcast

Choirs

SUN MAR 13, 20, 27: 9:15am-Chapel Chimers
TUE MAR 1: 6:00pm - First Folk
TUE MAR 8, 15, 22, 29: 6:30pm First Folk
TUE MAR 1: 7:00pm Chancel Choir
WED MAR 9, 16, 23, 30: 6:45pm Chancel Choir
SAT MAR 26: 10:00am - Chancel Choir
THU MAR 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 7:00pm - Decibells

Small Groups

MON MAR 7, 14, 21, 28: 9:30am Bible, Friends & Coffee, Fellowship Hall
WED MAR 9, 16, 23, 30: 8:00am - Men's Group, Fellowship Hall

Other Groups

SAT: 11:00am - Sisters in Sobriety, dining room
TUE: 4:00pm - Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
TUE MAR 8, 15, 22, 29: 7:00pm Lenten Study, dining room

MONTHLY EVENTS

WED MAR 2: 12:00pm - Nashua Area Interfaith Council, Zoom
FRI MAR 4: 2pm - Hunt Community Service
SUN MAR 6, 13, 27: 11:30am - Confirmation Class, dining room
MON MAR 7: 7:00pm All Boards
TUE MAR 8: 2:00pm - Visitation Meeting, room 10
TUE MAR 8: 7:00pm - Thank You Project, room 10
THU MAR 10: 6:30pm - Quilters Guild, dining room
SUN MAR 13, 27: 11:30am - Women's Wisdom & Spirituality, Zoom
THU MAR 17: 12:00pm - Chamber of Commerce, dining room
SAT MAR 19: 10:00am DAR, room 10
SUN MAR 20: 11:30am Youth Group, dining room
TUE MAR 22: 2:00pm - Huntington Service
THU MAR 24: 9:00-11:00am Front Door Agency, dining room
FRI MAR 25: 4:00pm - Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED MAR 2: 7:30pm-- Ash Wednesday Worship Service
FRI MAR 4: 12:15pm – First Fridays at First
FRI FEB 25-MAR 6 – Mission Trip to Dominican Republic
FRI MAR 11: 8:00-9:30pm-- Confirmands & Mentors at Temple Beth Abraham
SUN MAR 13: 3:00pm-- First Music Concert
SAT MAR 19: 10:00-12:00pm-- NCMS, Nauss Hall
SUN MAR 20, 27: 11:30am – New Member Class, room 15
SUN MAR 27: 4:00-6:00pm-- Community Supper, dining room

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Pastors Emeriti, *Rev. James S. Chaloner and Rev. Dr. Jeffrey C. Evans*

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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