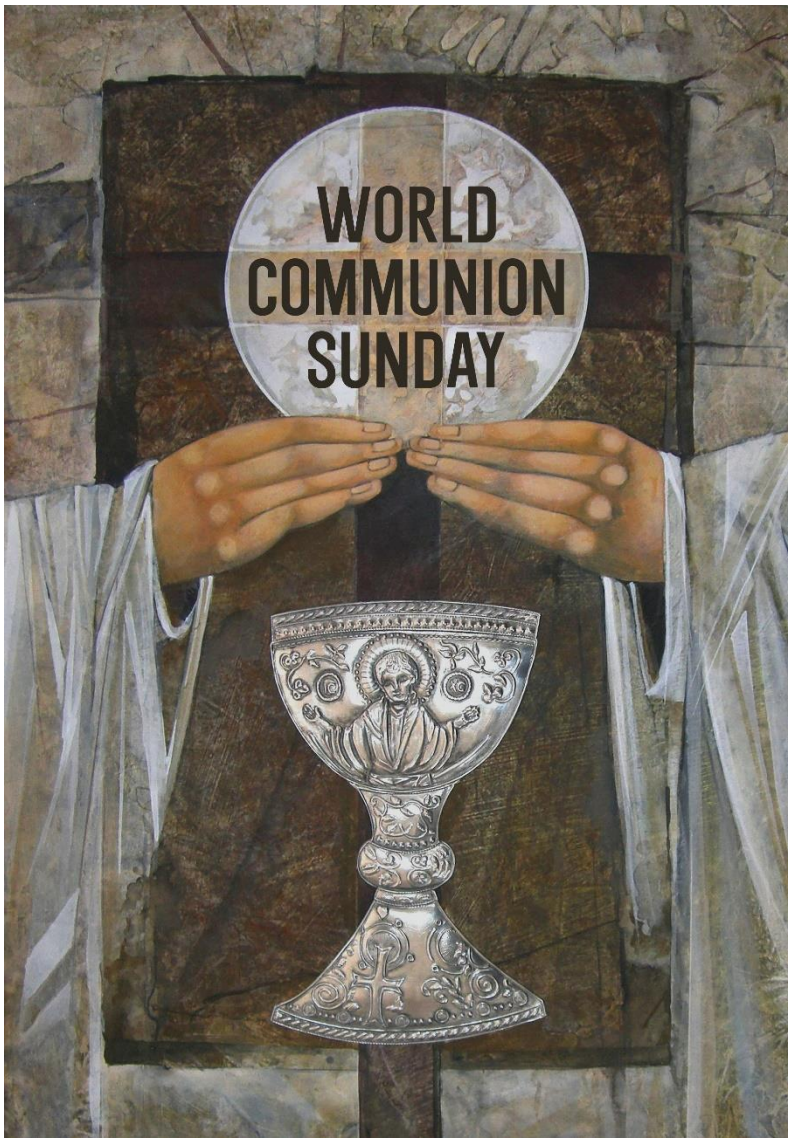

THE FIRST CHURCH

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

World Communion Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022 8:30 & 10:00 AM

*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 "Joy is the simplest form of gratitude." Karl Barth

PRELUDE *Douze Pièces pour Grande Orgue, Op. 16* L. Boëllmann
(1862 – 1897)

viii. Premier Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te
(First verset and procession on the chant ADORO TE)

INTROIT *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* F. R. Lund
(10:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** *(*1938)*
Composer-In-Residence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here together in the name of Christ Jesus.
People: Together we approach the throne of Grace and the source life and love.
Leader: A person without God is like a feather in a wind,
People: Blown all over the place without any control, any choice and nowhere to rest.
Leader: O come, let us return to the living God,
All: Let us bow before the One God who is our Maker and Redeemer.

*HYMN #228 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1815-1882

***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison)

For the gift of faith, Heavenly Father, which sees beyond the present moment and looks to an eternity, we thank You. For the gift of faith small as a mustard seed, which has power to change the world we thank You. For the gift of faith given to all of us that would simply come with humble hearts, we thank You. Bless us with Your unfailing presence in this sacred time and lead us to Everlasting Life as we sing Your praises. 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 READING **Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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

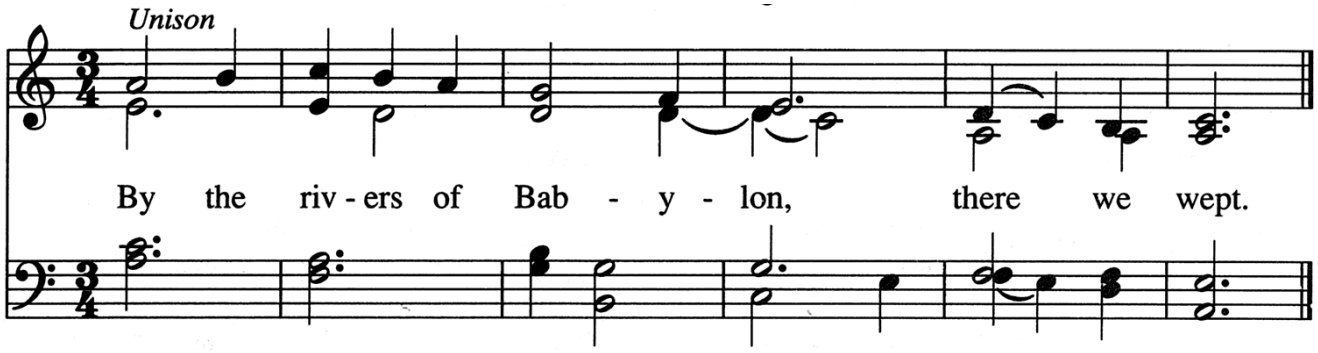
GRATIA TIBI *Thanks Be to Thee* T. Tallis
(10:00) *(1505 – 1585)*

SERMON “Stop, Look, Go” Rev. Dr. Andrew Armstrong

RESPONSIVE PSALM 137

(10:00) **JOSEPH R. OLEFIROWICZ, psalmist**

℟esponse *Antiphon: Jonathan McNair, 1994*



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[1]By the rivers of Babylon — there we sat down
and we wept when we remembered Zion.

[2]And so we hung up our harps,
there upon the willows.

[3]For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth,
saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

[4]How could we sing God's song in a foreign land?
[5]If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! ℟

[6]Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

[7]Remember, O God, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall,
how they said, "Tear it down!
Tear it down to its foundations!"

[8]O city of Babylon, you devastator!
Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us!

[9]Happy shall they be who take your little ones
and dash them against the rock! ℟

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH(Unison) Presbyterian Church of New Zealand (1993)

Christ Jesus,
Child of Mary, God with us,
King and Suffering Servant,
High Priest and Lamb of God,
Teacher and Word,
living, suffering, dying and rising again,
you challenge, redeem and restore us.

Holy Spirit,
Breath of life,

Counsellor and Comforter,
Fire of God,
you inspire, sustain, and purify us.

Forming us in the nature of Christ,
transforming us with your gifts,
you bind us together in one body, your church.
God of all creation,
made known to us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit,
your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.

A mother who will not abandon her child,
a father who welcomes the prodigal home,
you forgive, accept and embrace us
and call us into loving communion for ever.
In life and death we belong to you,
everlasting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS and PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have been caught up in the ways of the world and we lost our way. Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions. Forgive us for not working on ourselves, on our own lives. Call us back to Your way of life, a way of love and respect, commitment and compassion. Call us back to a way of life that honors You and creation, and guides us to better love our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who ended sacrifice and death and fulfilled the promise of new life, we pray. 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 (inspired by 2 Timothy 1: 1-14)

Leader: Our Savior Jesus Christ abolished sin and death and brought life and immortality to light. By the grace of God, we are forgiven in the power of the Holy Spirit living within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

OFFERTORY *By the Rivers of Babylon,* Op. 7 E. S. Barnes
JANET POISSON, soprano *(1887 – 1958)*

PSALM 137:1 – 6

By the rivers of Babylon, we sat down and wept, yea, yea we wept
By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea we wept, wept!
When we remembered Zion
We hangèd our harps upon the willows, in the midst thereof

For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song,
And they that had wasted us required of us mirth, saying:
Sing us one of the songs of Zion. – Sing! Sing!
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
Let my right hand forget her cunning / If I do not remember thee,
let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth.
If I prefer not thee, if I prefer not thee, O Jerusalem, above my chief joy!
O Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, if I forget thee, O Jerusalem!

By the rivers of Babylon - We sat down - And wept… and… wept.

***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)

Almighty and Gracious God You guide our lives with truth and love. Through Jesus Christ, You invite us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. Help us live our calling with courage and grace. We prayerfully present these tithes and offerings. May they symbolize our renewed commitment to holding You as the guiding leader of our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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: Holy God, as disciples of Jesus have always done, we bring gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine to grace Your table.
In them, we remember every promise You have made for our salvation.
In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,

You fulfilled Your Word and are with us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Here at the table of Your kingdom, You instruct us in the way of mercy and forgiveness. With the faithful in 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

Communion Service in D Major (Missa Brevis) E. Titcomb
(1884 – 1968)
Kyrie Eleison *(Lord Have Mercy)*
Sanctus *(Holy)*

Sharing of the Cup

Communion Service in D Major (Missa Brevis) E. Titcomb
Benedictus Qui Venit *(Blessed is He who comes)*
Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

***HYMN** *Amazing Grace* (Next Page) NEW BRITAIN

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTUS *On Us Bestow Thy Blessing* F. R. Lund
(10:00)

POSTLUDE *Douze Pièces pour Grande Orgue, Op. 16* L. Boëllmann
ix. Deuxième Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te
(Second verset and procession on the chant ADORO TE)

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED; OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Amazing Grace

St. 1–4, John Newton, 1779; alt.
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, *1790*

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AV TEAM CAMERA CREW: Doug Brenner, Joe Glajch, Lee Hauenstein, Craig Neth, Don Smith-Weiss and Dennis Webster
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DEACON OF THE DAY: Dale Neth
LICENSING: CCLI (print) 3034682; CCLI (streaming) 20119862; CCS 12820; OneLicense A-736284
STAFF SINGER QUARTET: Janet Poisson, soprano - Brianne Biastoff, alto
Zoe Harper, tenor - Scott Taylor, bass

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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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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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Have you remembered First Church in your will?

Worship Schedule

Please note: There will one service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, October 9. Sunday School, childcare, livestream and radio broadcast will be available.

After carefully observing attendance trends for several years on certain holiday weekends, we are choosing select Sundays this season, to offer one 10:00 AM service, while also keeping the 8:30 AM Sunday service in the regular rotation. This decision was made in the interest of the various volunteer teams (Ushers, Choirs, Deacons) and we believe it is a good step towards keeping our volunteer forces more viable with scheduling.

A full program year schedule is included in this bulletin and is also available in the October newsletter. Hang it on your fridge for easy reference!

Notes from the Chancel

The 1747 text first listed as "*Hymns for those that seek and those that have Redemption in the Blood of Christ*" by Charles Wesley, and set later to the John Zundel 1870 melody BEECHER (published in the *Christian Heart Songs* of 1870) opens our worship this morning on **World Communion Sunday,** preparing our hearts and minds in song, offering praise to God. (Ronander & Porter: *Guide to the Pilgrim Hymnal*)

The **Offertory** provides a stunning setting of **Psalm 137:1-6**, in an almost melodramatic lament about the rivers of Babylon. **Edward Shippen Barnes**, was an American organist, and former student of Horatio Parker *(Yale),* with additional studies in Paris. Today's *"Opus 7"* provides an almost symphonic use of the pipe organ, contrasted by a full chorus, with soprano soloist. **Janet Poisson,** *Staff Singer Soprano,* renders a stirring telling of the Psalm's story, interpolated by answers from the choir in the middle section of the piece.

This 2022-2023 season, every **Choral Communion Service** continues with a different composer's perspective on the Communion liturgy. This morning's *"Communion Service in D Major"* is penned by Amesbury, MA born composer **Everett Titcomb.** He served for 50 years (!) as organist of St. John the Evangelist in Boston. He was known to be self-taught in both organ and composition, taught at the New England Conservatory, and was Dean of the School for Church Music at Wellesley College.

In the **Distribution of the Bread,** Titcomb's meditative reflection on asking God for mercy, stills our hearts and mind to receive Communion as a congregation. The entire *"Missa Brevis"* (Short Mass) was dedicated to Frederick Johnson, Esq. and the **Choir of the Church of the Advent in Boston**. Its clear and calm writing style allows the organ and choir to speak as one voice. The rousing *"Sanctus"* evokes joy in praise to God, with a meditative "Amen" closing this short movement.

Continuing in the **Distribution of the Cup,** the **soprano** section and the **tenors and basses** call and answer the *"Benedictus qui venit"* or "blessed is he that cometh" with another reply of "Hosanna" from the main choir. This leads to a meditative "sacred 3" of asking the Lamb of God to have mercy; have mercy; and grant us peace.

Léon Boëllmann died young but still left 68 published works, of which the *Suite Gothique* (Op. 25, 1895) is his most popular. The **Prelude**, the first *Verset* is from a twelve-piece set of works, written in 1890. It uses the Gregorian chant ADORO TE DEVOTE as its main musical theme. Its reflective start with closed Swell box and all 8' (flue) stops on the Swell, develops to the first solo of the theme on the combined registration of the *Principal* and *Small Diapasons 8'* on the Great manual. Its slow build-up climaxes in a restatement of the theme in a majestic manner; using the complete coupled 8' principal resources *(Fonds)* of the Swell, Choir and Great. The theme unravels dynamically to end as soft as it begins.

The corresponding movement used in the **Postlude**, also based on ADORO TE DEVOTE is written in the form of a march: a music style common in festival church services throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Its more fragmented use of the chant theme is exchanged between the hands and pedal, accompanied with a stately but somewhat jaunty march movement. It should be noted that this piece *only* uses resources on the Swell and Great divisions of the organ (plus Pedal) and ends with only about one-fourth of the organ's stops and total volume potential.

Christian Formation Corner

October 2, 2022 - Today is the 17th Sunday after Pentecost/ World Communion Sunday and the liturgical color is green.

NURSERY CARE - The church nursery opens at 9:45 AM to care for children *under* the age of 3 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.

HALLOWEEN PACKAGES - On October 23rd, the Make A Difference class will pack Halloween packages for our young people who are away at college. We will collect donations of wrapped candy (monetary donations also welcome to defray mailing costs) in the coming weeks. Please leave the candy in the marked bins at the Christian Education Corner in Fellowship Hall, the welcome center and in the courtyard entrance lobby.

NEW ADDRESSES FOR MAILINGS - Parents, please send in your child's New College Address! Please call the church office or email senglander@tfcucc.org with your children's current address by October 16.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Sunday, October 23 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

BIBLE SUNDAY, October 30. Students in Grade 3 will receive their Bibles during the 10:00 worship service.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 - The Rite of Confirmation will be held during the 10:00 service. Join us as we celebrate their accomplishment.

APPLE CRISP IS ON SALE, AGAIN, TODAY!
Following both worship services in Fellowship Hall

Church Happenings and Outreach - New/Current

All Boards meet on Monday, October 3 at 7:00 PM.

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The 2022 Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. NIN is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.
We will collect the offering today or you may donate at any time at:https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/neighbors-in-need/. You will find envelopes included in today's bulletin.

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New Member Orientation: TODAY, 11:30 AM in room 15 in the Walker Building. This informational session is designed to help you learn more about our life and ministry at First Church. Those planning to join will do so on Sunday, October 16 during the 10:00 service.

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Sign-ups for Chapel Chimers, Joyful Noise, and Jubellation continue today after the 10:00 am worship service in Fellowship Hall. See Rebecca Crivello.
Young women in Grades 7-12 who are interested in **First Schola**, please contact Joseph in the Music Office *(or right after the Postlude at the organ console, or in Fellowship Hall).* Youth and Children's music is INTEGRAL to our Music at First ministry.

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All Church Forum: "To Change the World" – Tuesday, October 25 - Upheaval and uncertainty define our present age. We see this in the political tension that captures the headlines, but its sources are much deeper. Culture drives our politics and religion influences our culture. Join Rev. Andy as he explores how earnest efforts rooted in our churches "to change the world" have contributed to our current state of affairs. Further, he'll suggest biblical guidance for our way forward. This forum will take place in the dining room. Sign up at https://forms.gle/xdtmoEe8PqHs1zLU7 or at the welcome center.

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Volunteer to help at the Holiday Fair! Volunteers are needed to set up tables on Monday morning, October 31st for about an hour. Volunteers are also needed to sell items, serve supper on November 4th and lunch on November 5th, and break down tables on November 5th at 2:30 PM. Any questions, call Jocelyn Henning or Sandy Gribbin. Crafts will also be available to buy between and after services on Sunday, November 6th.

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Silent Auction - Rebecca Small is organizing the Silent Auction at the Holiday Craft Fair. Please reach out to her if you have any handmade items, baskets, gift cards or anything else you'd like to donate. Her contact information is in the church directory or you may call the church office.

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Thankfulness Tree is back, sponsored this year by Stewardship! What are the God given graces that are filling your heart with gratitude this season? Jot them down on one of our colorful leaves and hang them on our tree (located in Fellowship Hall). Let's create a display of gratitude for the abundance of grace that blesses our church family!

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Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Nancy - Join Rev. Nancy at Riverwalk Café every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 PM for coffee and conversation. No need to sign up; just stop by!

Bible, Friends and Coffee meets on Mondays (except holidays) at 9:30 AM in the Ladies' Parlor. Rev. Andy and Rev. Nancy facilitate the study and they will review the lectionary text for the upcoming Sunday. If you have a Bible, please bring it; if not, one will be supplied for you. No sign-up is required.

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Wednesday Morning Men's Study meets on Wednesdays, at 8:00 AM in the Ladies' Parlor with Rev. Andy. This season the group will study Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. One need not have knowledge of the Bible to join in. The fellowship we have is as important as what we learn. Each study stands on its own, so you may join in as you're able.

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Fundraising is underway for the Friends of First Music, to underwrite the 15th Season of the FIRST MUSIC CONCERT SERIES. Donations help keep our doors open to all with free admission, as we continue our music outreach goal of Bringing the Joy of Music to the Gate City.

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Women's Wisdom and Spirituality is studying the Book of Acts this semester. This in-depth study includes a movie where all the dialogue is word-for-word scripture (NIV.) The group meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, in the dining room beginning at noon. The next meeting is on October 9. All are welcome. No need to have participated in WWS before. Email Rev. Jami with any questions.

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The Women's Association Fall Trip to Parker's Maple Barn - Saturday, October 15, 2022 - All church women are invited. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 AM for carpooling. This will be such a wonderful fall foliage event! Contact Carol Butler or Bea Dillaby for further information. Sign up at the welcome center.

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Crop Walk 2022 - Save the Date, Sunday, October 30. Last year Nashua was ranked 12th in the nation for fund raising, so we hope to have another banner year for participation. Sign up at the welcome center or contact Jay Darrin or the church office if you'd like to help with recruiting or would like materials to gather pledges for your walk.
The walk begins and ends at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street in Nashua. Registration is from 12:00 to 1:00 PM with opening ceremonies at 1:00 and stepping out at 1:30 PM.

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Adult Winter Retreat – January 27-29, 2023 - "Your Life as Pilgrimage"
This year, Rev. Andy will be leading the Winter Retreat at The Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool, Maine. Andy will lead us in a discussion on pilgrimage in our heritage then help us contemplate our journey. In addition, we'll have the opportunity to write up our own pilgrim journey in the form of a spiritual biography. The cost for the weekend is $260.00 per person and includes meals. Scholarships are available. Deposits are due by November 1. Please register with Sue in the church office.

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY
Sunday, October 9
10:00 AM: Timothy Skinner, clarinet

The First Church Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM and first Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. They are accepting *FALL & WINTER CLOTHING:* Boys' and girls' clothing up to size 14, baby clothes, women's clothing (all sizes), costume jewelry, pocket books and accessories, small knickknacks - *They especially need children's clothing sizes newborn to size 6 and fall and winter pocketbooks.*
Leave your donations - *clean and in good repair* - in the marked bin in the courtyard lobby between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or on Sunday morning. Contact Gale Cummings, Beth Bartlett with any questions.

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"There's No Place Like Home" Charity Golf Tournament - Monday, October 17 First Church is hosting this event to benefit our local nonprofit organizations, Family Promise of Southern NH and the Front Door Agency!
Sponsorships Still Available! Scan this QR code to view sponsorship information. Questions? Contact Margaret Brenner at mgtbren@aol.com or 603-493-8043.

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First Church Cyclists – The last ride for the season is coming up on Sunday, October 9 on the Franconia Notch Recreation Path, Franconia Notch State Parking Lot. Contact Ray Baldwin for more information.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

SUN OCT 2	8:30am	Worship
	10:00am	In-Person Worship, Livestream, Radio Broadcast Sunday School, Childcare
	9:15am	Chapel Chimers
	11:20am	Jubellation
	11:30am	New Member Orientation, room 15
MON OCT 3	9:30am	Bible, Friends & Coffee, Parlor
	6:00pm	Safe Church
	7:00pm	All Boards
TUE OCT 4	2:00pm	Coffee with Rev Nancy
	3:00pm	Hunt Communion
	5:00pm	First Schola
	6:00pm	First Folk
WED OCT 5	8:00am	Men's Group, Parlor
	11:45am	BNI, room 15
	12:00pm	NAIC
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir
THU OCT 6	10:00am	Thrift Shop
	7:00pm	Decibells
SAT OCT 8	11:00am	Sisters in Sobriety, Nauss Hall

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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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