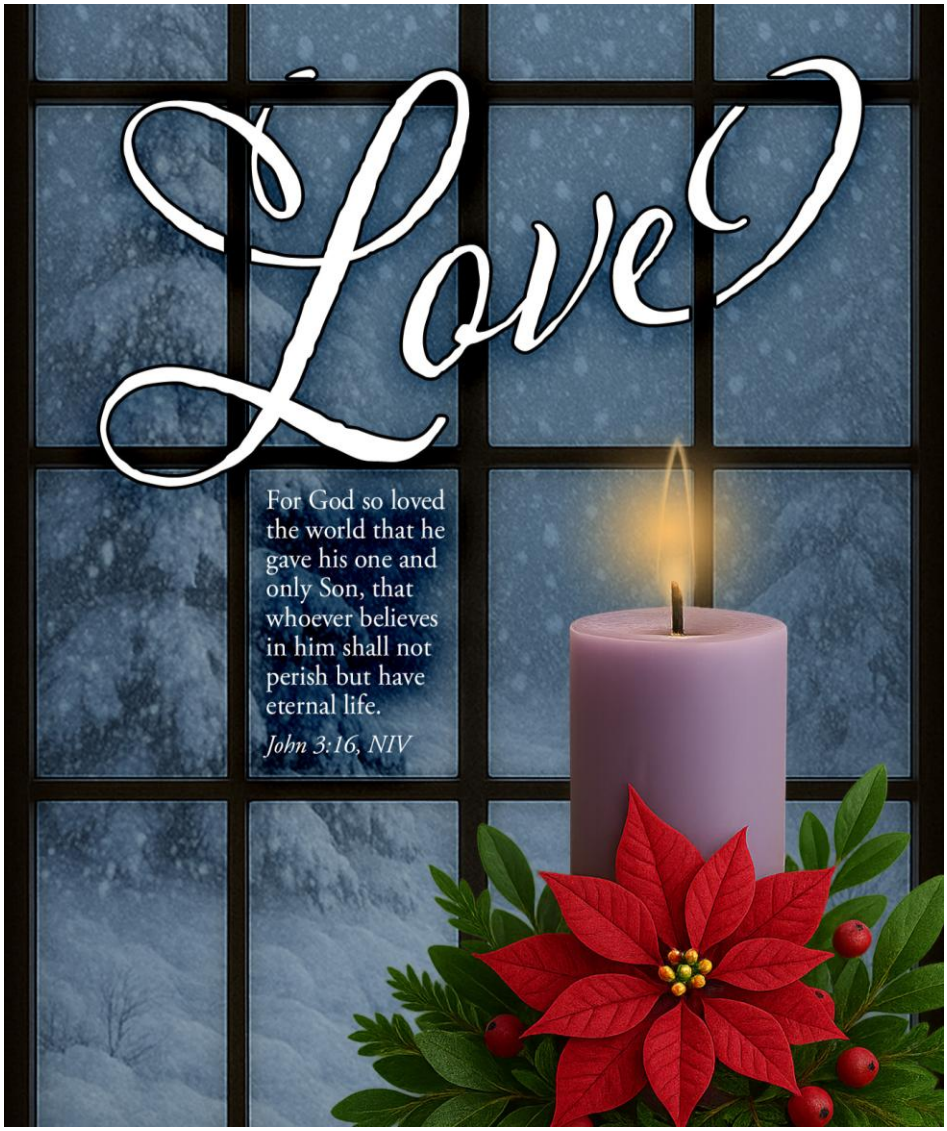

THE FIRST CHURCH

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.

The First Church of Nashua *together with*
First Music Concert Series *present a*
4th Advent Worship Service
Oratorio offering in anticipation of Christ's birth:

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST

MAGNIFICAT

att. ***Giovanni Battista*** **PERGOLESI**

(1710 - 1736)

CHANCEL CHOIR of THE FIRST CHURCH

Janet POISSON, *soprano*

Nicole PLUMMER, *mezzo soprano*

Andrew SOKOL, *tenor*

Mark Andrew CLEVELAND, *bass*

MUDDY BROOK CHAMBER PLAYERS

Jeffrey KAZUKIEWICZ, *violin 1 (concertmaster)*

Leah ZELNICK, *violin 2*

Noriko FUTAGAMI, *viola*

Young Sook LEE, *cello*

Carion CHU, *contrabass*

Kyoko HIDA, *oboe 1*

Camden WARD, *oboe 2 & English horn*

Joseph R. OLEFIROWICZ, *conductor & organ*

Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Sunday

December 21, 2025 9:00 & 11:00AM

* If comfortable to do so, please stand

APPROACH TO GOD

Let us keep silence as we prepare for worship

TOWER CHIME Norma MacKinley-Smith (9:00)
Jim Stone (11:00)

PRELUDE *Ouverture – Sinfonia* Georg Friedrich Händel
from *The Messiah* *(1685 - 1759)*
MUDDY BROOK CHAMBER PLAYERS

MEDITATION **Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

INTROITUS *Maria Walks Amid the Thorn* Marie Stultz
from *Suite on the Nativity* *(1945 – 2017)*
CHANCEL CHOIR *arr. Olefirowicz*

Maria walks amid the thorn – *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord, have mercy)
Maria walks amid the thorn, which seven years no bloom hath borne
Jesus and Maria

What 'neath her heart doth Mary bear? – *Kyrie Eleison*
A little child doth Mary bear; beneath her heart he nestles there.
Jesus and Maria

The text of the 16th century German poem, from which the Inroius setting stems, allegorically speaks about Mary being "barren" 7 years, (7 being a mystical number during the Middle Age) before the "thorns" amid which she walked, began to bear roses, symbolizing Christ. (This text found in the third verse) Today's journey in the worship service, takes us through Mary's reaction to being told she is to bear unto us a Savior, Christ the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All creatures and creation wait for the prophets to speak their words of hope and redemption.

People: We gather to hear the sacred story once more to celebrate our Messiah's birth and find encouragement that The Heavenly Kingdom is coming.

Leader: So come now my friends to this sacred space of promise and prophecy. Let us listen through the ancient words and ready our hearts for love and souls for service in the name of the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 131** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN
(see next page) *arr. Olefirowicz*

***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison)

O Holy God of Wonder and Surprise, so often we base our faith in the things we can easily see and touch. But You did not ask us to believe what is easy. You have asked us to believe what is true! Forgive us, Lord, when we doubt the ways You work. Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story. Forgive us when we question how You chose to enter the world. Help us to live by faith and set aside our doubts that You sent Jesus, born of Mary, full of grace and truth, as our savior and friend. We offer these prayers in the name of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

German: anon., 15th century
Tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934

ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.
German: Melody, 16th century
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Reader 1: "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." *— 1 Corinthians 13:13*

Reader 2: As we draw closer to Christmas, we remember the great love that God has shown us through Jesus. We light this candle to symbolize His love, which brings light into the darkness.

All: May we live out this love in our lives, reflecting the heart of Christ to the world.

The candle is lit

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, as we light this fourth candle, help us to embrace Your love and to share it with others. May our acts of love bring hope and healing to those in need, and may we prepare our hearts for the coming of Your Son. Amen.

ANTHEM *Magnificat Anima Mea* (i. Allegro)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.	My soul doth magnify the Lord.
Et exsultavit spiritus meus	And my spirit hath rejoiced
in Deo salutari meo.	in God my Savior.
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae:	Because He hath regarded humility in His handmaid:
ecce enim ex hoc beatam	behold from henceforth, "blessèd"
me dicent omnes generationes.	shall all generations call me
Quia fecit mihi magna	Because He hath done great things to me:
qui potens est:	(he) that is mighty
et sanctum nomen ejus.	and holy is His name.

LESSON **Isaiah 9:6-7**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

ANTHEM *Et Misericordia* (ii. Andante)

JANET POISSON, soprano
NICOLE PLUMMER, mezzo soprano

Et misericordia	And mercy
ejus a progenie in progenies	is from generation unto generations
timentibus eum.	to them that fear Him.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo	He hath showed might in His arm:
dispersit superbos mente	He hath scattered the proud in the conceit
cordis sui	of their hearts.

LESSON **1 John 1:1-5**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

ANTHEM *Deposuit* (iii. Allegro)

Deposuit potentes de sede,	He hath put down the mighty from their seat
et exaltavit humiles.	and hath exalted the humble.
Esurientes implevit bonis:	He hath filled the hungry with good things:
et divites dimisit inanes.	and the rich He hath sent empty away.

LESSON **Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [1]Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to

dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GRATIA TIBI *Thanks Be To Thee* Thomas Tallis
(1505 – 1585)

HYMN 128 *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM
(see next page) *arr. Olefirowicz*

SERMON "*Pitching a Tent*" **Rev. Dr. Andrew W. ARMSTRONG**

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth and 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, the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

In the Bleak Midwinter

Christina G. Rossetti, 1830-1894, alt.

CRANHAM *Irregular*
Gustav T. Holst, 1874-1934

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RESPONSE *Suscepit Israel* (iv. Andante)

MARK ANDREW CLEVELAND, bass
ANDREW SOKOL, tenor

Suscepit Israel puerum suum,	He hath received Israel his servant,
recordatus misericordiae suae.	being mindful of His mercy.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Sicut Locutus Est* (v. Maestoso/Largo)

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros	As He spoke to our fathers:
Abraham at semini eius in saecula	to Abraham and to His seed for ever.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
et Spiritui Sancto.	and to the Holy Ghost.

Sicut erat, in Principio (vi. Allegro)

Sicut erat in principio,	As it was in the beginning,
et nunc, et semper,	is now, and ever shall be,
et in saecula saeculorum.	world without end.
Amen.	Amen.

***ADVENT DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDRETH LM

All praise eternal Christ to thee,
Whose Advent sets Thy people free;
Once more upon Thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

We praise you with our worship, God of power and grace, as we prepare for the great day when we see You face to face. May our words and deeds, our gratitude and these gifts increase our hope for the day which is nearer to us than when we first believed. In Jesus's name. Amen.

***HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

arr. Willcocks/Olefirowicz

1. O Come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
   O come ye, o come ye to Beth - - lehem
   Come and behold him Born the King of Angels

Refrain **O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;**
O come, let us adore him - - , Christ - - the Lord.

2. Chancel Choir Women – **Congregation** joins on **refrain**

3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle
   Leaving their *flocks*, draw *nigh* with *low - - ly* fear
   We too will thither... Bend our joyful footsteps

   (refrain)

4. Chancel Choir Men – **Congregation** joins on **refrain**

5. Child for us sinners, poor and in a manger
   Fain we embrace - - thee with awe - - and love
   Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

   (refrain)

6. Sing choirs of angels! Sing in exultation!
   Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n - - above
   Glory to God - - In - - the - - highest

   (refrain)

7. Yea, Lord we greet thee Born this happy morning
   Jesus, to thee - - be all glo - - ry giv'n
   Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

   (refrain)

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***BENEDICTION**

(*Congregation, please be seated after the Benediction*)

POSTLUDE *And the Glory of the Lord* G. F. Händel
from *The Messiah*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealèd
And all flesh shall see it together
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it
(*Isaiah 40:5*)

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED; OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT PRAYER CONCERNS ONLINE.
FIND THE **PRAYER REQUEST** BUTTON ON THE WORSHIP PAGE FOR ANY PRAYER CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH REV. NANCY HAYNES.

Sunday, December 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Sunday, Christmas at First
9:00 am and 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
Livestream, Radio Broadcast at 11:00 am
WSMN Radio 95.3FM and 1590AM

MUSIC AT FIRST 2025-2026
CHANCEL CHOIR of THE FIRST CHURCH

Joseph R. Olefirowicz – MA, CAGO – Minister of Music

SOPRANO
Laura Amrein
Sarah Evans
Marie Greene
Kate Klingel
Christine Petkus
Janet Poisson +
Betty Scofield
Norma Smith
Susan Testa
Katie Weiss
Cindy Whitney

TENOR
Steve Everitt
Joshua L. Gore +
Charles Morris
Craig Plummer
Mark Richards
Andrew Sokol

ALTO
Lisa Cleveland
Pat Darrin
Abra Mueller +
Deborah Kneeland
Laurel Lang
Adele Langguth
Nicole Plummer
Constance Putnam
Leslie Woodard

BASS
Larry Ballard
Mark A. Cleveland +
Ray Crowell
George Gardner
Joseph Glajch
Gary Knox
Daniel Ryan

+ *Chancel Choir Staff Singer*

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Brett Greene, *Additional Choral Preparation*
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Emily Hoover, *Youth Music Associate*
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Kathleen McIntyre, *Music Librarian*
Norma McKinley-Smith, *Tower Chime Coordinator*
Gregory Newton & Kristin Olsen, *Orchestra Contracting*
Jennifer Summers-Hotham, *Music Committee (Chair)*
Cynthia Whitney, *Liturgical Apparel Coordinator*

Notes from the Chancel
CHRISTMAS at FIRST

Since 2008, The First Church of Nashua with the First Music Concert Series, has integrated a major choral work into the fabric of Sunday morning worship during the Advent season.

Christmas at First *offers the unique experience of choral masterworks offered in a vibrant festival service. Rather than a concert performance in one block, the movements of the selected oratorio are interwoven within the fabric of Sunday worship, allowing a time of reflection and inspiration during this joyous season of anticipation. Orchestrations by the Minister of Music are created for congregational hymns, and select works are presented by the region's finest classical artists, rounding out our corporate worship together. – Soli Deo Gloria!*

Although such major choral events with chamber ensembles or orchestra are reserved for only a few times a year, the ensembles of the wider Music at First Ministry of The First Church grace worship services weekly in a rotating schedule. This tradition of fine music at The First Church is one of the many ministries that serve our church and wider community. – Since 1685.

PAST OFFERINGS *of* CHRISTMAS *at* FIRST…

2008	Antonio Vivaldi	*Gloria in D Major*
2009	Benjamin Britten	*Ceremony of Carols*
2010	Giovanni B.d. Pergolesi	*Magnificat*
2011	Camille Saint-Saëns	*Oratorio de Noël*
2012	Georg Friedrich Händel	*The Messiah (Part I)*
2013	Anders Öhrwall	*Gaudete*
2014	Johann Sebastian Bach	*Cantata 62 – Nun komm der Heiden Heiland,* BWV 62
2015	Nicholas White	*Magnificat*
2016	John Rutter	*Gloria*
2017	Antonio Vivaldi	*Gloria in D Major*
2018	Antonio Vivaldi	*Magnificat*
2019	Daniel Pinkham	*Sinfonia Sacra (Christmas Cantata)*
	Robert Washburn	*Gloria in Excelsis*
2020	Johann Sebastian Bach	*Cantata 147 – Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben,* BWV 147
2021	Anders Öhrwall	*Gaudete*
2022	Camille Saint-Saëns	*Oratorio de Noël*
2023	Nicholas White	*Magnificat*
2024	Johann Sebastian Bach	*Cantata 61 – Nun komm der Heiden Heiland,* BWV 61

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CORNER

December 21, 2025 - Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the liturgical color is purple.

Nursery news – The nursery is open and staffed during both services this morning for infants – Grade 2 children. Parents can check in at the Welcome Center and then proceed to the nursery in the basement level of the granite building. The Welcome Center staff can also assist in providing directions.

Busy Bags - are available at the Welcome Center, if needed, for when children choose to remain in worship.

Church Happenings and Outreach

MITTEN TREE – Whether made by experienced knitters/crocheters or purchased mittens found on sale for the season: we provide warm hands to the children who attend neighborhood elementary schools (Amherst St. and Mount Pleasant) or The Adult Learning Center. We've distributed hundreds of mittens and hats and they are always gratefully received. The tree (Welcome Center) will be up for a collection point until mid-January. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Testa.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND- provides direct financial assistance to help secure the physical, financial, and spiritual health of our ministers, church workers, and their families. Christmas Fund Sunday is on December 21st. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks and at the Welcome Center. Information and online donations **https://pbucc.donorsupport.co/page/christmasfund2025**

STEWARDSHIP - Thank you to those of you who have submitted pledge cards for next year's giving. Your pledge cards help us to accurately plan our 2026 budget. If not yet submitted, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Help wanted! We are looking for a chronicler – if you are interested in the history of our 340 year old church, this is the job for you! This office is open to any member, whether or not you are already on a board or committee. If you're interested, please check with Jocelyn Henning, Charlie Morris or Todd Whitney for details.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REQUEST – Be sure to update or add your contact information so that the church may efficiently stay in touch with you. Electronic communication is vital to reach you with important and timely information throughout the year and it saves cost compared to postal mailings. These lists of email and phone contact information will never be sold or provided to organizations outside of First Church. The one-way communications will be addressed only to you and not include contact information about you or other people. Please provide your updates by emailing Tasha Drew at tdrew@tfcucc.org (preferred), calling 603-882-4861 (option), or filling in the paper sheet located at the welcome center. If the church already has your current information and you are receiving periodic email and phone messages, there is no need to respond with a confirmation. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT THE FIRST CHURCH

TUE DEC 23	4 :00 pm	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
	4 :30 pm	Joyful Noise (Christmas Eve Dress)
	6:45 pm	Chancel Choir (Christmas Eve Dress)
WED DEC 24	4:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons and Carols
THU DEC 25		*Christmas Day*
		Office Closed/Thrift Shop Closed
FRI DEC 26		*Boxing Day*
		Office Closed
SAT DEC 27	11:00 am	Sisters in Sobriety (dining room)

MUSIC IN WORSHIP & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

4pm JOYFUL NOISE & RUTHENBERG FAMILY SINGERS

Family Christmas Eve Service

7pm CHANCEL CHOIR

Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 28, 2025

1st Sunday after Christmas

10am NICOLE PAQUETTE flute

Sunday Morning worship

(*one service only; no chapel service*)

JANUARY 4, 2026

2nd Sunday after Christmas / Epiphany

10am - CHANCEL CHOIR

(*8:15 Chapel resumes January 11, 2026.*)

POINSETTIA Dedications

Given In Memory of:

Irene Labreque and Marie Labreque from Ray and Carol Baldwin
Ted Jordan from Ray and Carol Baldwin
Our parents, from Linda and Tom Bennett
Beloved Father and Grandfather, Dr. Orivlle Messenger,
from the Brooks Family
Beloved Mother and Grandmother, Susan Brooks,
from the Brooks Family
Our parents, Charles and Shirley Loveys and Ronald and Vivian Butler,
from Lloyd and Carol Butler
Ray and Eloise (Tommy) Chaloner, from Peter and Jeanne Chaloner
Chester and Esther Cartzendafner, from Joan Champagne
Our mothers and grandmothers, from Mark and Lisa Cleveland
Loved ones, from Peter and Janet Conrad
Brian Courville from Debra Courville
Frances Crosby from Mike and Gale Cummings
Paul Messier and Kevin Messier, from Mike and Gale Cummings
Alma and Ray Cannon, from Pat and Jay Darrin
Loved ones, from Carol Decker
Our dear, one and only, Jane Murray from the Drew Crew
Loved ones, from John and Sue Englander
My parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Gardner from George Gardner
My loving husband, Dick Gillespie from Dot Gillespie
William "Bill" Haynes lovingly from Bea, Linda and Nancy Haynes
Theodore Hochuli from his family
Robert and Doris Polley, from Carol Hutchinson and family
Pete, Beve and Allison Tucker from Bruce and Deb Kneeland
Olive and Melvin Shattuck, from Susan Lajoie

Given In Memory of:

Our parents, from Laurel and Steven Lang
Clarence Lee and Stephen Kiley, from Sonja Lee
My wife Doris, from Richard W. Lustig
Robert and Shirley Shaffer from Laurie Maczko and Gary Garfield
Joe and Arlene Garfield, from Laurie Maczko and Gary Garfield
Loved ones, from Bill and Kathie McIntyre
Fred McManus from Judy McManus
Richard F. and Blanche Olefirowicz, with love from a grateful son
Norman and Marion Petersen, from Roland Petersen
John and Marjorie Udall, from Jennifer and Steve Roy
Edwin Roy, Maurice Talbot and Larry Esteves,
from Jennifer and Steve Roy
Bill Valentine and Roy F. and Margaret Rumbaugh,
from Roy and Sandra Rumbaugh
Ellen Arouchon, from Lucinda T. Spaney
Lucille and Fred Spaney, from Lucinda T. Spaney
Randy Staradub from his family
Don, Karen, Rob, Lill, Lily and my parents from Karen Stewart
Loved ones, from Jim and Maribeth Stone
Our parents, from Jack and Caryl Sullivan
Peter Testa, from Susan Testa
Charline Daniels from the Trask/Daniels Family
Gayle Trask from the Trask/Daniels Family
Donald Trask, from the Trask/Daniels Family
Melinda Daniels, from the Trask/Daniels Family
My parents Alfred and Lillian Washburn, from Jane Washburn
My mother Elizabeth Webster, from Dennis Webster
My grandmother May J. Leach, from Dennis Webster
Helen Ruth Vetrano, from Alice and Roger Williams
Robert Dowst, beloved husband, father and grandfather,
from Leslie Woodard

Given In Honor of:

Our mothers, Janet and Dolly from Karen and Robert Bianchi
Penney Rich, with prayers for courage and peace,
from Carol Hutchinson and family
Our grandsons, Logan and Joshua Kneeland,
from Bruce and Deb Kneeland
Family and Friends, from Judy McManus
Shirley Valentine, from Roy and Sandra Rumbaugh
Helen and Parker Vetrano, from Alice and Roger Williams

Special Message:

Celebrating the life of Genice MacMaster Lintott, from Cameron Cudhea
Celebrating the life of Lucille Lintott Cudhea, from Cameron Cudhea
In celebration and gratitude for family togetherness! From the Drew Crew
In loving memory of Burton and Esther Bartlett Cady, from their family
For my family, from Patti Mullin
In Gratitude for all of the volunteers and staff of Music at First,
from a grateful Music Committee
For my mom and dad, from Ethel Parker
In memory of our dear friends, Beve, Pete and Allison Tucker,
from the Plummer Family

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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 with us for the first time. Please 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 Fellowship Hall, following worship. If you have any questions about the life and ministry of The First Church please seek out the individuals wearing colored nametags; they are members of the various boards and committees.

INFORMATION

The 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 The 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. The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and the Sacrament of Baptism on the last. The 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 a 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 Tuesday. All information for the monthly newsletter must be in the office by 4:00 PM on the second Monday of the month (August through May).

All use of the building must be scheduled by the Office Manager.

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