

**First Church of Christ, Congregational
United Church of Christ**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



November 10, 2024

CCLI #292978, and #20547245

CHURCH ORGANIZED ON AUGUST 18, 1778

Present building erected in North Conway Village 1884

**"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are
welcome here!"**

"A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones." — Nelson Mandela

***Please stand if you are able**

Prelude

Devotion

A. Schreiner

Lighting the Community Candles
We invite you to use this time for silent prayer
and reflection as we prepare for worship.

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us enter this sacred space with hearts open to truth and transformation.

All: We come seeking justice and compassion, where all are welcomed and uplifted.

One: In God's presence, the offerings of the humble are seen and celebrated.

All: We come to honor the gifts given in quiet faith and deep trust.

One: Let us remember that God's house is not a place where the vulnerable are consumed.

All: We come to stand against the powers that oppress and to build a community of care.

One: May our worship be a reflection of true discipleship, where giving is an act of love.

All: We come to learn, to share, and to embody a faith that challenges inequity.

One: Together, let us see through the eyes of Christ, valuing people over appearances.

All: We come ready to listen, serve, and live out the call to justice.

One: May our voices rise in unity, committed to a faith that brings life and hope.

All: We come to worship, with hearts full of courage and hands ready for service.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

All: God of justice and compassion, we gather today in humility, mindful of the sacrifices made by those often unseen. Open our eyes to the inequities around us and fill our hearts with the courage to act with love and integrity. May our worship today inspire us to challenge what consumes and devours, and to become vessels of hope and healing in our world. Guide us to value people over power and compassion over complacency. In this place and beyond, may we embody Your boundless grace. Amen.

***Hymn NCH #565** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

Welcome and Reception

Affirmation of Faith

Welcome

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Proclamation

Scripture

Amos 5:21-24 Hebrew Bible page 854

James 2:1-5 NT Bible page 229

Mark 12:38-44

Children's Message When A Little Becomes a Lot Pastor Walt

The Word In Music

God of Love, We've Known Division

text Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Beach Spring, arr. B. F. White

God of love, we've known division and we've seen its awful cost.
We have struggled as a nation, and there's much that we have lost.
We have been a house divided and, divided we can't stand.
May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.

Turn us, Lord from what divides us- fear that drives us far apart,
greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart.
May we seek what brings together- hearts that bear each other's pain,
care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.

May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well.
May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell.
May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their world-view;
may we serve with one another loving others, loving you.

You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way.
It's your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day.
May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear.
Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.
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Message

When The Music Stops

Pastor Walt

Response

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

One: Now as our Savior Jesus taught us, we pray together:

All: 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.**

Offertory

One: Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings that God has given each of us.

Doxology NCH #780

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending Out

***Hymn** NCH #82 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary in C Major

J. S. Bach

(Stay and enjoy OR head right on over for coffee and treats!)

Greeters: Mary Ellen (Mae) Shea and Karen Umberger

Ushers: Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Lee Coffield

Welcome to First Church of Christ! If you are visiting with us in person today, please note that there are two fire exits at the rear of the sanctuary and one through the back of the church through the kitchen. Additionally, there are two unisex bathrooms; one downstairs off the entrance where you entered and one off the kitchen at the rear of the building.

We hope you will join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better.

Our November Newsletter is chock full of good stuff and important dates! You'll definitely want to check it out. You'll find it online by going to our website at:

<https://firstchurchnc.com/Newsletters/November2024.pdf>

(And let us know if you don't have online access - we can still mail a physical copy to you!)

Evelyn Porter is designated as The Coordinator of the Diaconates' Ministry of Greeting. If you would like her to send a card from the church to someone who is ill, grieving, celebrating, or who just needs a "pick-me-up" note, please call her at 603-356-2881 or send her an email at hambru35@yahoo.com.

Week of Activities:

Monday: AA Noon-1pm;

Veteran's Day – Offices closed

Tuesday: Food Pantry 11:30am-1:45pm;

Music Team meeting 3pm;

Budget Requests for 2025 are Due

Wednesday: Non-Essential Food Pantry 9-11am

Thursday: Food Pantry 12:30-2:45pm;

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3pm;

Bell Choir Rehearsal 4pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: Worship Celebration 10am;

Revolving Closet-teens 2-5pm

Mission Corner:

- **November-December Noisy Offering will go to Vaughan Non-Essential Food program.** This program is designed to assist seniors with everyday items.
- The 4th Quarter **Mission collection is for the Jen's Friends. The Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food or monetary gifts.** The pantry hours are shown in our *Week of Activities*. Checks can be made payable to: *Vaughan Community Service, Inc.* and placed in the collection plate.



To make giving even easier for those who don't carry cash or use checks, we've started using QR Code, in the bulletin. Just scan the code with your phone like you would in a restaurant!

Church Address and Information

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC
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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Pastor: The Reverend Walt Hampton, J.D., CFC

Associate Organist: Muriel Magg

Chancel Choir/Handbell Director: Anne Polak

Church Administrator/Bookkeeper: Denise Leighton

Vaughan Administrator: Jennifer Perkins

Vaughan Learning Center Director: Heather Ouellette

Vaughan Bookkeeper: Denise Leighton

Church Sexton: Mark Schiller

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