First Church of Christ, Congregational, United Church of Christ

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 8, 2026

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!"

"Behind every veteran stands a family that shared the sacrifice, endured the separation, and carried the burden of service with quiet courage." *~ Anonymous*

***Rise in body or in spirit**

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER

Call to Worship

One: For all who have served in the armed forces to ensure our freedom,
All: We honor you.
One: For the families who kept the home fires burning and provided continuous support for their person serving,
All: We thank you.
One: For the wounds you have suffered at the hands of war
All: For the times of loneliness you have felt on the frontlines of life
One: For the sacrifices you have made
All: For the times you were not thanked
One: For the times you chose courage in the face of fear
All: For the times you were not shown compassion
One: For the difficult decisions you had to make
All: For the losses you have suffered
One: We thank you now.
All: We honor you now. Your sacrifice will not be forgotten!

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray together.
All: God, we do not want to come before you with empty words and meaningless acts. We know that your love has the power to transform us with compassion. We declare that your truth can liberate us and renew us as liberators in the world. In the midst of

a world too often guided by the pursuit of power, privilege, and prestige, softens our hearts. Help us reflect your goodness and good news through our lives, in word and deed. Amen.

***Hymn** NCH #493 O Jesus, I Have Promised

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**
One: The peace of Christ is with you!
All: And also with you!

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture 2 Timothy 4: 3-8 (NT pew Bible p. 213)
Isaiah 40: 31 (Hebrew Bible p. 668)

Meditation The Veteran's Prayer Deb Smith

Message for the Young at Heart Helen Goss

The Word in Music Here Am I, Lord, Send Me by Lani Smith

Message Three Elevens Steve Woodcock
(Reading John 15: 11-15)

Special Music You Raise Me Up by Josh Groban
Soloist: Richard P. Goss, III

WE RESPOND

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(Sung)*
One: Let us sing together.

All: Our Father which 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.

Invitation to Generosity and Dedication of Your Pledges

***Doxology** Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO FORTH

***Hymn** NCH #377 Forward through the Ages

Benediction

Closing Song NCH #775

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Postlude

Lord, may you bring us wisdom as we live our daily lives. We salute all Veterans and thank them for their service to our country. (The altar flowers are given by Jim and Karen Umberger.)

Greeter: Mary Ellen (Mae) Shea and Karen Umberger
Ushers: Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian
Liturgist: Laurel Ekberg
Faith Leaders: Steve Woodcock and Helen Goss

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

The doors to the church are locked at 10:10am on Sundays for everyone's safety. One of the doors in the back of the sanctuary is kept open for the Ushers to keep an eye out for any latecomers. Please knock on the glass if you need to get their attention.

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.**

Mission Corner:

- **The Noisy Offering for November/December** will go to the own **Vaughan Food Pantry.**

- **The 4th Quarter Mission Collection** is to support **Heifer International** which works to end world hunger and poverty in sustainable ways.

- **The Food Pantry welcomes non-perishable food and monetary gifts are most appreciated as they can be stretched further.** 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.

Week of Activities:

Today: **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Stewardship Sunday
Faith Leaders – Steve Woodcock & Helen Goss
Mission Committee meeting 11:30am

Monday: AA Noon-1:00pm

Tuesday: Food Pantry Open 11:30am-1:45pm;
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:00pm;
Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday: Senior Non-Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am

Thursday: Food Pantry Open Noon-2:15pm;
Scouts of America Troup 150 & Pack 150 6:00-7:30pm

Friday: AA Noon-1:00pm

Sunday: **Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
Faith Leader – Helen Goss;
Church Council 11:30am
Revolving Closet – Free Teen Clothing 2:00-5:00pm

Our November Newsletter is full of good stuff and important dates! You'll find it in your mail, if requested, or by going online to our website at:
https://firstchurchnc.com/Newsletters/November2026.pdf

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!



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!