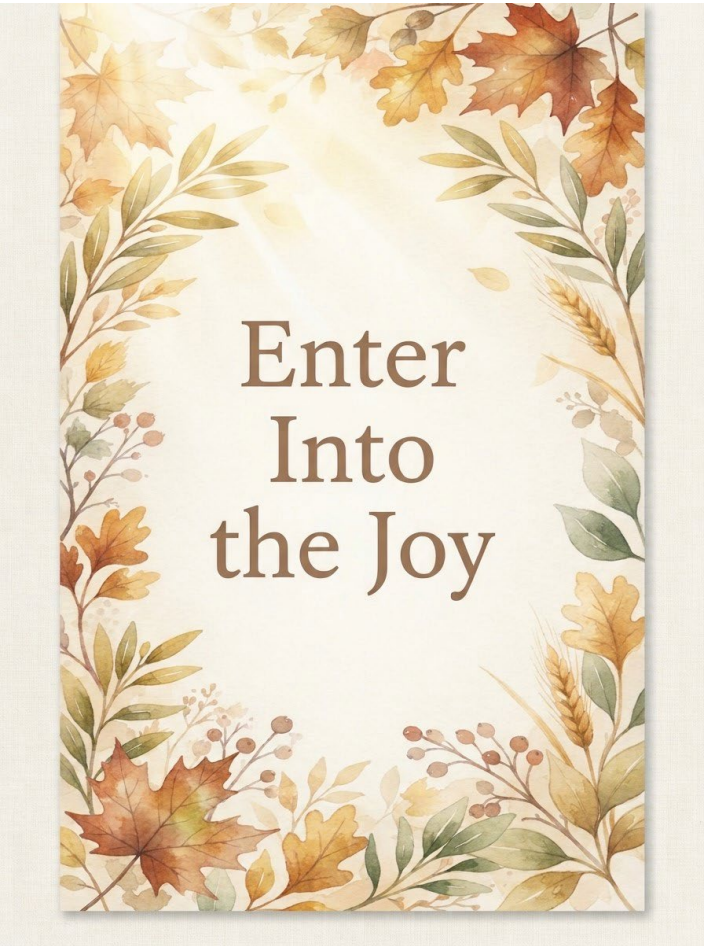
First Church of Christ, Congregational,
United Church of Christ

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



November 15, 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!"

"It is easy to understand God as long as you don't try to explain God." *~ Joseph Joubert*

***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

Centering Song

WE GATHER

Call to Worship

One: Family of God, whom do you serve?
All: We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
One: Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
All: We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
One: Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
All: We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
One: Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
All: We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Prayer *Written by Rev. Kaji R. Spellman, UCC*

One: Let us pray together.

All: There is a richness here – a richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps. There is a richness here – a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives. The richness holds us in our weakness, fills us in our hunger, finds us when we're lost. So here, richly blessed, we have come, and we have been found. Let this time together inspire us in richness and grace. Amen.

***Hymn** NCH #1 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Christ is with you!

All: And also with you!

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Psalm 123 (Hebrew Bible p. 572)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NT pew Bible p. 205)
Matthew 25:14-30 (NT pew Bible pp. 28-29)

Message for the Young at Heart

Message I Appreciate You Helen Goss

The Word in Music We Bring Our Thanks to You
by Ruth Elaine Schram

WE RESPOND

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

One: Let us say together the prayer Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Generosity

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

Benediction

Closing Song *by Paul Burtis*

May God's blessings twine around you,
Perfect love, and healing calm;
May God's radiance shine upon you; may it guide you,
Stay beside you; watch and keep you safe from harm.

Postlude

The Altar Flower are given by Joe & Denise Leighton, in loving memory of their son, Timothy Leighton, all to the glory of God.

Greeter: Trina Jones
Ushers: Jim Umberger and Jay Donabedian
Liturgist: Don Ekberg
Faith Leader: 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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
Church Council 11:30am
Revolving Closet – Free Teen Clothing 2:00-5:00pm
Faith Leaders – Helen Goss

Monday: **December *Congregate Tidings* articles are due;**
AA Noon-1:00pm

Tuesday: Food Pantry Open 11:30am-1:45pm;
Trustees meeting 4pm

Wednesday: **WMWV Radio Food/Fund Drive**
at Vaughan Food Pantry 6:00am – 6:00pm

Thursday: Food Pantry Open Noon-2:15pm;
Music Team meeting 2pm;
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:00pm;
Scouts of America Troup 150 & Pack 150 6:00-7:30pm

Friday: AA Noon-1:00pm

Sunday: **Thanksgiving Sunday**
Pastor Sue Davidson, preaching

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!