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*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire*

*November 19, 2017*

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!  
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in  
this place will know and experience the love,  
forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*

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Dorothy Morton

Wednesdays. 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.m.

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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ**

**November 19, 2017: Stewardship Sunday**

*Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).*

Gathering #602      “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”      *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer      *Bob Muh*

Prelude

Responsive Reading      *Psalm 65*

One: O God, we will praise you; we sing in your temple;  
and all that we have promised, we will do.

**All: You answer our prayers; you forgive all our sins,  
you save us with awesome deeds.**

One: Your strong arm established the mountains; you silence  
the roaring of seas and the tumult of people.

**All: You visit the earth and water it, enrich it;  
the rivers are filled with your water; you give us grain,  
for so you have prepared it.**

One: You water the ploughed earth abundantly,  
settle its ridges, soften it, bless it with growth.

**All: You crown the year with bounty; we bring in your grain;  
our wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

One: The pastures of the wilderness overflow with grasses,  
the hills gird themselves with joy.

**All: The meadows are clothing themselves with your flocks;  
the valleys are decking themselves with grain;  
they shout and sing together for sheer abundant joy!**

One: O God, we will praise you; we sing in your temple;

**All: and all that we have promised, we will do.**

\*Hymn #793      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Anthem      “Hymn of Abundance”      *Green/Butler*

Children’s Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration

(please fill out a blue card in the pew)

Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology (#815)

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture      Matthew 25:14-30

\*Hymn #597      “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

Sermon      “Risky Business”

\*Hymn #399      “We Are God’s People”

\*Benediction

\*Response #602      “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”      *vs. 3, 4*

\*Postlude

*Lectionary readings for the coming week:*

*Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46*

## COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME!

This year, our Community Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church. We'll gather in their sanctuary for worship on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. Our very own Pastor David will be preaching. There's going to be a bell choir, an ecumenical group of ringers. We're excited to have them join us. Our Thanksgiving offering will go to support our local DARE (the Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. After worship, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and visiting before we go home.

*(We've been asked to bring fruit platters to serve fifty people—talk to David if you'd like to help with this.)*

Come share in this joyful celebration as we join with our friends to give thanks for God's abundant blessings.

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### North Country Chorus ~ 70th Annual Christmas Concert

*The Christmas Oratorio* by J.S. Bach (sung in English)

7:30 pm on Friday 1 December Here!

"Christians, be joyful, and praise your salvation." So begins J.S. Bach's exuberant first cantata in the Christmas Oratorio. The trumpets blare, the timpani booms, and the 75 voices of the North Country Chorus announce the celebration of Christ's birth.

"Break forth, O beauteous, heavenly light." In addition to the exuberant choruses, audience will enjoy reflective chorales, many familiar to the ear as popular hymn tunes, as well as arias, airs and recitatives from the soloists.

Bach composed this work as six cantatas, each intended for a major feast day of the Christmas season. Part I, for Christmas Day, describes the Birth of Jesus; part II, the annunciation to the shepherds; part III, the adoration of the shepherds, part IV, the circumcision and naming of Jesus; part V, the journey of the Magi; and part VI, for Epiphany, the adoration of the Magi.

## Notices for the week of November 19, 2017 – November 25, 2017

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TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class: James - Classroom  
10:00 am ....Worship Service & Sunday School  
11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
11:30 am ....Adult Bible Study: Pray – Classroom  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Thanksgiving Dinner Bell – All Saints' Church  
6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ....Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service –  
St. Rose of Lima  
Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ....Choir Rehearsal – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Thurs..... Office and Shining Lights Closed  
Fri..... Office and Shining Lights Closed  
Sat..... 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Ladies Parlor

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**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Glenda Iles

**Flowers:** to the glory of God



**Reminder: Food Collection next Sunday!**

*The Food Cupboard is in need of the following items:*

Jam/jelly. Small containers of condiments. Coffee.

Soups, stews, canned meat, canned fruit.

Salad dressing. Canned or boxed meals. Thank You!

## November Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

### Cancer

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Joni Prell (Linda Warden)          | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)          |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh)              | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)    |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)       | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)        |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)        |
| Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles)       | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis)    |
| Joyce Watrous (Glenad Iles)        | Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody) |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Mary Hodgdon (Her Father) (Elaine Stroop)  
Family of Dan Nute (Emily LaFlam)

### Illness/Recovery

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| Dianne & Jeff White (Donna Matz) | Bill Hardy, Sr. (Tina Peabody) |
| Sharon Bartley (Karen Lord)      | Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)       |
| Bing Clark (Mary Hodgdon)        | Don Bliss (Judy Oleary)        |
| Harry Hatch (Ross Fairweather)   |                                |

## Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.*

*If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376. If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.*

*\*\*Names listed without original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.*



### Please Join Us to Decorate the Church!

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Noon to whenever the church is decorated!

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch ~ please bring whatever you would like to share for lunch.