

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
October 24, 2021

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #84 “Thy Word”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 119:1-8*

One: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

All: Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart - they do no wrong but follow his ways.

One: You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.
Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!
Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

All: I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

*Hymn #407 “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts
*Doxology (#815)
Offering prayer

Scripture Exodus 17:14-15 *Mary Menzies*
Exodus 24:1-5
Matthew 22:29-33

*Hymn #414 “O Word of God Incarnate”

Sermon “The Importance of the Word in the life of a Christian”
Ernest Shipman

*Hymn #408 “How Firm a Foundation”

*Benediction

*Response #411 “I Hide Your Word Within My Heart”

Postlude

We welcome Ernest Shipman to the pulpit this week.

*Scriptures for Sunday, October 31: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146;
Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14 and Mark 12:28-34
Please note: Our guest leader, Victoria Cole, may or may not use these texts.*



You are invited!

What: A Pumpkin carving party

When: Saturday, October 30, 2021
10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Where: Fellowship Hall, FCC - appropriately spaced, Masks please

Why: To support the community *Gathering of the Jack O Lanterns*

With COVID we have had to defer our widely popular Pumpkin Patch Hangout which provided a safe, warm, and fun place for families to gather between Main Street Trick-or-Treat and the Gathering of the Jack O Lanterns on the river front.

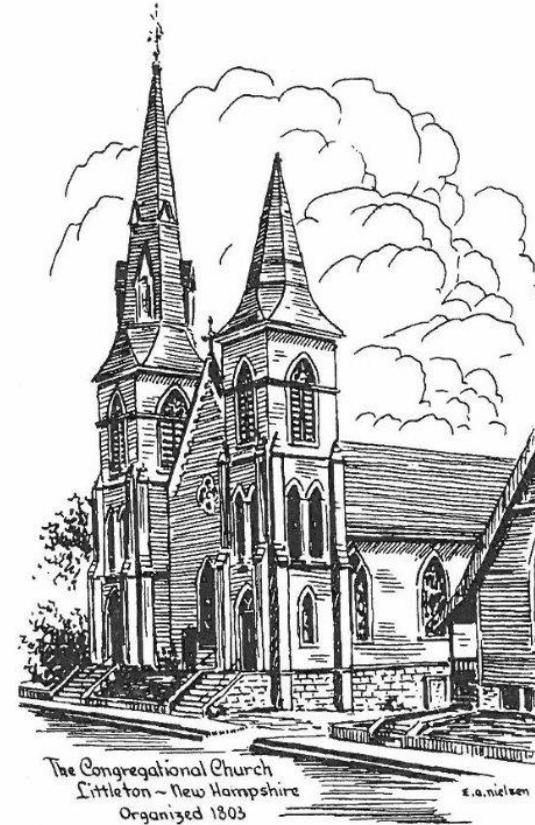
Since we still want to support this community event and there will be no Trick or Treat on Main Street this year, we will be helping out by carving pumpkins to put on the river. We will have around 20 pumpkins to carve, maybe even some with messages of love and peace.

Please call Alice Muh at 603-444-5228 to sign up for a space.

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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Welcome:

Ernest Shipman

Music Director & Organist

Dorothy Morton

Worship Service 10:00

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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.

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