

SUDDENLY  
ALL MY ANCESTORS  
ARE BEHIND ME.  
"BE STILL" THEY SAY.  
WATCH AND LISTEN.  
YOU ARE THE  
RESULT  
OF THE LOVE OF  
THOUSANDS."

First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
November 1, 2015 – All Saints Day

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ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.  
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,  
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

**Welcome Visitors!**

As members of the United Church of Christ we say: “No matter **who** you are or **where** you are on life’s journey, **you** are welcome here! We mean it!”

Please introduce yourself to an usher and come meet Pastor Deborah.

Feel free to join us for refreshments in Currier Hall immediately following the service.

**Thank you for worshiping with us. We are honored to have you with us today.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & JOYS AND CONCERNS

**WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Lighting the Candles

\*HYMN NO. 299

*“For All the Saints”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSE (Frances A. Bogle)

One: I looked across the river Jordan that will bring us home one day...

**Many: O Lord, what a vision.**

One: I could see the Communion of saints dancing, singing...  
I saw grandpa watching a Nascar race from far, far away.  
I heard grandma humming in the kitchen.

**Many: O Lord, what a vision.**

One: There were countless other disciples worshipping and praising God  
That old man who sang solos in the choir...  
The woman whose cooking was famous at the church potlucks...  
That young person whose life was cut short in the accident...  
Their souls live on and on...

**Many: O Lord, what a vision.**

One: But the most amazing thing I saw was Jesus, waiting for each one, so  
he could say...

**Many: Welcome home.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**God of peace and courage, amidst the pounding of our hearts and the chaos of our lives, we confess that we have not listened for your still small voice. We confess that in the face of division and strife, we have allowed our fear to speak louder than your love. We confess the fear that love can be vanquished, the light cannot shine in the darkness, and that evil can overcome them both. Help us to hear the great Communion of saints singing to us of forgiveness and help us to forgive. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor Heidi)

\*SONG OF PRAISE #236 – **Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.  
Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.**

## WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**In our thanks, these gifts we bring, for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you, in all we say, and all we do. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachel and Katie Cobban

Followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.** (Children K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade may now go to their classes in the Noyes Building.)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:1-2

(N.T. p. 243)

NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 21:1-6a

(N.T. p. 282)

SERMON

"Angels Hovering Round"

Pastor Heidi Carrington Heath

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"A Communion Invitation"*

Martin and Martin

OUR SACRED STORY

SHARING the MEAL

We celebrate Communion this morning by Intinction. You will be instructed to come forward to receive the elements. When you approach to be served Communion, you may bring forward the names of your beloved saints and place them in the Baptismal font.

When it is your turn, please take the bread, you may respond with "**Amen**" or "**Thanks be to God.**" You will then pass before the tray of grape juice you will hear the words "**The Cup of Salvation**" or "**The Cup of Love**". Again, your response will be "**Amen**" or "**Thanks be to God.**" You will drink the Cup of Salvation when you receive it and then give your empty cup to the next usher.

If you are accompanying your children: they are invited to participate and we trust that you will teach them the meaning of this sacred meal.

Gluten-free bread and water are available. Please let us know.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus:  
For gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,  
For peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,  
For the glory of creation, for the mission of justice you have made our own.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS**

PASTORAL PRAYER  
CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Take, O Take Me As I Am”*

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS**

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE  
OFFERTORY INVITATION  
OFFERTORY MUSIC

Pastor Deborah

**\*DOXOLOGY #785      We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)  
Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude, that all whose lives they touch may know the grace and power of your love.**

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

**\*HYMN NO. 382      *“Marching to Zion”***

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE      *“Dona Nobis Pacem”*

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated.)

*\*Indicates all that are able may stand.*

FLOWERS    Offered by Margie Ives

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH  
DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
LAY READER  
USHERS

Members of the Congregation  
Steve Davis and Reni Harnden  
Malysa Deranian  
Diaconate  
Michael Bryan

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# *First Parish Congregational Church*

## *General Announcements*

*November 1, 2015 Proper 26, All Saints Day*

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, is a community of faith built upon a firm foundation of worship, prayer and education. In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God, Christian fellowship and service to others. In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the ever-widening community through active and loving ministry.

**Christian Ed/Youth Group:** Today there will be NO Middle/High School Sunday School. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes WILL meet! Also, Youth Group has been rescheduled to November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM. Please see Mr. Matt or Miss Kerri with any questions!

**Parents Night Out:** Save The Date! On Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM, we will host a pre-holiday Parents Night Out at First Parish. If you're looking for a night out or time to do some Christmas shopping without the kids, this is your night! Children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us at First Parish for an evening of age appropriate games and activities. Middle and High School students who would like to be helpers should see Pastor Heidi in advance of the event. RSVPs ARE REQUIRED. Please RSVP to Pastor Heidi as soon as possible at [pastorheidiheath@gmail.com](mailto:pastorheidiheath@gmail.com).



**Keeping in Touch (K.I.T.):** On November 11, Veterans Day, K.I.T. will meet in MacGregor at 12:30 for lunch and birthday cake, then carpool to the Derry Museum of History!

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** On Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in Currier Hall from 2:00-7:00 PM. Appointments are recommended. Please schedule online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). You may also use the new RapidPass system to save time donating - start the donation process before leaving home by completing an online pre-donation and health history questionnaire at your convenience on the day of your appointment (Friday, November 6). You can save up to 15 minutes this way! Learn more at [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass).



**Pledging/Faithful giving:** Hallelujah! On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we voted in an Associate Pastor! If you are able to increase what you are giving, please do so! Pledge cards for 2016 have been mailed out. We give God thanks for you! - Stewardship Board

**Veterans Day: November 15, 2015** we will celebrate Veterans Day by honoring our veterans both living and deceased. Please bring a picture of your beloved veteran and all will be arranged to display in the sanctuary. We would ask that you try to have them to a Deacon by **9:45** that morning at the latest.

**Thank You:** Thank you to everyone for the many cards, loving thoughts, caring prayers & generous donations to We Can Farm & Jessica Van Steensburg. The Van Steensburg & Aho families so appreciate your kindness.

**Bible Wonder:** Pastor Deborah will be holding Bible Wonder on "Gospel of John" on the following Tuesdays from **7:00-8:00pm** in Cook; **November 3, 10, and 17.**

**Meeting Update:** In honor of veteran's day, there will be no Communication Cohort in November. Please be reminded that if you have information to share with any of our leaders, you may do so at any time. All meetings are open to members and friends of FPC.

**SoulCollage(R) Workshop - Gratitude and Thanksgiving:** Come together for a morning of creativity and meditation on themes of Gratitude and Thanksgiving! Materials and supplies will be provided for you to create collaged cards reflecting your thoughts and feelings about these themes. We will hear music, poems, and readings and choose from a wealth of images to stimulate our imaginations. Join Liz Greenberg, SoulCollage(R) Facilitator in Currier on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 9-12.** Fee of \$20 covers all materials and tools. I'd like to know how many to prepare for, so please RSVP to: [lizgreenberg26@gmail.com](mailto:lizgreenberg26@gmail.com)

## First Parish Activity Calendar

### Sunday, November 1

#### All Saints Day

- 7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier
- 9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~  
Music Room
- 10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School ~ John
- 11:15am Handchime Rehearsal ~  
MacGregor
- 1:30pm BSA Venture Crew 570 ~  
Currier

### Monday, November 2

- 7:00pm Troop 405 ~  
Currier/AB/Nursery

### Tuesday, November 3

- 9:30am Nutfield Gym ~ Currier
- 4:00pm GS Troop 20993 ~ Currier
- 6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
- 6:30pm AA ~ Library
- 7:00pm Bible Wonder ~ Cook
- 7:00pm OA ~ A/B

### Wednesday, November 4

- 6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ Luke
- 6:30pm Deacons ~ Cook
- 7:00pm AA 12 Step Workshop ~ A/B

### Thursday, November 5

- 4:30pm Daisy Troop 11080 ~ John
- 6:30pm CS Pack 405 ~  
Currier/John/Luke/AB
- 6:30pm BSA Venture Crew 570 ~  
MacGregor
- 7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Music Room
- 7:00pm Stewardship ~ Cook
- 7:00pm Christian Ed ~ Nursery

### Friday, November 6

- 2:00pm Blood Drive ~ Currier
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

### Saturday, November 7

- 8:00am BSA Venture Crew Scouting  
for Hunger Signup ~ Noyes
- 9:30am Historic Preservation ~  
MacGregor
- 7:30pm AA ~ MacGregor

### Sunday, November 8

#### Consecration Sunday

- 7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier
- 9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~  
Music Room
- 10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School ~ John
- 11:15am Handchime Rehearsal ~  
MacGregor
- 6:00pm Youth Group ~ Offsite

Pastor Deborah will be on Study Leave at a conference at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia from November 2-5. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Heidi at the office: 434-0628 or by email at [pastorheidiheath@gmail.com](mailto:pastorheidiheath@gmail.com)

**71st ANNUAL  
SUGAR PLUM FAIR  
SATURDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING  
November 21st, 2015  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

**Please check off any areas you would like to help with:**

- Make 2 double batches of home-baked cookies for the Cookie Walk
- Bake a pie, cake, or holiday goodie for sale on the bake table \_\_\_\_\_
- Help set up for the fair (5:00 pm Friday night)
- Help Clean up and set the rooms to right (3:00 pm Saturday)
- Organize the White Elephant items (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
- Direct Cars in Parking Lot     A.M.             P.M.
- Roll out dough for Pecan Rolls (many other tasks also available)  
(See Reni Hamden or Wendy Staggs for details)
- Work at Cookie Walk, Craft table, Bake table, White Elephant tables, lunchroom, etc.  
                   A.M.             P.M.
  
- Prepare and/or Serve Lunch
- Prepare Egg Salad using 2 dozen eggs
- Prepare Tuna Salad using 4 cans of Tuna
- Donate items for White Elephant tables (drop off location – Library after 11/1/15)

**We need everyone's help to make this fair a success!!**

**Please tear off this form and drop it in the church office  
or in the collection plate ASAP!  
Thank you!**

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## Scriptures – November 1

### Hebrews 12:1-2

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Revelation 21.1-6a

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.