

First Parish Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
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**November 15, 2015**



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)

**November 15, 2015 Proper 28 Veterans Day Service**

**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. 407

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSE**

One: Come, let us present ourselves before our God.

Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

**All: Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.**

**We find strength for living as we praise God.**

One: Lay down your arrogance and false pride.

Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

**All: Let us pour out our souls before the living God.**

**Let us not withhold from God our misery and distress.**

One: God grants our petitions and gives us peace.

The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

**All: In God's presence there is fullness of joy.**

**As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

**O God, give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary, that our faith may grow, our love expand, and our hope find fulfillment. Show us the path of life, and grant us the courage to walk in your ways. Amen.**

\*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

Pastor Heidi

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 and youth may now go to their classes in the Noyes Building.)

\*HYMN NO. 507

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"*

### **WE HEAR ABOUT MISSION**

MISSION MOMENT – David Reynolds

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 13:1-8

(N.T. pp. 50-51)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(O.T. pp. 200-201)

SERMON

Celebrate God's Bounty

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Holy is the Lord"*

Mary McDonald

### **WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Take, O Take Me As I Am"*

### **WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We are encouraged to give as freely as God has freely blessed us, bringing our offerings, as a caring community that provokes one another to love and good deeds.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*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)

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in God's name throughout the world. Amen.**

### **WE RESPOND WITH REMEMBRANCE**

VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK: If you have a loved one who served our country, you may come forward at this time to light a candle.

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

HYMN NO. 610

My Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

POSTLUDE

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

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH  
DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
LAY READER  
USHERS

Members of the Congregation  
Steve Davis and Reni Harnden  
Brian Williams  
Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell  
Joe Weaver, Sue Hunt  
Michael Bryan  
Diane Breeden  
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof  
Pastor Heidi Carrington Heath  
Rev. Chester R. Ham  
Susan Handy  
Jeff DeLangie  
Lindsey Roman

GREETER(s)  
SENIOR PASTOR  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
AFFILIATE PASTOR  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
ORGANIST  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

### First Parish Activity Calendar

#### Sunday, November 15

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier  
8:00am HPC ~ Archive  
8:00am Youth Ministry ~ A/B  
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~  
Music Room  
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary  
10:15am Sunday School ~ John  
11:15am Children's Choir ~ Music Room  
11:30am Mission ~ A/B  
11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ MacGregor

#### Monday, November 16

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

#### Tuesday, November 17

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 18

*Sugar Plum Fair Setup*  
6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ Luke  
7:00pm AA 12 Step Workshop ~ A/B  
7:00pm Council ~ Cook

#### Thursday, November 19

*Sugar Plum Fair Setup*  
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 Alzheimer's Group ~ Cook

#### Friday, November 20

Thanksgiving Basket Setup ~ Cook  
Sugar Plum Fair Setup  
7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

#### Saturday, November 21

**9:00am SUGAR PLUM FAIR!!**  
Thanksgiving Basket Setup ~ Cook  
7:30pm AA ~ MacGregor

#### Sunday, November 22

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier  
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~  
Music Room  
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary  
10:15am Sunday School ~ John  
11:15am Children's Choir ~ Music Room  
11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ MacGregor  
12:00pm Thanksgiving Basket Pickup ~ Currier  
12:00pm HPC ~ MacGregor  
6:00pm Youth Group ~ Offsite

## Scriptures – November 15

### Mark 13.1-8

13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’<sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

### Deuteronomy 26.1-11

26When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,<sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.<sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’<sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,<sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.<sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us,<sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.<sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;<sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.<sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.