

First Parish Congregational Church  
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**November 10, 2019**  
**Baptism**  
**Receiving New Members**



**Hosea**

**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)

# WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #351 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand in body or Spirit)

One: Listen, God is calling us; God has called us together.

**Many: O give thanks to God, for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: God is eager to put loving arms around us.

**Many: God fills the hungry and our thirsting souls overflow.**

\*INVOCATION (unison)

**Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our empty striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour. Amen**

\***SONG OF PRAISE:** Praise Our God Together Singing  
Alleluia

**WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

*At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.*

HYMN # 327 Jesus loves me (vs 1)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In our hearts 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 Ken Williams

## **BAPTISM**

HYMN # 327 Jesus loves me (vs 2,3)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM of Rosalie Grace David and Jack Martin

*When invited by the Pastor please stand as you are able and let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.*

PASTOR: Do you believe in God?

**PEOPLE: I believe in God.**

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

PASTOR: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit.** (Congregation may sit at this time.)

## **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 are excused as we sing: **“Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.”**

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## **RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “You Say” by Lauren Daigle (Sung by Shellie Aseltine)**

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

**OLD TESTAMENT: Hosea 11: 1-9**

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup> The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms;

but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup> They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king,

because they have refused to return to me.

<sup>6</sup> The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests,

and devours because of their schemes.

<sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call,

but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup> I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

SERMON: Even in Spite of Our Spiritual Unfaithfulness –  
God loves Us

HYMN #606 Nearer, My God, to You

## **WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

## **WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

A full life does not consist of an abundance of possessions. Everything that we currently possess will someday belong to others. We have the privilege in this life to do good deeds with all that God has entrusted to us. We bring a portion now to be blessed by God in the work of our church, Christ's church, here and in other places. The morning offering will now be taken.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Hosea" by John Michael Talbot

\*DOXOLOGY: We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer,  
Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you.

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Help us, O God, to give enough of ourselves and our substance every day that we will not be tempted to embrace the idolatry of greed. We here dedicate not just our offerings but all we possess**

**to causes far greater than our own security. Before all our attachments require "larger barns," help us to reflect on how they might better be used by others than stored by us. Thank you for the abundant opportunity to share. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN #454 Lord, I want to Be a Christian in my Heart

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

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

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH-Members of the Congregation

DEACON- Sue Lindemann

LAY READER- Julie Turner

USHERS -Stanley & Holly Gorgol, Tom Cooper, Michael Bryan

GREETER- Carol Guerrin

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER- The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR DIRECTOR/ ORGANIST-Joan Virga

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR-Christine Lehoullier

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Michelle Guerrin

## **Receiving New Members**

Pastor: We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this household of faith. We welcome Lori Davis, Jack Martin, Marty and Cathy Davis, and Stephanie and Jonathan Berg.

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the Sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ here at First Parish. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Deacon: You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are equally citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus alone being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in Christ, in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Pastor: I ask you now these questions:

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**I do**

Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

**I do**

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**I do**



Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

**I promise, with the help of God**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

**I promise, with the help of God.**

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

**I Promise, with the help of God.**

**Deacon:**

Let us, the members of First Parish, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ by reading together the Greeting found on the inside cover of our hymnal.

**PEOPLE:**

**We, then, the members of this church, extend to you a Christian welcome, and do heartily receive you into the fellowship of this church.**

**We desire to share with you its responsibilities and privileges, its sacrifices and rewards.**

**We pledge to you Christian compassion and concern.**

**We promise to walk with you in the ways of loving service, to be jealous of your good name, and to hold your peace and welfare as our own.**

**God grant that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared, while we dwell together on earth, for the perfect fellowship that is from above.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

**O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building on another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. AMEN**

### **General Announcements November 10, 2019**

Welcome to six new members and two baptisms today!  
Rejoice, Rejoice and again rejoice!

**We are looking for ushers!** If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact Diane Dunn or Michelle in the office.

Ken Gould is in Mass General, cards can be sent to his home address: 7 Riverwoods Dr. Apt P202  
Exeter, NH 03833

### **Mark your calendars!**

November 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:30 By-Law Meeting for Congregation,  
Christian Ed Meeting, Fundraising Meeting

November 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 Finance Meeting

November 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 K.I.T update with Paul Lindemann  
Lunch begins around 12:30~ all are welcome!

November 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30 Contra Dance

November 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Thanksgiving Sunday! What are you grateful for? Be ready to share your gratitude list!

Pastor Deborah will be visiting family from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Debbie Gline Allen will lead worship on November 17. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Beth Hunter (603) 505-0702 or Diana Sweeney (603) 965-5480.

### **Please visit the table in the lobby~**

- **Worship Flowers and Coffee Hour Signup sheets~** A wonderful opportunity to acknowledge special people and events in our life.
- Advent Workshop and Christmas Pageant Sign Ups.
- **Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed is Ready for donations!** Items accepted; Clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed animals. Reduce waste in landfills, the items are used worldwide and we receive funding based on the weight (much like the Savers program last year!) These donations can also be used by us when we have a specific need as identified by R.E.A.C.H. or Missions. Please take a flyer.
- **Sugar Plum Fair! November 23<sup>rd</sup>!** We are accepting White Elephant items after Worship Service. Please fill out the volunteer signup sheet and give to Cathy Pottle

or leave in the office. There is also a list of White Elephant items that we are unable to accept.

- **Brunching for Dollars** - extended offer November & December– **Sunday**, 10am-3pm! East Derry Tavern will donate 10% of the check back to First Parish Church. Please take a flyer and head over for Brunch!
- Poinsettias~ Order your Christmas Poinsettia! They are \$8 each and please order by Dec 8th
- There are Pledge Cards on the table for you to fill out if you haven't already done so.

Purchase or reload your  gift cards after church.

**You can help the church budget by when you shop at Hannafords.** A percentage of the dollars that you **already** spend at Hannafords can help the church. Checks can also be dropped off at the church during office hours. Thank you!

Holiday Shopping is around the corner! Amazon shopping: Do your Amazon shopping by going **FIRST** to the church website: [www.fpc-ucc.org](http://www.fpc-ucc.org) This program is different from Amazon Smile. We receive a much larger percentage of profit by going through our website.

## **First Parish Congregational Church IN OUR PRAYERS – November 10, 2019**

### **PRAYERS OF JOY**

Visit from the Aghadowey Rural Kinship  
Brittany (Pastor Deborah's daughter) & Jeremy welcomed  
Harlan Nathaniel, at 6:54pm on Oct. 21!

Thank you, Bill Smallwood of W.J. Smallwood Landscaping!  
Bricks look great!

Thank you, Paper Angels! We are good for now!

Harvest Supper- Wonderful seeing families and friends!

Thank you to all volunteers!

Wonder Wednesday Worship is such a breath of fresh air!  
An oasis in these troubled times.

Gratitude to people who are catching up with their pledges!  
SoulCollage\* and Labyrinth presentations were very well  
received at the NH UCC women's retreat!

Thanks to Liz and Pastor Deborah and the 12 women  
from First Parish who attended!

## **PRAYERS OF HEALTH and HEALING**

The family of Bill VenderWoude, who passed away after a  
long struggle with cancer

Prayers for Paula Robinson and family

Ken Gould has been moved to Mass General awaiting tests.

Alyssa Mulhern and her family, she is a friend of Diane  
Breedon, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and surgery  
is planned in a month.

Marge Palmer's sister Ruth in Wisconsin is in need of our  
prayers.

Jo Worthen's sister Barb continues to struggle with cancer.

Marge Palmer's Brother in law, Steve, passed away. Prayers  
for Nancy and the family.

Jo Worthen's co-worker Cindy lost her sister to cancer,  
leaving her husband and a 9 year son

Family and friends of Alice Coller who passed away on  
October 8<sup>th</sup> in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick Plouff, being treated for recurring leukemia.

Lynn Dinan, continued prayers for health and healing

Connie Cox's sister, Suzie: her husband Kent passed away after a long illness.

Randy Lariviere and his wife Dee - Medical Concerns  
(Randy)

Jessie Brooks, friend of Tim Beers, for strength

Tommie Pitts – medical concerns

## **SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS**

Andrea Cooper health & strength

Aghadowey Rural Kinship – their safe travels and enriching visit in the US!

Karen and Bob Wilson on their exciting year long voyage!

Southern NH Family Promise

Avis Hanson, Marjorie Palmer's cousin's wife, battling, and in treatment for, cancer

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

Jay Bingel – Health & strength

Tim Beers – Health & strength

Bob Dinan, father of Karen & Bob Wilson's friend Kristen

Wilson, ongoing struggle with cancer

Brian Krantz and ALL of the Wildland Firefighters this fire season

Victims of floods and fires and violence; Refugees and their families

People of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community

Friends of the Meetinghouse Board of Directors

Our Covenant Partner: Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc.