



**Second Christian Church of Kittery  
North Church of Portsmouth**  
**Worship with Holy Communion for All Saints' Sunday**  
**November 3, 2024 - 10:00 AM**

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us on-site or on-line,  
*Remember:* No matter who you are, no matter who you love,  
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!

(\* You are invited to stand as you are able)

**WE GATHER**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Centering Music**

**Call to Community †**

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

***Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.***

May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

***In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.***

May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

***And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.***

**\* Hymn #476**

***Rejoice in God's Saints***

HANOVER

**\* Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

***Loving God, Grant me grace to release everything too much or too little  
into your transforming fire of refinement.***

***Sear in me the strength of your saints - generous and gentle, focused and fierce -  
just enough to answer every devilish temptation  
distracting or denying your holy hope for my re-formation.***

***Form me anew from the inside out, centering others ahead of every selfishness  
that dares me to choose anything less than you.***

***Release me from the burdens and brokenness of my own making,  
that I may be readied to meet you in every ordinary saint  
whose path crosses mine in the gift of this day. Amen,***

**\* Words of Grace**

**\* Gloria**

Hirst/Effenberger

***Glory to you, creating One!***

***Glory to you, redeeming Son!***

***Glory to you, O Spirit, come!***

***Meet us now, make us one, glory to you, O God!***

**The Anthem**

***Nunc Dimittis***

Daniel Roihl

The Second Christian Choir

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **A Prayer before the Scripture Reading**

***Living God, help us so to hear and ponder your holy Word,  
that we may truly understand; and that understanding, we may believe;  
and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen,***

### **The Scripture**

Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

### **The Message**

*"Living in Troubled Times"*

## **WE RESPOND**

### **We Share our Joys and Concerns**

### **The Prayers of the People**

### **The Prayer of Our Savior**

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,***

### **An Invitation to Offering**

### **Special Music**

#### **\* Response (#379 in hymnal)**

ELLACOMBE

***Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,  
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.  
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill  
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.***

#### **\* Dedication of Gifts †**

***O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit  
that by our giving and our living others may be led to you.  
Reshape our priorities and grant us a willing vision to see and respond  
to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways  
and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into a life such as this.  
Bless these gifts that they may bless others. Amen,***

## **WE GATHER AT THE TABLE \*\***

### **We are Invited**

### **We Remember**

*(You are invited now to come forward to light a candle of remembrance, receive your communion packet, and return to your seat so we may share this Holy Communion together)*

## **We Bless the Gifts**

***Come Holy Spirit, life of our life!  
Bless this grain from the earth, this fruit of the vine.  
Make them food and drink of abundant life.  
As we share this meal, help us rejoice that Christ is present here.  
Give us love for one another, and make us servants of peace  
until your new age of justice comes, and every creature beholds it. Amen,***

## **We Share the Gifts**

(M. Tirabassi)

One: The bread in your hand is blessed and broken.  
As long as it is open to all, it is holy.

***Many: Sharing love, we will never be hungry***

The fruit of the vine in your hand is blessed and shared  
like the overflowing of tears and joy.

***Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.***

## **We Give Thanks**

***Thank you, gracious God, for life in the spirit of Jesus:  
for the witness we cannot forget,  
and the mission of justice you have made our own.  
Give us the gifts of Holy Communion:  
oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies,  
the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen,***

## **WE GO OUT**

**\* Hymn #637**

***For All the Saints***

SINE NOMINE

**\* A Blessing**

**Music for Going Out**

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## ***Welcome to worship!***

You have been greeted this morning by Nadine and Charlie Donnell.  
Our Ushers are Sharon and Ernie Wiswell. Mark Fecteau is our Liturgist.

We welcome the Rev. Jenn Mazur and all of our friends from North Church back to worship  
with us for a time while their sanctuary is being remodeled for a new season of ministry!

Please join us downstairs following worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship!

## **Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC**

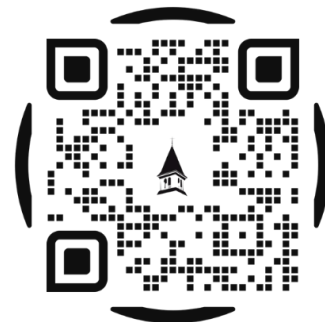
**An Open and Affirming Congregation**

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Rev. Brad Hirst, Pastor • Mike Effenberger, Music Director • Charles Donnell, Treasurer

**Welcoming... Learning... Going Out...**



### **The Week Ahead:**

#### **Monday, November 4:**

6:00pm    Seacoast Gay Men

#### **Tuesday, November 5:**

##### ***Election Day***

Don't forget to Vote!

7:00pm

##### ***Held in One Spirit:***

##### ***An Interfaith Election Day Gathering***

African Burying Grounds, Portsmouth

#### **Wednesday, November 6:**

10:00am    AA

6:30pm    Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, November 7:**

11:30am    Veterans Harvest Luncheon - *Kittery Community Center*

2:00pm    Prayer Time - *In Person here at the church.*

All are welcome!

6:30pm    Church Council Meeting

#### **Friday, November 8:**

9:00am    Breakfast with Brad at *Kasha's Kitchen*

#### **Sunday, November 10:**

10:00am    *Second Sunday Jazz Worship*

Rev. Jenn Mazur, preaching

### **Our Mission Statement**

***Second Christian Congregational United Church of Christ***

***is a God-centered, Christ-formed, Spirit-led,***

***Open and Affirming gathering of God's People.***

***It is our mission:***

***To welcome all people into our community of faith,***

***To learn together the cost and joy of discipleship, and***

***To go out into the world to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ,***

## **Rejoice in God's Saints**

***Rejoice in God's saints,  
today and all days;  
a world without saints  
forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring  
the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring,  
Lord, help us to share.***

***Some march with events  
to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw,  
the better to pray.  
Some carry the gospel  
through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish:  
their purpose is God.***

***Rejoice in those saints,  
unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross,  
or shoulder their own.  
They shame our complaining,  
our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring,  
what courage is theirs!***

***Rejoice in God's saints,  
today and all days;  
a world without saints  
forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living,  
they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving,  
Lord, leads us to you.***

## **For All the Saints**

***For all the saints,  
who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith  
before the world confessed  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Thou wast their rock,  
their fortress and their might:  
their strength and solace  
in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear,  
the one true light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!***

***O blest communion,  
fellowship divine!  
We live and struggle,  
they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee,  
for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!***

***And when the strife is fierce,  
the conflict long,  
steals on the ear  
the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again,  
and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!***

***From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl  
streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia!***

HANOVER

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MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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SINE NOMINE

WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906