



**Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C.
with North Church of Portsmouth**
Worship for the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 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 †

(Inspired by 1 Samuel 2)

One: The Holy One raises up the poor from the dust, lifts the needy into a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth belong to the Holy One. On them God has set the world.

Many: Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.

Wickedness will perish. Righteousness will thunder. For not by might does one prevail.

Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.

Worship the Holy One through grief and gladness, in despair and hope, in peace and trial.

Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.

* Hymn #543

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

* A Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Redeemer and Liberator, we call upon your power to make all things new.

***We confess that we have compromised your good news and settled for a comfortable
gospel rather than embrace the radical love, hospitality, and inclusion of your kingdom.***

***We have been satisfied with a faith that conforms to the world
rather than one that challenges the systems and ways of the world.***

***Forgive us for our focus on our own survival and pleasure
while your creation perishes all around us.***

For your mercy and in humble repentance, we pray. 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!

Special Music

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Alford/Raney

The Second Christian Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Reading of Scripture

M. Luti

*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

Jeremiah 29:10-14, Mark 13:1-8

The Message

"All Thrown Down"

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 †

*Holy Love, may these gifts and offerings make a difference
in the life of the communities we love, serve, and reflect.
May these gifts and offerings extend beyond the borders and boundaries
of the stones that encase us to the world that needs us.
May these gifts and offerings be a balm to a world in need of comfort
and a fire to a world in need of refining.
May it begin within us and flourish beyond us. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

* Hymn #724

O God of Earth and Altar

LLANGLOFFAN

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Don Tirabassi and Janet Topolewski.

Our Ushers are Rob and Kathryn Varney. Charlie Donnell is our Liturgist.

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

Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC

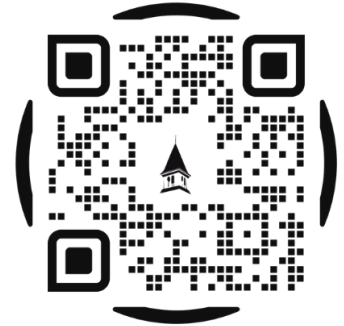
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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



The Week Ahead:

Monday, November 18:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Tuesday, November 19:

4:00pm As the Page Turns:
Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva

Wednesday, November 20:

10:00am AA
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21:

2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*

Friday, November 22:

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

Sunday, November 24:

10:00am *Worship for the Last Sunday after Pentecost!*
With our friends from North Church, Portsmouth
11:30am **Begin Set-Up for Fair** - Furniture moving
Vestry, Parlor, and CLAP Room

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,***

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his love.*

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

[Refrain]

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled
with his goodness, lost in his love.*

[Refrain]

ASSURANCE

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

MUSIC: George C. Hugg, 1895

Advent Book Study:

Beginning on **Tuesday, November 26** - *after*
wreath decorating or at 4:00pm, whichever
comes *last* - we will begin a 4 week study of
Erin Wathen's ***Calling All Angels: An Advent
Study of Fearlessness and Strength.***

*One hour sessions will be held in-person at
4:00pm on November 26, and December 3,
10, and 17.*

We have a limited number of copies of the
book available, so let Pastor Brad know ASAP,
or get your name on the sign-up sheet
downstairs!

O God of Earth and Altar

*O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry;
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide;
take not your thunder from us,
but take away our pride.*

*From all that terror teaches,
from lies of pen and tongue,
from all the easy speeches
that soothe in our wrong,
from sale and profanation
of honor and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!*

*Awaken us to action
and forge us into one,
Defying sect and faction;
O God, your will be done!
Oppressive systems snare us;
our apathies increase.
Great God, in mercy spare us
For justice and for peace.*

LLANGLOFFAN

WORDS: St. 1, 2, G. K. Chesterton, 1906

St. 3, Jane Parker Huber, 1985

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody

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