



**Second Christian Church of Kittery
North Church of Portsmouth
Second Sunday Jazz Worship
for the First Sunday during Lent
March 9, 2025 - 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	<i>Catch</i>	Gideon Forbes
Welcome & Announcements		
Centering Music	<i>Sunflower, 1969</i>	Gideon Forbes
Call to Community		

One: We come from many places, many lives, many beliefs.

We come to hear a Good Word, to be moved in heart and mind.

Many: We trust in the Lord to supply our need.

Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come.

We need only arrive, and be right here, where God welcomes us home.

* Hymn #546	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	NEW BRITAIN
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*** Gathering Prayer**

***Loving God,
we pray that your spirit will move among us
once again on this first Sunday in Lent.
We pray you will speak to us
to move us out of complacency
and into courageous action.
This morning, we commit once again
to placing our trust in you,
in your unfolding love, in your endless grace. Amen,***

* Gloria		Hirst/Effenberger
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***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	<i>Piece of a Pear</i>	Gideon Forbes
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WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

*God, wake us up to your grace once again.
Remind us who you are, and speak to us through these ancient words,
so that we might live them out today. Amen,*

The Scripture Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13

A Musical Interpretation

The Message "God Moves in the Wilderness" Rev. Jenn Mazur

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 *Thou Still* Gideon Forbes

* Response †† *Amen* African-American

* Dedication of Gifts

*Gracious God, we bless these gifts given with open hearts,
and we trust that you will move through them
to bring more love, justice and truth to the world. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

* Hymn #627 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out *Still Life* Gideon Forbes

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We are so pleased to welcome back our Second Sunday Jazz Trio! Today Mike Effenberger, Jim Rudolf and Rob Gerry are joined by Gideon Forbes a saxophonist, nay player, composer, and improviser in Brooklyn, NY. An in-demand collaborator in the NYC Arabic and creative music scenes, he is currently a member of the New York Arabic Orchestra, Big Beat Big Band, Takht al-Naghham, The Brooklyn Nomads, and Habibi Gün.

Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Tim and Kathy Runey.

Our Ushers are Rob and Diane McDonough, and Kathy Maloney is our Liturgist.

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

We invite you to please keep your name tag on when you 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, March 10:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Tuesday, March 11:

6:30pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, March 12:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13:

2:00pm Prayer Time - via Zoom

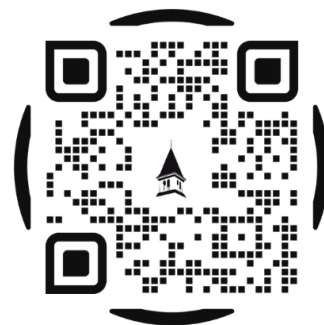
6:30pm Doorkeepers Meeting

Friday, March 14:

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

Sunday, March 16:

10:00am ***Worship for the Second Sunday during Lent***
Rev. Brad Hirst, preaching



Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.*

NEW BRITAIN
WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous
MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831;
Harm. Edwin O. Excel, 1900

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
in my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

SOJOURNER
WORDS: African-American spiritual
MUSIC: African-American spiritual;
harm J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

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Girl Scout Cookies!

There's still time to place your order with **Troop 919** to get a box or two of your favorite classics - and maybe one of their new varieties!

The order form is downstairs. Orders need to be placed by next Sunday, March 16.

Delivery will be on or around March 23!