Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C.

Worship with Holy Communion for

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Welcome one and all!
Remember: No matter who you are, no matter who you love,
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're always welcome here!

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

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Community † (inspired by Psalm 34)

One: Bless the Holy One with continuous praise.
Magnify Love and let us exalt God's many names together!
Many: We sought the Gracious One. God answered and delivered.
Bless the Sovereign One with boasting and gladness.
We turn to the Glorious God who radiates joy and safety upon us.
Bless the Mighty God who encamps around us!
O taste and experience that God is good! Praise the Holy One!

*** Hymn #10** ***Bring Many Names*** WESTCHASE

*** Prayer for Transformation and New Life** †

Loving God, we confess that we have not embraced your vision of beloved community.
We find ways to restrict who belongs and fail to make space for diversity and difference.
We bicker over how we worship and consider practices other than our own
with indifference and disdain rather than appreciation and curiosity.
We allow the divisiveness of the world to separate your church.
We center ourselves in worship and try to make you in our image
rather than expanding the circle and recognizing your image in our neighbor.
Transform us, O God, so that we may reflect the beauty of your creation
and the vastness of your love. Amen,

*** Words of Grace**

*** Response** 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 *From Life to Life* Daniel Nelson
The Second Christian Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading (Mary Luti)

Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth
and wake up our hearts by the Word we now declare and ponder.
In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope, and fresh courage
for witness in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen,

The Scripture Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

The Message *"Some Blessings"*

WE RESPOND

We Share our Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and the Naming of the Departed

The Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen,

Invitation to Generosity

Special Music

*** Response** (#382 in hymnal, v. 1 only) SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be,
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.

*** Dedication of Gifts** †

Holy Love, we pray that you receive these gifts.
Bless those who have accepted the call to generosity
and those entrusted with the responsibility of these offerings.
May your church be enlivened and your people nurtured in care
through these tangible expressions of our love of you and neighbor. Amen,

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We are Invited

The Great Thanksgiving

Let us pray: God be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to God.***

Let us give thanks to God Most High. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right and a good and glorious thing, always and every way to give you thanks…

…and so, remembering that we are yours, we join our voices with saints in every time and place, forever singing your praise:

Sanctus (Marti McMane)

Holy, holy, holy God ruler almighty;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God.
Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

[*You are invited to come forward to receive your packet of gluten-free bread and a grape then light a candle of remembrance before returning to your seat where we will commune together.*]

The Words of Institution

We Bless the Elements

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Bless this grain of the field, bless this fruit of the vine,
bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table
that our eyes might be opened and we may recognize our risen Savior
in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. Amen,

We Share the Elements

We Give Thanks

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table
where along with your saints in every time and place, we receive Christ's gifts.
Provide for your church a strong faith and increased love for one another.
Bless us with the grace to praise you with our whole lives
that we might be a blessing to all the world. Amen,

WE GO OUT

*** Hymn #637** ***For All the Saints*** SINE NOMINE

*** A Blessing**

*** Response** (#445 in Hymnal) ***Go in Peace*** OCEAN PARK

Go in peace and the peace of God, be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God, be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy, celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God, be with you always.

Music for Going Out

† Some of this morning's liturgy is adapted for our use from *UCC Worship Ways* © 2026. Permission granted.

Welcome to Worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Elaine Hansberry and Priscilla deRochemont. Our Ushers are Don Tirabassi and David Sutton. Linda Wentworth is our Liturgist.

Please be sure to 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 2:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Tuesday, November 3: ***Election Day!***

Make a plan. Make it happen!
Bring Jesus with you!

Wednesday, November 4:

10:00am AA

1:00pm In Person Prayer Time

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5:

3:00pm Kittery Community Supper - Footprints Food Pantry
Second Christian's turn to Serve!

Friday, November 6:

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

10:30-noon Coat/Clothing Drive Sorting Party!

Sunday, November 8:

10:00am ***Second Sunday Jazz***
for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
with our *Second Sunday Jazz Quartet*

Bring Many Names

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

WESTCHASE
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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!

SINE NOMINE
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MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906