



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister  
Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister  
Joan W. Priest, Minister of Visitation  
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**November 26, 2017**

**11:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *For The Beauty Of The Earth*

John Rutter

\*Processional Hymn: #27 “Now Thank We All Our God”

\*Call to Worship (paraphrasing Psalm 118):

God calls us this day to a life of joy.

**With God, joy cracks through the bonds of despair.**

With God, joy bursts forth from moments of quiet pleasure.

**With God, joy decorates the edges of even ordinary days.**

This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Let us lift up our hearts to the love and praise of God.**

\*Invocation

\*The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

\*Unison Reading:

**Hope is not a lottery ticket you can sit on the sofa and clutch, feeling lucky.**

**It is an axe you break down doors with in an emergency.**

**Hope should shove you out the door,**

**because it will take everything you have to steer the future away from endless war,**

**from the annihilation of the earth's treasures**

**and the grinding down of the poor and marginal...**

**To hope is to give yourself to the future -**

**and that commitment to the future is what makes the present inhabitable.**

— *Rebecca Solnit, Hope in the Dark*

\*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Acts 28: 1-2 (NT, pg. 141)

\*Hymn: #529 “Let All Things Now Living”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Sing And Exult*

Eugene Butler

\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

\*Offertory Prayer

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit and Abigail Cipparone

\*Hymn: #441 "We Would Be Building"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Lord Bless You And Keep You*

John Rutter

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing*

*Large print versions of the bulletin are available from the ushers.*

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

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*The flowers this morning are given by Bob and Sally McCracken  
in memory of their parents, Henry and Eleanor McCracken, and Charles and Carolyn Wood.*  
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*This morning we welcome Abigail Cipparone to the pulpit. Abigail is in her junior year at Yale University, where she is majoring in international studies. She has been active in our congregation for many years, and has participated in a number of our mission journeys and outreach programs.*  
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*The hosts for Fellowship hour are Paul Chapman, David Roberts,  
Cathy Mathis and Michele Delmhorst.  
The deacon on duty is Don Gonci.  
Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 9 AM service.  
If you need help finding it, please ask the ushers to assist you.*  
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*If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you  
to join us in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.  
We invite you to pick up a “Welcome” packet, which can be found in the vestibule.  
We hope this information will be helpful in acquainting you with  
our church and its activities and programs.  
Quiet Activity Bags for young children are in the vestibule.  
They are colorful bags with quiet projects for our youngest members.  
Please feel free to offer these bags to your children.*  
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*The Rev. David W. Good serves as our Minister Emeritus.  
The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby is our Minister for Haitian Outreach.  
Thomas Burke (4<sup>th</sup> year Yale Divinity School student) serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel.*

### **LBS Elephants In Winter**

The pre-Christmas Elephants-in-Winter sale takes place in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme on *Saturday, December 2nd, from 9 am to 3 pm*; again on *Sunday, December 3rd from 9 am to 1 pm*; and at 50% discount on *Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon*, prior to the monthly Luncheon. The Elephants-in-Winter sale features assorted Christmas decorations and gifts, handmade craft items, and special treasures from many of FCCOL’s mission partnerships: from the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, from Haiti, and from Palestine.

**Adult Forums TODAY:** Paul Colburn, CT DEEP, black bears in CT. **December 3:** Dr. David & Cary Walker reckoning with the changes in our lives. **December 10:** Amnesty International Write-A-Thon. **December 17:** Handel's, The Messiah.

**New Members** It is our custom to receive new members twice a year. If you have been attending, or visiting, and would like to talk about membership (ask any question you might have), Steve, Carleen or Joan would love the opportunity to sit down over a cup of coffee and chat! Please call any one of us and let's set up a time and place. ***We will be receiving new members on December 3rd.*** The New Members orientation meeting will be *Thursday, November 30th, at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. There will be a New Members luncheon on *December 3rd at 12:00 pm.*

**LBS Christmas Luncheon** The ever-popular Lyme-Old Lyme High School's Select Choir, under the direction of Kristine Pekar, returns! After an unbroken 15-year run, last year the Choir journeyed to Pearl Harbor to perform at a national commemoration at the historic site. Now the Choir will again be with us to entertain with holiday music at the December monthly luncheon of the Ladies Benevolent Society of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme on *Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon.* The LOL High School Select Choir has been performing at the annual December LBS luncheon since the 1970s, when grandparents of current Choir members may well have performed! Luncheons are open to all and are served promptly at noon. The cost is \$5 with a contribution of canned goods for the Shoreline Food Pantry. The music begins about 1 pm. This program is always a sell-out. So please make reservations by calling the church office at 860-434-8686 before noon on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Gorgeous projects recently created by the LBS Ladies Who Stitch and holiday treasures from the Elephants-in-Winter sale was also be on offer. The Elephants-in-Winter treasures will be half-off on the morning before the Luncheon.

**NEW LBS COOKBOOK PRESERVES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES** LBS has collected more than 300 tested and cherished recipes from members and friends. Some come from Grandma's table; some are almost as new as yesterday. One of the great treasures of our church family is a very deep reservoir of remarkable cooking wisdom accumulated over decades, centuries even. Cookbooks, \$10, available at the church office.

**Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, December 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor** The Christmas Season is typically steeped with tradition, when families gather and everyone around you seems to be celebrating. All this can make holidays painful when you are grieving the loss of someone who has been a significant part of your life or any painful loss you are facing. We gather this month to share ways to help each of us navigate through the holidays this year. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, December 8. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

**Bible Study** Becky Crosby is leading a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts to discover how he shaped Christianity. To accompany our study, we will read A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:45** in the church's Library, and we will meet every Thursday until December 21st, when we will break for Christmas. Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share.

**Book Study** We'll meet on *Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>*, following the 11 am worship service to discuss The Book of Joy: conversations with the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu, edited by Douglas Carlton. This is a delightful little book chronicling conversations between these two faith leaders – conversations about some of life's challenges and joys, and the ways in which their faith has guided their living. Perhaps this is a good book to consider as a Christmas gift! Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will lead the discussions. You are surely welcome even if you haven't read the book! 12 noon in the church library, January 7<sup>th</sup>. A Christmas book recommendation from the Environmental folks: The Water Will Come by Jeff Goodell. This recently released book sheds light on the effect rising seas will have on our coastlines, cities, and communities. A good read on an important subject!

**In God's Neighborhood** Today in God's Neighborhood the children will be making brownies for the SPF to take to the New London Community Meal Center. They will also be working on their Abraham projects. JPF will remain in the Meetinghouse to hear the sermon. SPF youth will be serving chili for dinner this evening at the New London Community Meal Center. They should meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. Pick up will be in New London.

**Upcoming activities:**

Gifts Made With Love — December 10, 2017 10:30-2:30. Registration forms will be ready on December 1, 2017 through email and on Sunday December 3 in person. (SPF, please RVSP if you can help.)

Christmas Pageant — December 17, 2017. Practice Starts at 2:30 and the performance is at 5:00 pm. All SPF, JPF, and children are welcome to join us — snacks will be served before the performance.

Sunday School Parents: Please join us for a Parent Social during Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant on 12/17, 2:30 — 4:30pm, hosted at the home of Shay and Matt Cantner. Bring a snack and/or drink to share. RSVP to [shaycantner@me.com](mailto:shaycantner@me.com) or [amandajarvis03@gmail.com](mailto:amandajarvis03@gmail.com).

**Help Wanted to Count Sunday Offering** Volunteers are needed to join teams of offering counters. To volunteer your time to support this important function of the Church, please contact Allan Kiem, the Financial Secretary, by e-mail at [kiem36@live.com](mailto:kiem36@live.com); or phone at 860-434-5216.



*"We Depend Upon One Another!"*

**"Help thy brother's boat across, and lo! Thine own has reached the shore".**

-Hindu Proverb

We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us. During our 2018 Stewardship Campaign, please faithfully consider how your investment can sustain and grow the extraordinary ministries and missions of this church – and strengthen the blessings of interdependence that we receive from our Mission partnerships.

**Haiti Trip 2018 for Senior Pilgrim Fellowship is scheduled for April 13 to 20, 2018.** Our first meeting will be *Sunday, January 21 at 12 noon.* Please contact Becky Crosby <[rtcros@ftcrosby.com](mailto:rtcros@ftcrosby.com)> if you or your child is interested in joining us this year. More details are in the December newsletter.

**Ladies Who Stitch** are knitting and sewing up a storm - we're adding new ideas and creations weekly for sale and donation. You can shop with us most Mondays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium. We'll meet once more on November 27th and then after the December sales, we'll take a break until January. All proceeds go to the church's outreach programs.

**Tree of Life Journey January 2018** January 2-14 with optional extension to Jordan through January 18. "The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond." The cost for this journey is \$2100 for double occupancy and \$450 additional for a single room. Cost of the extension is \$700 for double occupancy and \$200 additional for single. Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director, for more details at [mary@tolef.org](mailto:mary@tolef.org).

**Fuller Center for Housing Disaster Relief** Fuller Center is making plans to respond to the environmental disaster in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. There is the possibility of a group responding to these needs in the first few months of 2018. Please email Allison Hine, [allisonghine@gmail.com](mailto:allisonghine@gmail.com), and we'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

## **The Partnership Co-Op Annual Holiday Sale**

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Featuring Native American crafts, Haitian art and Palestinian goods

**Join us for our Grand Opening Reception Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 8pm**

Wine, snacks and a raffle on Main Street in Old Saybrook!

**264 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475**

(the old Southern Exposure building located between Cartier Optical and Nail Spa)

### **Storefront hours:**

Opening Reception Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8pm

Friday's, December 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 10am – 6pm

Saturday's, December 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 10am – 6pm

Sunday's, December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 11am – 5pm

The Partnership Co-operative is a collection of several non-profit organizations based out of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. All proceeds are returned to the artisans of the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, participating Haitian artists and the Tree of Life Educational Fund.

**To learn more about our collective of non-profits, please visit our websites.**

Tribal Crafts, Inc. featuring Lakota art and crafts: [www.tribalcrafts.org](http://www.tribalcrafts.org)

The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education: [www.crosbyfund.org](http://www.crosbyfund.org)

Tree of Life Educational Fund: [www.tolef.org](http://www.tolef.org)

### **Save the Date FCCOL Christmas Open House, Friday, December 15th, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.**

Come sing your favorite carols with the beautiful voices of our choir, visit with friends and celebrate the beauty of the holiday season. As a special treat for parents and caretakers, you are welcome to bring your children to Sheffield Auditorium for an evening of supervised fun while you relax with the big kids in Fellowship Hall! Our own FCCOL Artists will showcase their beautiful wares, and a portion of the proceeds will help support our Partnership Collective

### **Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week**

**Sunday School** *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, November 27th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**LBS Board Meeting** *Tuesday, November 28th at 10:00 am* in Library.

**Board of Deacons** *Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Writing Group** *Wednesday, November 29th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Children's Choir** *Wednesday, November 29th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, November 29th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study** *Thursday, November 30th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

**New Members Orientation** *Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 pm*, Sheffield Auditorium.

**Elephants In Winter Sale** *Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm* in Fellowship.