



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 24, 2024

Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”**

by John Dressler. Words by Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

*Processional Hymn: #526 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

(accompanied by the Old Lyme Ringers)

*Call to Worship:

We are not alone.

Earth names us: past and present, peoples near and far,

Family and friends and strangers

Show us who we are.

Let us be a house of welcome,

living stone upholding living stone,

Gladly showing all our neighbors,

We are not our own.

Joined in community, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Order for Reception of New Members

Hymn: #382 “The House of Faith”

Children's Message

God's Neighborhood

Children's Song: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

by John Rutter (born 1945)

*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.

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: "Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

The image shows the first system of musical notation for the prayer response. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

The image shows the second system of musical notation for the prayer response. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody continues from the first system, ending with a final chord.

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-18, I Corinthians 3: 10-13

Sermon: "Revealed With Fire: Why the Institutional Church (Still) Matters, and How It Can Help"
Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

Closing Hymn: #411 "We Would Be Building"

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

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.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 16: 13-18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I Corinthians 3: 10-13

According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

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Oh master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me Thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach my Thy patience; still with Thee in closer dearer company in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Father, let me live.

Offertory Anthem: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

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The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

We then, as members of this Church, gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in love and sympathy, to join with you in the ministries of grace to neighbors near and far, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the life of faith.

This morning we are pleased to welcome as new members:

Sandy D'Esopo

Christine Harrington

Gary and Pat Jungkeit

Heather Laidlaw

Marcello Marvelli and Rosemarie Padovano

Ben and Meghan Merris

Wendell Webber

Berit Weymers

The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are Susan and Wayne Mountz.

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*The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.*  
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Events and Meeting

New Members Luncheon *Today following the worship service in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Coffee Hour *following the worship Service in the Fellowship Hall as always.*

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Tuesday, November 26th at 5:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Community Thanksgiving Service *Tuesday, Nov.26th at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.*

The FCCOL Office *will be closed Thursday, November 28th.*

Church Holiday Decorating *Friday, November 29th, see Sean McCarty for more details.*

Al Piela Memorial Service *Saturday, November 30th at 1:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.*

Community Thanksgiving Service November 26th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

All are welcome to join us for our Community Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse, featuring choirs from St. Ann's Episcopal Church and our church, under the direction of Simon Holt and Hector Migliacci from St. Ann's Church.

There will be a Choir Rehearsal beginning at 5:30 pm for anyone who would like to join this special event.

Our Youth Group will be serving at the New London Community Meal Center, TODAY. Meeting at the church by 3:30 to serve from 4:00 -6:00pm. We still have space for two more volunteers. Contact Jolene, if you would like to volunteer 860-460-9511.

Hanging of the Greens Come join Sean McCarty our Sexton in the first-annual Hanging of the Greens on Friday, November 29th at 1:00 pm as our church prepares for the Christmas season! Help hang up wreaths, set up Christmas trees, and celebrate the upcoming holidays with cider and other refreshments. If interested, please email the church office: fccol@fccol.org, text Sean (860-710-8414), or just show up! All are welcome.

Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace: Journeys through Genesis and Exodus

Curious about what we do in Bible Study? Wondering about the problem of evil and where the heck God might be found on any given day? Bible Study is every Thursday, 11:00 am till 12:00 pm. Hybrid format in person and on Zoom. Join us for rich discussion and wanderings as we pick up our reading of Genesis with Joseph, his brothers and that famous technicolor coat. Our companion book this fall will be "*Reading Genesis*" by Marilynne Robinson. Robinson wrote, "*The whole of human existence is like some sweet parable told in the most improbable place and circumstances...God values our humanity. One of the things that's fascinating about the Hebrew Bible is that it declared and was loyal to the fact that God is good and creation is good.*"

Need Help this Thanksgiving With Food? We've posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, lots of opportunities from SSKP for help and fellowship .

FCCOL Science Discussion Group plan to meet Sunday, December 1st at 11:30 am after the worship service in Hoag Parlor. For more information contact Tom Sherer at tesjr299@outlook.com or (860) 575-9062.

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign is progressing well. Thanks to 200 of our members and friends we have received commitments for the 2025 campaign of \$502,414 or 84% of this year's goal of \$600,000 and 350 contributors. This is a great start. However, it is important that we reach our goal. Individual contributions account for over three-quarters of the funds the church needs to fund our staff, property and benevolence giving each year. So, if you have not already sent in your commitment card for 2025, please call the church office (860-434-8686). The

Board of Stewardship will also be sending out reminders shortly. Please respond as generously as you are able. With gratitude from your Board of Stewardship.

Musical Masterworks will be presenting 2 concerts at FCCOL Saturday, December 7th at 5:00 pm and Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 pm in the Meetinghouse. Tickets can be purchased at <https://musicalmasterworks.org/concerts/december-7-8-2024/>

Sunday Flowers

We're scheduling members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for Sunday. If desired, flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, with a dedication in the bulletin. Flowers or greenery can be fresh from your garden or from a florist, or a house plant would be lovely, as well. To sign up, call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

Housing Wanted

We regularly hear from folks who are in need of an affordable rental. If you have any information that could be helpful, please let Anne in the office know. Even for a room to rent for a period of time would be greatly appreciated.

An Update on the David W. Good Memorial Fund

Shortly after David Good's memorial service this past April, FCCOL invited members and friends to contribute to a fund established in his honor. Thanks to the generosity expressed by many of you, that fund now stands at a little over \$22,000, and counting. To reflect David's long commitment to mission partnerships and education, the ministers, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and the Endowment Committee, have decided that the fund will be used to support the ongoing work of our partnerships. The fund will be invested along with our endowment, though unlike the endowment itself, it will be available for use when needed. Whether for Green Grass or Palestine, for South Africa or Haiti, or a newer venture, the David W. Good Memorial Fund will be used to expand upon the work that David began, and that we continue in his memory.

Note From the Treasurer

As we approach the end of the year we hope that everyone will be able to satisfy their pledge commitments for 2024. Almost a year ago we reluctantly had to present a deficit budget to the congregation since our projected income was not forecast to cover expected expenses. As always, and especially this year, additional contributions are welcome and needed. Early in December we will be mailing 2024 contributions statements to ensure our records match yours. Please call Julie or me in the church office (860-434-8686) with any questions or concerns. Thanks to all who faithfully support our church! Bob McCracken, Treasurer

**A QUIET CHRISTMAS SERVICE
TO LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS**

Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm at FCCOL

For those of us desiring a more contemplative and meditative Christmas, please join us for a quiet Advent service of music, prayer and candle lighting in the name of healing and peace for one another and the world. Featuring the wonderful woodwind quintet, Elm City Winds, from New Haven.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AT FCCOL

Friday, December 13th from 6:00—8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 22nd at 10:00 AM



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24th

THE LIVING MANGER

5:00 PM Service for families with young children

***CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS***

8:00 PM and 10:00 PM Services



CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th the church will be open for prayer and meditation.



EPIPHANY SERVICE AND BRUNCH

Sunday, January 5th at 10:00 am
in celebration of 3 Kings Day

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