



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Close Now Thine Eyes”**

text by Francis Quarles (1592-1644)
and music by Daniel E. Gawthorp (born 1949)

*Processional Hymn: #33 “When In Our Music God is Glorified”

*Call to Worship:

Eternal light, shine in our hearts;

Eternal hope, lift up our eyes;

Eternal power, be our support;

Eternal wisdom, make us wise.

Eternal life, raise us from death;

Eternal brightness, help us to see;

Eternal Spirit, give us breath;

Eternal God, help us to believe.

On this All Saints Sunday,

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(Children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday school)

A Litany of Remembrance in Music and Word

Cello Suite #1, Prelude and Allemande,

by J.S. Bach (Ramzi Aburedwan and Michael Dabroski)

A Suite for David Good, Movements I and II, written and performed by Michael Dabroski

Cello Suite #1, Courante and Sarbande,

by J.S. Bach (Ramzi Aburedwan and Michael Dabroski)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: Hymn Anthem on the Tune **"Marion"** by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*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

A Suite for David Good, Movements III and IV, written and performed by Michael Dabroski
Cello Suite #1, Menuet 1 & 2 and Gigue,
by J.S. Bach (Ramzi Aburedwan and Michael Dabroski)

A Suite for David Good, Movements V and VI, written and performed by Michael Dabroski

Hymn: #486 “For All the Saints” (verses 1 and 2)

A Reading of the Names of Those We Remember Before God

The Sounding of the Bells

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn: #486 “For All the Saints” (verses 4 and 5)

Benediction

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, her or their 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.

Choir Anthems

Introit: “Close Now Thine Eyes”

text by Francis Quarles (1592-1644)
and music by Daniel E. Gawthorp (born 1949)

Text: Close now thine eyes and rest secure; Thy soul is safe enough thy body sure. He that loves thee, He that keeps and guards thee never slumbers, never sleeps. The smiling conscience in a sleeping breast has only peace, has only rest. The music and the mirth of kings are all but very discords when she sings. Then close thine eyes and rest secure; no sleep so sweet as thine, no rest so sure.

Offertory Anthem: Hymn Anthem on the tune "**Marion**" by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Text: Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your festal banner raise on high, the Cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek, raise high your free exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Your clear Hosannas raise, and Alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths on incense cloud. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the hymns our fathers loved, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God for evermore. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Amen.



This morning we are honored to welcome **Ramzi Aburedwan and Michael Dabroski** to our worship service. Both are long time friends of FCCOL and of Tree of Life.

Ramzi was born in Bethlehem and raised in a refugee camp in Ramallah, where he first began to hone his musical gifts. He is the founder of the Da'Ouna Musical Ensemble, which we'll be privileged to hear later this evening. Ramzi has been featured in a number of documentaries, and was the main subject of Sandy Tolan's 2015 book *Children of the Stone: The Power of Music in a Hard Land*. Previously, Ramzi worked with Tree of Life to share his vision of music and healing with communities here in the Northeast.

Michael grew up in the United States, and currently moves back and forth between Havana, Cuba and southern Florida. He uses his training as a violinist to bring music to underserved communities here in the U.S., but also in Palestine, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and other locations. Michael is driven by the conviction that music has a profound responsibility to connect communities, to inspire positive change and to provide solace amidst hardship and suffering. Michael traveled to Palestine with Tree of Life in 2015, and has remained a friend since that time.

Tonight at FCCOL

**Tree of Life Educational Fund & FCCOL present a concert in celebration
of the Tree of Life's late founder, The Reverend David W. Good.**

With Ramzi Aburedwan and the D'Ouna Ensemble and guest violinist Michael Dabroski

Dinner at 5:30 pm, Concert at 7:00 pm.

\$30 for the Concert and Dinner
\$10 for the Concert only
(pay at the door)

The flowers this morning are given in memory of all of our deceased loved ones.

The hosts for the Fellowship hour this morning are Cathy Mathis and friends.

The nursery is open today. Please welcome our new staff member Erin Cameron.

Upcoming Events this Week

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, November 3rd at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Walt's Pottery Class *Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00 pm* in the Pottery Studio.

Board of Missions Meeting *Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Handbell Ringers Rehearsal *Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, November 5th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study: The Book of Exodus: Stories of Exile and the Search for Freedom

Thursday, November 6th, 11:00 am in the Library. Email the church at fccol@fccol.org or call 860-434-8686 for the link to the zoom Bible Study.

Shoreline Food Pantry *Saturday, November 8th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Artist in Residence: Tom Piazza *Sunday, November 9th service followed by an Adult Forum at 11:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

And in the Next Weeks Ahead

Artist in Residence Tom Piazza: Author and musician Tom Piazza will be returning on Sunday, November 9th, to talk about his latest book, *Living in the Present with John Prine*, a loving testimony to both friendship and loss. John Prine remains one of America's greatest singer-songwriters, and his body of work is for the ages. In 2018, Tom profiled John Prine for the Oxford American, beginning an intimate friendship that was cut tragically short by Prine's death in 2020 from Covid-19. Prior to his death, Prine had asked Tom to work with him on a memoir. While far different than what either of them might have wished, this is the book that resulted.

What, you may ask, does this have to do with the life of faith? Plenty. It is a book about friendship. It is a book about the ties that bind us to one another. It is a portrait of a man whose art, whose songs, were about seeing the human beings that surround us, whose art awakened a curiosity, and empathy, in his listeners. It is a book about what it is to connect deeply with another human being, and what it means to say goodbye. And it is a celebration of the power of music and poetry to speak into the depths of the human story.

Tom will speak from the pulpit, but he'll also join us for an adult forum at 11:30, when we'll talk about friendship and the legend of John Prine.

Elephants-In-Winter and Partnership Holiday Sale

Saturday, November 15th (9am-2pm) and Sunday, November 16th (9am-1pm)

The Benevolent Society and the Partnership Committee are excited to jump start your holiday experience with their annual Elephants-in-Winter and Holiday Sale. As in the past few years, there will be two unique and different sales held at FCCOL that will help all shoppers, young and old, get everything they could possibly need for the 2025 holiday season.

Seriously.....gifts and decorations, dinnerware and olive oils, mittens and wrapping paper. Two very different types of sales, held in multiple rooms, over the same two days.

Homeless Hospitality Concert and Fundraiser at FCCOL: Community Benefit Concert with the **Yale Whiffenpoofs** and a wine reception in support of the New London Homeless Hospitality Center at FCCOL on **Sunday, November 30th** from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Tickets are \$50. Join us to celebrate music, community and compassion in helping HHC continue its important work helping our neighbors get a home. Tickets can be purchased at: givebutter.com/whiffs.

IRIS Donations for Families Requested: With the onset of fall and chillier temperatures, we have heard from recent discussions with IRIS (the Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services in New Haven) that there is a special need for gently used blankets, twin size bedding, towels, hats, gloves and socks. If anyone might have something they would like to clear out of their closets, please feel free to leave your greatly appreciated donations on the Sheffield stage over the next few weeks. We are planning a 'run' to IRIS in the first week of November. Warm thanks!!

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign We are deeply grateful to the 162 members and friends who have come forward with commitments so far of \$421,475, or 65% of the 2026 goal of \$650,000. Without the continuing generosity of our congregation we could not support the missions and ministries of our church year to year. Contributions from individual members and friends provide funding for over 75% of our annual needs. We hope that those who have not yet responded will do so generously. If you have not received our letter and commitment card, please call the church office (860-434-8686) and we will remedy that! **THANK YOU!**

Names of Those We Remember Before God
(in alphabetical order)

Sally Aubrey
Samuel Baez
Antonio C. Bairos
Judy Beers
Janet Bent
Peter Brant
Charles E. Brinley
Robert (Rick) Bugbee
Donna Byrne
Peter Carlson
Nancy Connell
Morgan Ely
John (Jack) Fitzpatrick
Thomas Fowler
Jeffrey Goldstein
Rev. David W. Good
Jack Harned
Frances Hart
Jennifer Hillhouse
Bill Jackson
Majorie Brubacher Jackson
Betty Kent
Wayne Kyder
Caroline Larken
Fleur Lawrence
Sarah Martin
Sally McCracken
Phyllis McDowell
Gerry Moore
Al Piela
Dave Preston
Mary Pullen
Carolyn Shattuck
Judy and Philip Simmons
Michellee Speirs
Lilly Spratt
Jane Stubenbord
Robert Taisey
Jackie and Sam Walker
Sid Whelan
Matthew Winkler