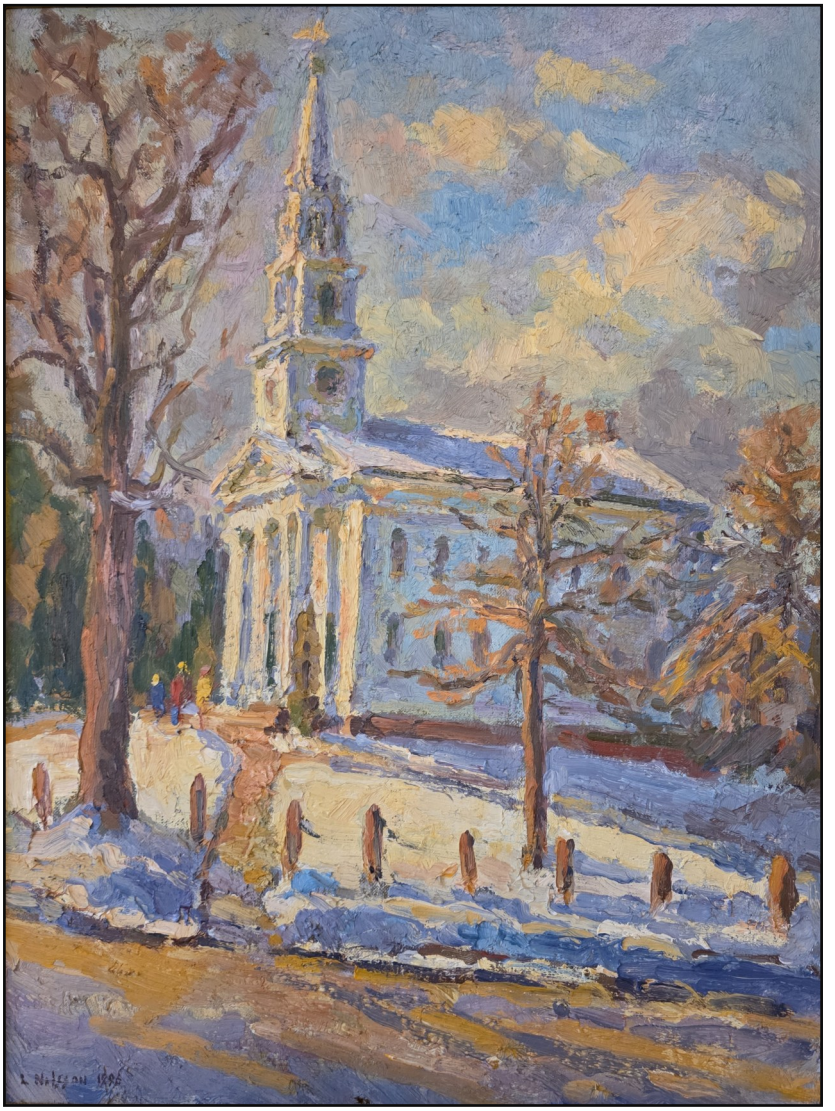

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Rebecca Crosby, Parish Associate Minister - Gary Comstock, Parish Associate Minister
Simon Holt, Director of Music

November 22, 2026 Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **"Come, Ring Thanks!"** arr. John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

*Processional Hymn: #526 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

* Call to Worship:

Friends, we gather today with hearts that are full of thanks,
even as we carry our worries and losses.
We come as we are, and we come with thanks.
We give thanks for the earth that feeds us,
and for the people who have held us up.
May our gratitude make us generous and just.
Thankfulness does not look away from the world's brokenness.
It sees clearly what is worth healing.
Let our thanks stir us toward the work of repair.
We are here. We are grateful.
Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #527 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Children's Message

Children's Song: "Make New Friends"

A four-part round
Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.
A circle's round, it has no end. That's how long I want to be your friend.

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offertory Invitation

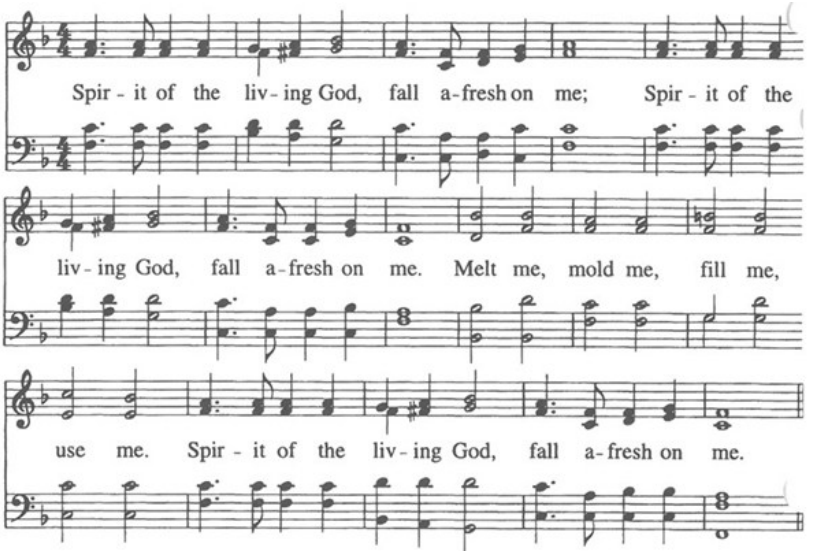
Offertory Anthem: **"Psalm of Celebration"** by Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

*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 — Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Pastoral Prayer Response: "Spirit of the Living God"



Scriptures: Philippians 4: 4-7, Romans 5: 3-5

Sermon: "You Saw the Whole of the Moon" — Rev. Dr. Steve Jungkeit with some help from Victor Slezak

*Closing Hymn: #529 "Let All Things Now Living"

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 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.

Scriptures:

Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in God always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. God is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5: 3-5

And not only that, but we also embrace our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Luke 10: 1

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

Handbell Music Notes

Introit: "Come, Ring Thanks!" arr. John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

The morning Introit played by the Old Lyme Ringers is a medley of two Thanksgiving hymns: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*, which is not found in our hymnal, and the other is *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, found in our hymnal as Hymn #526. For variety in the piece the arranger employs Choirchimes and the use of mallets.

Choir Anthems:

Offertory Anthem: **"Psalm of Celebration"** by Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

Text: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, his righteousness endures forever. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. God sent redemption to his people, has commanded his covenant forever, holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

The flowers today are given by Sandy Long in loving memory of Dave Long.

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The host for the Fellowship hour this morning is Kathy Sugland.

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The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.

Today at FCCOL

Reading the Bible in One Year Discussion at 11:30 in the Library.

Adult Forum Ron Sabatelli at 11:30 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.
Parenthood…What now?
Exploring the contemporary views of parenthood and grandparenthood; addressing the modern stresses parents face and the rising levels of anxiety tied to preparing children for the future.

DINE: New London Youth Group departing FCCOL at 3:30 pm.

Varsity Bells Rehearsal at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week at FCCOL

The Benevolent Society Meeting *Tuesday, November 24th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Folding the Newsletter *Tuesday, November 24th.*

Hanging of the Greens *Friday, November 27th at 10:00 am,* see below for more details.

Yoga with Isabelle *Saturday, November 28th at 10:30 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

New Member Orientation *Sunday, November 29th 11:30 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Varsity Bells Rehearsal *Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Drivers Wanted

The FCCOL Immigration Ministry team is looking for two drivers to assist with a family's medical appointments in Hartford. For more information or to volunteer please contact: lovingkindness025@gmail.com.

Discover FCCOL: New Member Orientation

Are you new to our church community or curious to learn more about what we do? Please join us for our **New Member Orientation** on **Sunday, November 29th**, held in the **Sheffield Auditorium** immediately following the church service.

This informal gathering is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, learn about FCCOL's history and vision, and discover what makes this the place where love rolls up its sleeves! We'll have fresh coffee ready and plenty of time to chat and get to know one another. Whether you are ready to join or just want to see what we are all about, everyone is welcome.

Hanging of the Greens

"Come join our Sexton, Sean McCarty, in the third-annual Hanging of the Greens on Friday, November 27th at 10:00 am 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."

Flowers for Sunday Worship Services

Would you like to donate flowers for the Sunday worship services? Please call Jill Harned (603) 398-9004 to reserve a date or reach out to the office at (860-434-8686) or email at fccol@fccol.org. Thank you!

Interested in Joining the Choir?



Good morning, everyone. I'm here today to talk about something very close to my heart, and hopefully, soon to be close to yours. I'm not going to talk about giving or pledging your money, but I am going to talk about how you might give our Church some of your talent. I want to invite you to join our choir.

You see, the Bible says to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." It does not say it has to be a rhythmically sound, perfectly pitched, Grammy-award-winning noise. It just says *joyful*. If your current singing is strictly limited to the acoustic perfection of your shower, or if you only sing in the car where the roll of the windows can muffle the high notes, we want you.

Think about the perks of joining us up here. First, you get the absolute best seat in the house every single Sunday. You never have to scramble for a spot or wonder if someone is sitting in your unassigned, officially assigned pew.

Second, we have a section for everyone. If you have a high voice, you're a soprano. If you have a low voice, you're a bass. If you have a voice that wanders around looking for the key and occasionally gets lost in the parking lot, you're……what we affectionately call "choir glue." You hold the rest of us together. And if you happen to hit a wrong note, you just look instantly to your left or right with a shocked expression, and everyone blames the person next to them. It's a perfect system.

But the real reason to join us isn't just about the music. It's about the community. We laugh, we support each other, and we have a lot of fun.

So, if you can breathe, you can participate. Come to our rehearsal this week. Bring your voice, bring your sense of humor, and let's make some joyful noise together.
Thank you! Simon Holt



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

2027 Stewardship Campaign

Please join the FCCOL 2027 Financial Campaign, now underway.

Your pledge will help strengthen our six ministries — worship, youth and adult education, music, pastoral care, and hands-on mission outreach and community support.

Our Church is very grateful for each pledge!

Thank you from the Board of Stewardship!

But they who wait
upon the Lord
shall renew
their strength;
they shall mount
up with wings
as eagles;
they shall run,
and not be weary;
they shall walk,
and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

To make your 2027 pledge point you camera at the QR code for a direct link to the FCCOL giving page.