

**First Congregational Church**  
United Church of Christ  
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097  
Organized in 1806



**The Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Health and Human Service Sunday  
January 18, 2026**

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here. — The United Church of Christ

## We Gather to Worship God

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Bold** type indicates Congregational Responses

**Prelude – Belmont Energy**

**B. Sanders  
W. Bates**

**The Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Grounding Prayer & Lighting the Peace Candle**

**Introit:**    **Lord bless this new year, guide and come.**  
                  **May there be peace for everyone.**  
                  **Lord, may your blessings fill our hearts**  
                  **and may we live our days with love.**

**Jocelyn Soriano**

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 27:1, 4-5a, 6b**

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

People: **To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

Pastor: For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; . . . God will set me high on a rock. .

People: **In God's house I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**\*Hymn – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* – v. 1, 2, 3 & 6**

**CH # 67**

Words: Isaac Watt, 1719, alt.; Music: Attr. William Croft, 1708; desc. Donald P. Hustad, 1989

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

**Invocation**

**Psalm 27:7-9**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Let us continue to pray as Jesus has taught us—

## The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. — Response: **And also with you.**

## Choir Anthem – *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

Ken Medema

## Discipleship for All Ages

(Children may be dismissed to Sunday School)

## Prayers of God's People

**Response:** Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

## \*Hymn – *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* – vv. 1, 2 & 5

CH # 337

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; Music: William H. Jude, 1874

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home, and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

## The Good News: *Knit Together*

Pastor Paul Day

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

+ The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God +

## Invitation to Generosity

from *Worship Ways*

In thanksgiving for the mercy we have received, and in hope for the world God is shaping, let us offer our gifts—our resources, our commitments, our lives—with courage and with joy. May God bless the giving and the givers, that generosity may strengthen our church and world.

## Offertory – Den Store Hvide Flok

R. Resch

\*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.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**With gratitude for all you are doing in us and through us, we dedicate these gifts to the work you have entrusted to our care. Amen.**

**\*Hymn – *God Be with You Till We Meet Again***

**CH # 434**

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide,  
up-hold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Till we meet till we meet, till we meet a Jesus' feet; till we meet,  
till we meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings, protecting, hide you,  
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Till we meet till we meet, till we meet a Jesus' feet;  
till we meet; till we meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.

God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet till we meet, till we meet a Jesus' feet; till we meet,  
till we meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.

God be with you till we meet a-gain; keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Till we meet till we meet, till we meet a Jesus' feet; till we meet,  
till we meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Response: Go forth into the world**

**Mary (Mitzie) Collins**

**Rejoicing in the power of the spirit  
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God,  
Thanks be to God, Amen! (repeat)**

**Postlude – The Spirit of Joy**

**L. Smith**

**+ We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors +**

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## THIS WEEK\*

Today 10:30 am, Annual Meeting  
Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals  
Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday 1:00 pm, Discipleship Book Group  
Next Lord's Day, February 1 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am, Worship  
10:30 am, Annual Meeting

**Coming Up:** *PJs and Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday – February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall. The Faith Formation committee is hosting a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. We will provide pancakes and bacon. Everyone is welcome - bring a dish to share! We'll be ringing the Church Bells and burning some Palms! Pajamas are optional but encouraged!

## IN OUR PRAYERS\*

**Congregation & Community:** Sheila Babcock, David & Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns.

**Wider World:** People recovering from natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world; Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.

### Staff

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Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>.

\*Please submit items for the Church Calendar or the Prayer List to Lyn Glasscock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. Thank You.