

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



**Whoever you are,
Wherever you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here.**

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

Words of Blessing

Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Maine Conference Minister

Anthem “Clap Your Hands” by Patti Drennan

NYCC Choir

Call to Worship

In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be Your people, O God.
Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing Your praise and whispering our prayers,
we come to be Your people, O God.
Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be Your people, O God.
Made strong in Your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be Yours and
we come to be Your people, O God.
May we truly become Your people today. AMEN

Remembering Our Saints: During this time, we will call to mind and name out loud members and friends of our church whose earthly lives have ended, and any other saints or souls we wish to commemorate, as we light the Christ candle in their memory.

***Hymn for All Ages “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”** *please refer to song sheet*

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was queen, and one was shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church or in trains, or in shops
or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Responsive Scripture Reading

The Beatitudes: An Intergenerational Version

(by Carolyn Brown; based on Matthew 5: 1-12)

Blessed are the saints who trust God's power and loving care,
for they are part of the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the saints when they are sad because the world is so unfair,
They have God's promise that justice will come.

Blessed are the nobodies who know they are nobodies and still do God's work.
In God's world they are the leaders.

Blessed are the saints whose greatest wish is to do what God desires.
God will give them what they want.

Blessed are the saints who treat other people gently,
God will treat them gently.

Blessed are the saints who get in trouble when they do what God requires,
For they are surely among God's saints.

Anthem "Homeward Bound" Words and music by Marta Keen; arr. by Don Hart *Choir*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places
to give thanks to You, O God,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Therefore, with Angels and Archangels
and all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify Your glorious name,
evermore praising You and saying,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: O holy God, Creator of all people and worlds,
send now upon this bread and cup
Your life-giving Spirit.
As we partake of this holy meal,
fill us with the Holy Spirit
that we may be one body and one spirit in Christ.
All glory and honor is Yours, almighty God,
now and forever. AMEN

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup (by intinction)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give You thanks, O God,
that You have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

***Hymn # 2 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt,

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864; desc. Susan Adams, 1995

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
changing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we on-ward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Introduction to Scripture

Rev. Cynthia

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

Reflections: “A Saintly Tapestry”
“GDNFY”

Leah Davis
Rev. Cynthia

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

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. And 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***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**

**Great God,
receive these gifts of love
with blessing for those who give
and those who receive.
Magnify our ministries,
enlarge our circles of care,
and amplify our love in the world. AMEN**

Our Faith in Action (Church Announcements)

***Hymn # 637 “For All the Saints”**

For All the Saints

Words: William W. How, 1864, alt.; Music: Ralph V. Williams, 1906

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Benediction** *Rev. Marcia Charles, Chairperson,
Cumberland Association Church and Ministry Committee*

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

Acknowledgements: Today's printed prayers were posted for All Saints Sunday at re:Worship.com

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

THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour / Chicken Pie Lunch (by invitation)

Tuesday, Nov. 3 – Tuesday Gals at 10am

Wednesday, Nov. 4 –Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 5 – Book Study at 1pm: *Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evans

Saturday, Nov. 7 – Clean-up Day, starting at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 8 – Choir at 8:30am / Deacons and Faith Formation Team following Worship

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Christmas Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29 – The First Sunday in Advent,

Potluck Lunch and Hanging of the Greens following worship

IN OUR PRAYERS*

We pray for those in our congregation and community who are

- mourning the loss of loved ones;
- serving our country in the military,
including James Black, E-6, US Navy;
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns,
including Candy B., Jenn (Charlene B's daughter), George D. (Leah D.'s brother), Sandra
and Vince G., Jasmine L. (Trudy P.'s granddaughter), Samuel N., Steve Q., Lori M. and
Kaitlin Q., and James S.

We pray for those in the wider world, nationally and globally who are

- hungry or unhoused,
- experiencing violence and destruction from wars and conflicts,
- rebuilding their lives following natural disasters,
- recovering from trauma.

We pray for neighbors, friends, colleagues, and fellow Christians who are “New Mainers” or “sojourners,” seeking to live, study, work, and raise their families peaceably among us (See Leviticus 19:33-34).

We pray for those who are struggling with, or in recovery from addictions including alcoholism, and their families and friends.

We pray for peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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