

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 22, 2020

Thanksgiving Sunday

"The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us." James E. Faust

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "For Thanksgiving" - Ignaz Pleyel & Louis Bourgeois

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us gather together in Thanksgiving to God.

People: For God has made us and this earth which nurtures us.

Pastor: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

People: For we are bearers of God's blessing and love for the earth and its people.

ALL: Let us praise God; let us join hands and hearts and reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children. Amen

***HYMN** "We Gather Together" No. 570

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of life and all living, we give You thanks on this November Sunday for the chilly, windy beauty of these late autumn days - for the leaf-lost trees, for geese and birds vanishing south, for the early dark, the burnished fields. And despite all the trials and tribulations of these times of pandemic and pandemonium, still we thank You for the warmth we find in family, friends and church that sustain us now and in the winter months of our lives. We thank You for the harvest of good words we find in the Good News. We thank You for

Jesus the Christ who is our model, strength, redeemer and friend, and in whose name and spirit we gather together today. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29: 11-13 page 639

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come and Thank Him" - Jean Anne Shafferman

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER "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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 585

OFFERTORY (We will not actually take up an offering, however we request that you leave your contributions in the basket on your way out or mail them to Vi Scott as you have been doing.)

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3: 12-17 page 958

MESSAGE "And Yet, We Still Give Thanks." – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 565 (vs. 1 & 2)

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart" - D. Cagle

*POSTLUDE

*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

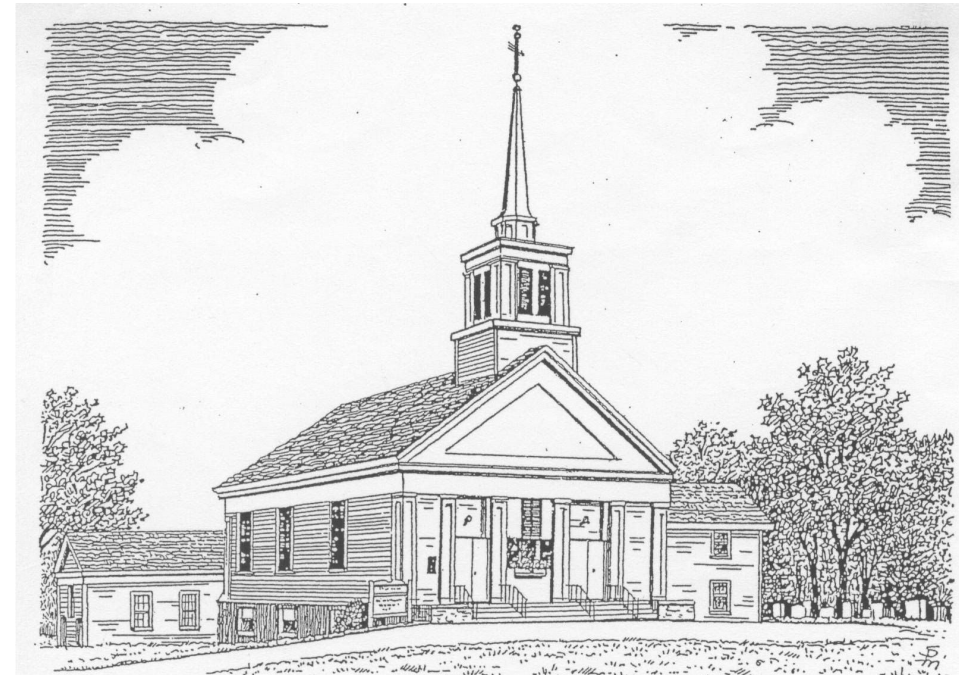
Announcements

We are very happy to have Rich back with us today after two weeks off for vacation time.

The deadline for making a contribution to Sharing Gifts is this week, Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. They plan to give out the gift cards to families on December 1st. Please send checks of any amount made out to the Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, Attn. Sharing Gifts, P.O. Box 161, Ashfield, MA 01330. Thank you Vi and Marge for working at the Food Pantry and helping out with Sharing Gifts.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. There will be the usual readings and lighting of the Advent candles each Sunday during Advent. The folks at home on ZOOM may want to light their own advent candles along with those worshipping at the church.

If you have any announcements or prayer requests please call Anita or email them to her by 9:00 P.M. Saturday (413-625-6481 or CandAupright@hotmail.com). She will type them up and give them to Rich to read from the pulpit so everyone at home on Zoom or worshipping in person can hear them. This helps the service to run more smoothly and eliminates having to repeat announcements or prayer requests.



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