

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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November 21, 2021 - Thanksgiving Sunday

*"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping
a present and not giving it." William Arthur Ward*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "All Things Bright and Beautiful" - C. F. Alexander

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Let us go forth into the new seasons of our lives.

People: We go forth into growing and changing and living.

Pastor: Let us go with awareness for the world and all that's in it.

People: We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace and be led out in joy and thanks.

ALL: We go in God's continuing presence, with the power to love and the strength to serve. Amen.

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

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (A. Kenseth)

O God, our source and our hope, we give thanks for the ordinary and extraordinary things that sustain us and make our lives rich and whole-- for daily bread and the experience of discovering that it is a blessing; for friendships and duties, for good hopes and precious memories, for the gifts we give each other by our understanding of one another's hopes and hurts; for the rich variety of our experience as human beings, for the family reunions that mark this season. Help us by the power of your Spirit to act from gratitude as befits those who have received the great gift of your Son and our brother Jesus, whose Christ Spirit is always with us. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 14-16 page 786

CHOIR ANTHEM "Now We Thank You, Lord" - Williams & Nolan

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 "For the Fruits of All Creation"

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" No. 572

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6: 25-33 pages 787-788

MESSAGE "Teachings on the Way of Jesus" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" No. 566

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

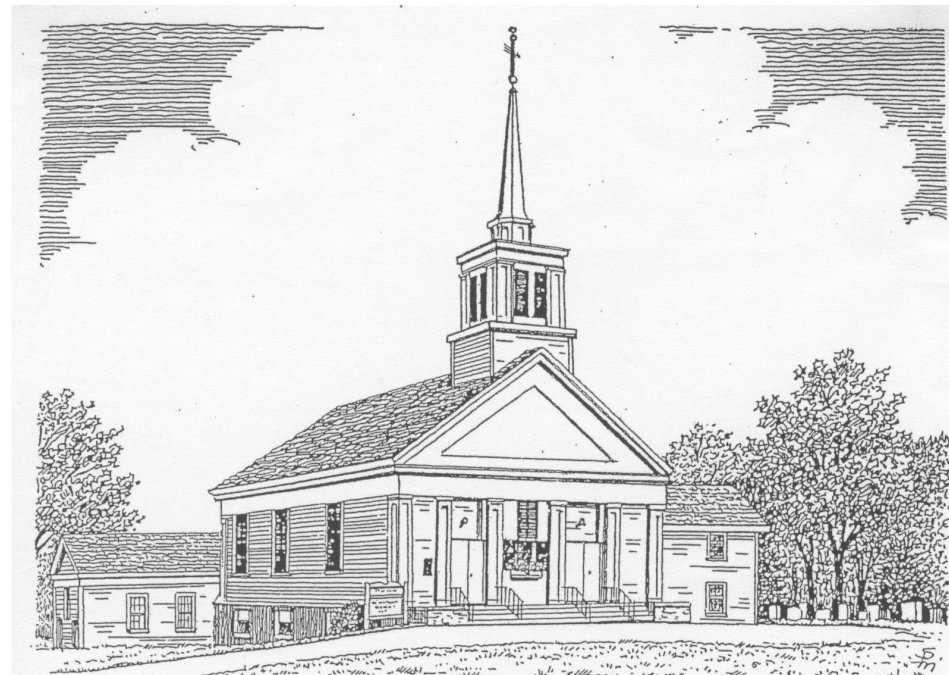
For the past several years we have dedicated our December newsletter/calendar to the people we especially miss during the holiday season. If you would like your loved one to be included in this special memorial section to publish next month, please be in touch with Tina no later than Wed. 11/24 at noon. Call her at 413-625-9629 or email info@marylyonchurch.org.

From the Hilltown Churches Food Pantry: As we did last year at Christmas time we are giving each child who has been registered a \$100.00 gift card instead of clothes and toys. The program is now called "Sharing Gifts." If you would like to make a donation you can send a check to HILLTOWN Churches Food Pantry, Box 161, Ashfield, MA 01330. On the memo line of your check please write "Sharing Gifts" so that it goes into the Food Pantry account.

There will be a Christmas Carol Sing & Concert at the JaDuke Performing Arts Center in Turners Falls, on December 4th at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to this FREE event. The singing will include many favorite Christmas carols, as well as selections from the 4D1G Gospel Quartet, and other gifted singers and musicians.

HELP WANTED

Our church cleaner completed her last month with us in September. Therefore, we need a solution for keeping our beloved building clean. Volunteers cleaned the church during October. If you know of someone who might be interested in the job or volunteering to clean the church, please refer them to Judy Willis at 413-625-2649. It takes 1 – 2 hours per week and the rate of pay is currently \$14.00 per hour. Or, if you would like to volunteer, sign up with a friend to make it go faster and have fun. A list of duties will be provided. Please contact Judy Willis if you are interested in the job or volunteering.



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