

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

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October 30, 2022 - ALL SAINTS DAY- ALL SOULS DAY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Rise Up, O Saints Of God!" - N. O. Formless

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God is gathering us from many different places.

People: No one is forgotten, all are invited.

Pastor: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.

People: Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

Pastor: Taste and see how compassionate God is.

People: Trust in the One who awakens joy in the place of tears.
Amen

***HYMN** "For All the Saints" No. 533

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All humankind are one vast family; this world is our home. We sleep beneath one roof, the starry sky. We warm ourselves before one hearth, the blazing sun. Upon one floor of soil we stand, and breathe one air, and drink one water, and walk the night beneath one luminescent moon. The children of one God we are, sisters and brothers of one blood, and members in one worldwide family of God.
Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 1-12 (blk 779-780, red 785-786)

CHOIR ANTHEM

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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

OFFERTORY "Rejoice In God's Saints" - F. P. Green

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Psalm 139: 1-18 (blk 504, red 503)

MESSAGE "A Blessing of the Saints: a Meditative Reflection for the Whole Congregation" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (insert)

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Rise Up, O Saints Of God!" - N. Formless

*POSTLUDE

*=All who are able, are invited to stand

Announcements

Anyone who feels comfortable joining in for a time of fellowship and light refreshments is welcome to come downstairs for coffee hour following the Worship Service this morning.

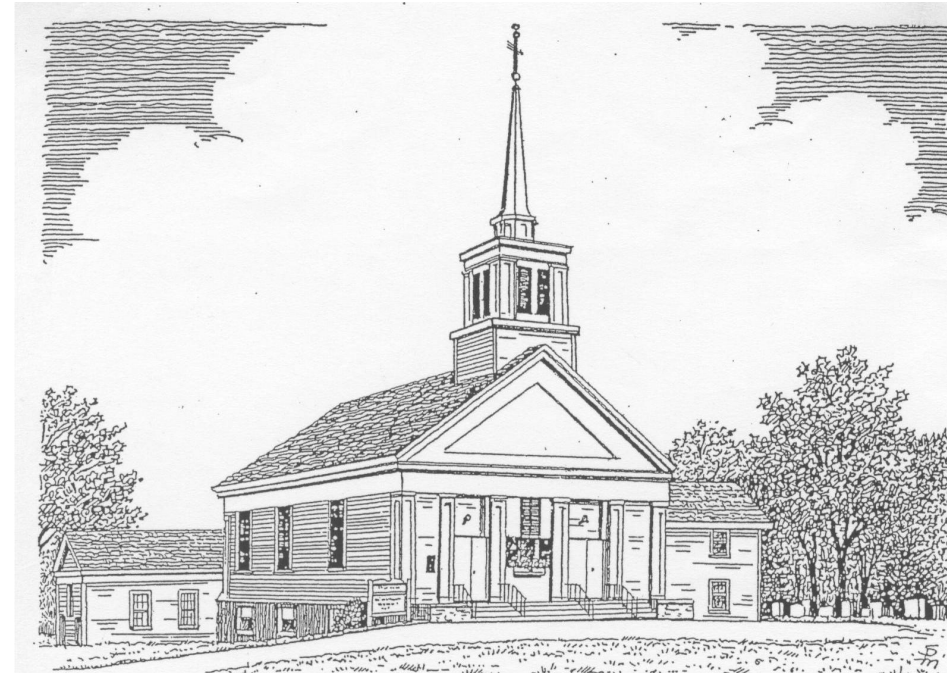
The beautiful flowers on the altar are given in memory of Tina's husband, David Peters, who died Oct. 29, 2003. Sandy Carter is in charge of flowers for the month of November.

The November calendar/newsletter was mailed at the Buckland Post Office and posted to our website on Friday. There are some printed copies on the table in the entryway. If you'd like to be added to mail or email, please let us know.

For the month of November we are collecting canned meats such as hash, pork & beans, beef stew, chicken, tuna, meat ravioli, etc. for the Hilltown Food Pantry. The HILLTOWN Churches Food Pantry Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Judy Willis to the group as a representative from the Mary Lyon Church. The food pantry is gearing up for the holidays. We will be giving each child, who is registered, a Walmart or Visa gift card for \$100. The program, now called Sharing Gifts, enables many families to have a more joyful holiday than they might have otherwise. In order to continue this program we need your help, either through direct monetary donations or the donation of a gift card of any amount which can be mailed to HILLTOWN Churches Food Pantry, PO Box 161, Ashfield, MA 01330. We need to receive your contribution by November 13. Please see Marge Senecal or Judy Willis for more information. We wish to extend our sincere thanks in advance.

The fall meeting of the Buckland Union Cemetery Association Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm via zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, approve last spring's minutes, review the financials, finalize the fall mailing, and vote on deeding a portion of land that surrounds the Public Hall to the Mary Lyon Church in exchange for an easement. If you would like to join the zoom meeting, please see Laurie Benoit after church or call her at 625-8668 and she will send you the zoom link. Anyone who owns a lot or has loved ones buried in the cemeteries can attend and vote at the meeting.

Rich will be away next weekend so that he and Luahn can celebrate their anniversary. We are grateful for Tina Peters who will be preaching in his place next Sunday, November 6th.



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