

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 1st, 2026
All Saints and Communion Sunday
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

We are an Inclusive Faith Community.
All Are Welcomed and All Really Means ALL!



"If you are silent about your pain, they'll kill you and say you enjoyed it"
Zora Neale Hurston

Senior Pastor — Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.
Sunday Deacons—Ken Ballinger, Julie Evenson,
Gail Feddern, Jo Szirbik & Harriet Wilson
Greeters—Jeff Hebert, Linda Messer, Nancy & Jeff Perkins
Tech Team—Donna Ackerman, Gloria Ballinger, Kaylee Fogg,
Nathan Fogg, Carol Jeffery & Barry Truhn
Organists—Cindy Eggleston & Beverly Woods
Voice Choir Director—Cindy Eggleston
Bell Choir Director—Kevin Connell
Guitarist—Buddy Dee & Evan McDougal
Sunday Funday Team—George Ackerman, Buddy Dee & Jo Szirbik
Exterior/Interior Floral Décor – Rachel White

Welcome to Sunday Worship!

(Please stand if able. Bold content is read in unison.)*

Greeting & Reply Introit & Candle Lighting

***Opening Hymn** (*see screen*) “Down at the Cross” HFG #255, vs. 1,2&4

***Call to Worship**

One: On this All - Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God’s stories come alive for us.

ALL: We give thanks!

One: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises

ALL: We give thanks!

One: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years

ALL: We give thanks!

One: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

ALL: We give thanks!

One: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.,

ALL: We give thanks!

One: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

ALL: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God

The Scripture Readings (*NRSVUE – see screen*)

Gloria Ballinger

Hebrew Reading: Obadiah 1:10-16

Epistle Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Special Music (*Congregation invited to join*)

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” HFG #251, vs. 1-3

Passing the Peace of Christ (*if you feel comfortable doing so*)

***Singing of The Lord’s Prayer** (*see screen*)

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.

Announcements

Offering

Voice Choir Offertory Anthem “Break the Bread” by Eugene Butler

***Doxology** (*see screen*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Sermonic Hymn (*see screen*) “Great is Thy Faithfulness” HFG #98

Message “The Slippery Slope of Pride”

Obadiah 1:1-4

The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: “Rise up! Let us rise against it for battle!”

² I will surely make you least among the nations; you shall be utterly despised. ³ Your proud heart has deceived you, you that live in the clefts of the rock whose dwelling is in the heights. You say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?” ⁴ Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, says the Lord.

Responding to God's Word Video & All Souls Day Candle Lighting

(see screen - during this time and at the direction of the deacons, please feel free to come forward to light a candle of remembrance) “Lux Aeternae” by Nimrod & performed by Voces8

Prayers of the People

Service of The Lord’s Supper (*see insert*)

Benediction

Postlude





*Please join us for a wonderful coffee hour
downstairs after Sunday Service.
ALL ARE WELCOME!*



****HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS****

- **11/7 FCCW FREE COMMUNITY DINNER @ 5 – 6:30 PM!**
- ***Come enjoy some chili, cornbread, coleslaw, dessert and great company!***
- ***HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!***
- **11/1, 11/8, 11/15 NEW MEMBER CLASSES w/ Rev @ 11:30 (PH Rm)! ****
 - ***SUNDAY FUNDAY takes place on the 2nd & 4th Sundays! *****
 - ***EVENING BIBLE STUDY w/ Rev Resumes 1st & 3rd Thursdays! *****
 - ** Sign-up at churchoffice@fccwakefield.org!***

*****See Steeple Views & Happenings Emails for Updates & Details*****

- Voice Choir Practice: Mon @ 5:30 pm
- Adult Faith Formation: Tue @ noon
- Ukulele Club: 1st & 4th Tue @ 6 pm
- End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting: Wed @ 8 am
- CareGivers Support Group w/ Rev: 1st & 3rd Wed @ 9:30 am (*temporarily*)
 - Chair Yoga w/ Pam: Wed @ 10 am
- Evening Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thur @ 5:30 pm
 - Outreach Meeting: 2nd Thur @ 11 am
 - Parish Helper's Meeting: 2nd Thur @ 1 pm
 - BLPOA Meeting: 2nd Thur @ 6 pm
 - Sunday School: 2nd & 4th Sun
- Leadership Council Meeting: 3rd Sun following fellowship
 - Diaconate Meeting: 4th Sun @ 11:30 am

Please
Pray
for...



Vrante M, Connie L, Paul & Carol D, Jan S, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood LA Detainees: Mahsa Dehzadamedani and her husband, Pouria Nazari, Selam Gebre Haile (from Eritrea) - and the many who's names we do not yet know.

Credits

1. Our songs are covered under our music license, One License #742268-A
2. Graphics: churchart.com
3. Responding to God's Word Video: "Lux Aeternae" by Nimrod, Performed by Voces8, <https://youtu.be/hKgUxqXoc9M?is=6SXv7gjkI9eoAlb>



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