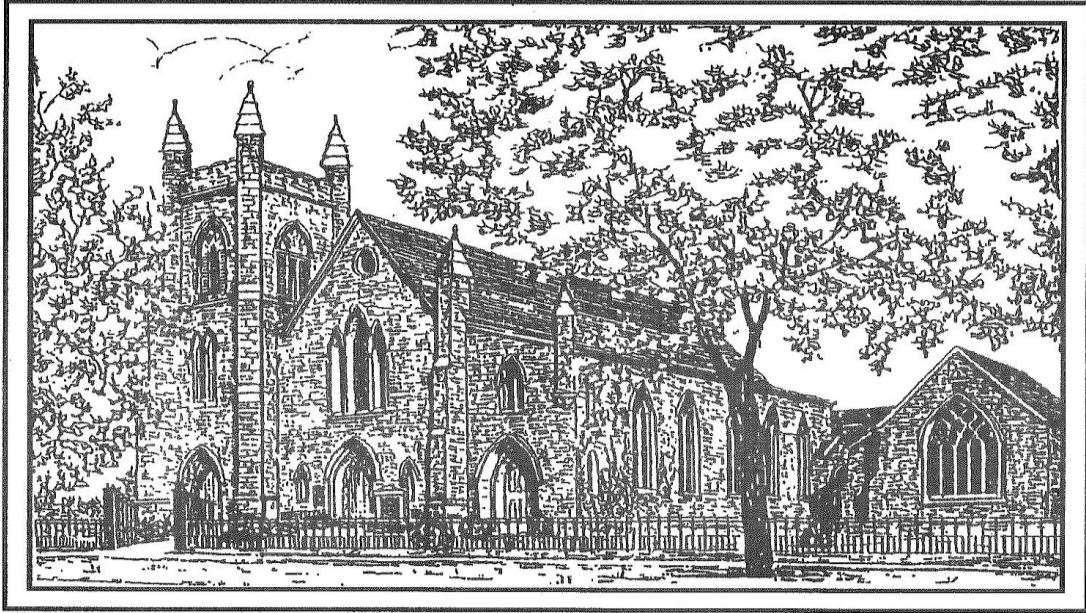


First Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



Founded in 1680

Living the Love and Justice of Jesus

ALL SAINTS' DAY
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 3, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

"For All The Saints"

Sine Nomine

Bringing Forth the Light of Christ

Acolytes

*Call to Worship

One: We are the church that lives into God's future today.

Many: A church united across space and time.

One: A church of many races, languages, and ethnicities.

Many: A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.

One: The One who is seated on the throne says to us:

Many: "See, I am making all things new!"

One: A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people.

Many: God's future is everlasting, and it is good news. Remember God's future because this is our story! Amen.

***Invocation**

As followers of Christ, we are called to bring a hopeful understanding of our world. We are called to bring this hope in God with us wherever we go, declaring that God makes all things new again. Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another. So, let's join together in this worship and give thanks. Amen.

***A Prayer for Transformation**

Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord; come, all who are weak, taste the living water that I shall give. Dip your hands in the stream, refresh body and soul, drink from it, depend on it, for this water will never run dry. Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

***Hymn**

"For All the Saints"

NCH #299

The Old Testament Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Jen Johnson

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace. For though in the sight of all they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good because God tested them and found them worthy; like gold in the furnace God tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering they were accepted. In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in God will understand truth, and the faithful will abide in love because grace and mercy are upon God's elect, and they are watched over as holy ones.

Reader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Gospel Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

Jen Johnson

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a couple prepares for their wedding. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. And God will dwell among them, and they will be God's people. God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the One who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new. Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then the Holy One said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

Reader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

A Stewardship Testimonial

Bob and Katie Evans

***Hymn**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

NCH #295

A Sermon Message

“When the Saints Come Marching In”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Hamlin Soukup

Moment of Silence

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

Our 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And 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

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Offertory Invitation

The Offertory

“Blessed By The Bread, Graced By The Wine”

Mary Kay Beall

*The Doxology PH #515

Old Hundredth

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

For all the saints who went before us who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire, we praise you, O God. For all the saints who live beside us whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own, we praise you, O God. For all the saints who live beyond us and who challenge us to change the world with them, we praise you, O God.

*Hymn

“Like A Tree beside the Waters”

NCH #313

Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

One: God the Creator is here.
Many: **God’s Spirit is with us.**
One: Lift up your hearts
Many: **We lift them to God the Creator**
One: Let us give thanks to God
Many: **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, in whose hands are life, death, and eternal life, we thank you for all the saints, especially those we have known in our own lives. We rejoice that their faithfulness has paved the way for our lives to follow. Help us to be prepared to face the challenges of living out the Gospel in this world and help us to be shining examples of your love with each person we meet. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn

“Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs”

NCH #617

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Oh, when the saints (when the saints)
Go marching in (marching in)
Now, when the saints go marching in (marching in)
Yes, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in*

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

*Postlude

“Mouvmont”

Debussy

*~ Leading Worship today is the Rev. Dr. Nancy Hamlin Soukup ~
~ Our Organist is Nikita Zabinski ~
~ Our lay liturgist today is Jen Johnson ~
~ Our greeters today are Janine Beausoleil, Eleanor Ingraham & Clifford Gustafson ~*

Please join us for fellowship hour following Worship



Prayer List for Sunday, November 3, 2024

As a congregation, we lift up prayers today and throughout the week for the following people.

For concerns in the world:

For our country as we prepare for a nationwide election

For those in need of healing on our prayer list:

Fred Thornton, a Friend of the Burnham Family

Stephen

Jacob Johnson in Seattle and his Girlfriend Emma who is Under the Sea in a submarine.

Sally Monahan, Bob Evans' sister

Bob Wilson

Residents of Asheville, NC, especially Sue Morettini's sister-in-law and nieces

Judy Ellinwood, Grace Wilson's cousin, who continues to recover from a broken femur

Kathy, Beverly Larson's cousin, who is recovering after a hospitalization
 A friend of Lynne Ramos who needs prayers for their health
 Charlie
 Ken Latham in Leicester, MA, who started chemo last Thursday for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
 Fred Z. in CT
 Those who have lost their way that they may have wisdom, courage, and strength
 Harriet
 Lola, Carolina Bailey's sister with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer
 Sally Irwin
 Ryan
 Donna Castiglicgo, who is recovering from surgery
 Mark E., who has an aggressive form of prostate cancer
 Luybov, Nikita's grandmother
 Fred Davis, who has stomach cancer
 Muriel Smith
 Charlotte Griffith
 Bob and Sally Evans
 Sue Moreira
 Jack Ringland
 Kellie and Juan Morales's daughter
 Bruce C., who is in physical rehab, and Pat P. and her husband Tom, all friends of Ed Wiacek
 Peter Leiche, a friend of Sue Moreira, who has cancer
 Jamie's health and for his mother Katelyn
 Simone Silveri
 Caregivers in our congregation

Upcoming Birthdays:

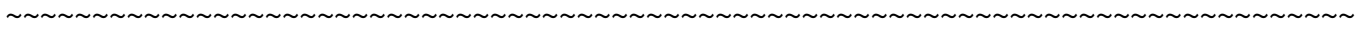
John Tolley Nov. 06		
Bennett Burnham Nov. 12	Jeanne LaMonte Nov. 13	Roger Carney Nov. 17
Ann Roussel Nov. 25	Autumn Quezada-Grant Nov.26	
Mark Johnson Nov. 27	Janine Beausoleil Nov. 27	Beverly Larson Nov. 30



What's on the Church Calendar

Nov. 3, 2024 Sunday Worship 10:00am All Saints' Sunday
 Nov. 4- 18, 2024 Rev. Nancy Soukup will be away.
 Nov. 5, 2024 Tuesday Prayer Shawl Circle 6:30pm
 Nov. 6, 2024 Wednesday FCC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (Dimond Room)
 Nov. 9, 2024 Saturday Bristol Stone Church Coffee House (DeWolf)
Nov. 10, 2024 Sunday Worship 10:00am
 Nov. 11, 2024 Monday Holiday Veterans Day
 Nov. 12, 2024 Tuesday Facility Meeting 7:00pm (DeWolf Room)
 Nov. 13, 2024 Wednesday FCC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (Dimond Room)
 Nov. 14, 2024 Thursday Church Council 7:00pm (DeWolf Room)
Nov. 17, 2024 Sunday Worship 10:00am

Nov. 19, 2024	Tuesday Deacons Meeting 7:pm (DeWolf Room)
Nov. 20, 2024	Wednesday FCC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (Dimond Room)
Nov. 21, 2024	Thursday The Bosworth Lecture 6:30pm (DeWolf Room)
Nov. 22, 2024	Friday Harvest Moon Bazaar Setup 2pm
Nov. 23, 2024	Saturday Harvest Moon Bazaar 10am - 3pm
Nov. 24, 2024	Sunday Worship 10:00am
Nov. 27, 2024	Wednesday FCC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (Dimond Room)
Nov. 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 29, 2024	Church Office Closed
Nov. 30, 2024	Saturday Flower Committee Christmas Decorating



Please visit our website for more information about the Church
And Events go to **fccbristol.org**



“Invitation to Share Time, Talent, and Treasure”

When you give to First Congregational Church, you make possible our ministries that serve all God’s people. Your gifts share the love of Jesus all year long. The act of giving is our personal expression of worship and also keeps our church financially healthy. Stewardship is not payment for services rendered. It is an act of faith and devotion to God. You may go to the following link to give now:

<https://fccbristol.org/support-us/>.



Church Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3pm

Office e-mail address: office@FCCBristol.org

Pastoral Office Hours Tuesday – Thursday, 9am – 1pm

Rev. Nancy will be away Nov. 4th – 18th

You may also schedule an appointment by contacting Rev. Nancy.

Church office line 401/253-7288 or e-mail office@FCCbristol.org

NCH = New Century Hymnal (black hymnal) and PH = Pilgrim Hymnal (red hymnal)

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Saints Day: Prayer of Thanksgiving.



95th Annual Harvest Moon Bazaar
 Saturday, November 23rd 2024



Calling for Volunteers and Donations

Set up Friday Nov. 22nd, Drop off All day

Volunteers are needed for Set Up/Breakdown, Kitchen (Prep, register, and clean up), Silent Auction, and for help running FCC tables (Baked goods, FCC Craft table, Plants/Arrangements, Attic Treasures)

Donations are Needed for:

Bake table – Pies, Breads, Cakes, Cookies, Fudge, etc. Can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/...> Please bring baked goods to DeWolf Room by 9:30am on the 23rd

FCC Crafters – Knit/Crochet items, Handmade items (wood, ornaments, fabric, jewelry, etc.)

Silent Auction Items – Gift Certificates, Household items, Holiday items, theme baskets, etc. Please bring items to church or Office by Nov. 17 or contact Sandie Campbell

Attic Treasures – gently used items, including holiday items, kitchen items, household items, kids toys/games (in good, clean/sellable condition and all parts included) Can drop of at church starting November 5th. If needed, can be pick up!

Please contact Ruth Fisher (ruth_a_fisher@yahoo.com, 401-440-2368 text or call)



THE HARVEST MOON BAZAAR Garden Shop



The FCC Bazaar Garden Shop needs your help to fill their space.

Do you have any house plants that need a new home? Or need thinning out?

Do you have extra potting tools or flower pots that you don't want?

The Bazaar Garden Shop would like your extras so that they may be sold at the Harvest Moon Bazaar.

Any question please contact Charlotte Burnham 401/441-4147

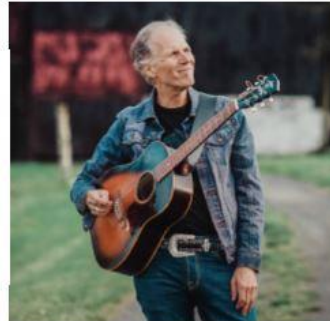
Bristol's Stone Church Coffeehouse Presents

*An Evening of Blues and Americana Featuring
 Brooks Williams*

"A Slice of Americana at its Finest" [Roan]

"A Consummate Artist, Williams Ranks Among America's Musical Treasures" [Dirty Linen]

Ranked One of the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists



Saturday, November 9, 2024 First Congregational Church
 Doors open at 6:45pm 300 High Street
 Music starts at 7:30pm (Corner of Bradford and High St)
 Bristol, RI 02809

Tickets are \$25.00; Students are Half Price; Children 5 and Under are Free
 Seating is Limited and Early Reservations are Recommended.
 Please Call 401-253-4813 for reservations or ticket information.



"Remembering Sisters"

Quilt Raffle

78" x 91"

Tickets sell for \$1 each
or 6 tickets for \$5



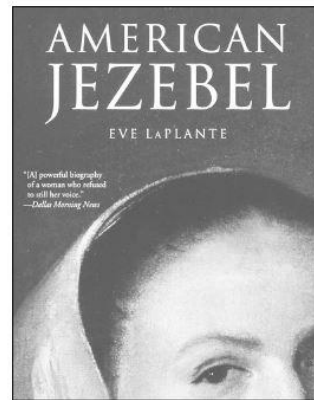
On sale at the First Congregational Church office, after Sunday services, at the Harvest Moon Bazaar Nov. 23rd, and by many church members.



This quilt was made by Sandra Reynolds, a member of the First Congregational Church in Bristol RI.

Fabrics in this Quilt were purchased in Sisters, Oregon, a town known as the "Quilting Capital" of the Northwest and the host of one of the largest Quilt shows on the west coast every July. Sandra and her husband Keith had headed to the Northwest as Keith had grown up there.

The fabric colors chosen reflected the beautiful colors of early fall that Sandra saw. Thus, the name reflects that wonderful town of Sisters in Oregon!



The November 2024 Bosworth Lecture

Eve LaPlante, author of
American Jezebel—
Anne Hutchinson
(1591-1643)

Thursday, November 21, 2024
6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church
300 High Street, Bristol

The event is free and open to the public

Anne Hutchinson, an important figure in seventeenth-century American Puritan history, will be the subject of the November 2024 Bosworth Lecture. Her descendant and author of the book *American Jezebel*, Eve LaPlante, will speak about Hutchinson's dissent from Massachusetts Bay Colony Puritans and her banishment to what is now Portsmouth, RI. Ms. LaPlante has said Hutchinson's story sheds light on the origins of our modern concepts of religious freedom, equal rights, and free speech—clearly, an important figure in Rhode Island and our national history.

The Roswell S. Bosworth Jr. Lecture Series pays tribute to its founding member, former editor and publisher of the East Bay Newspapers, and is dedicated to lectures of interest to the public.



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