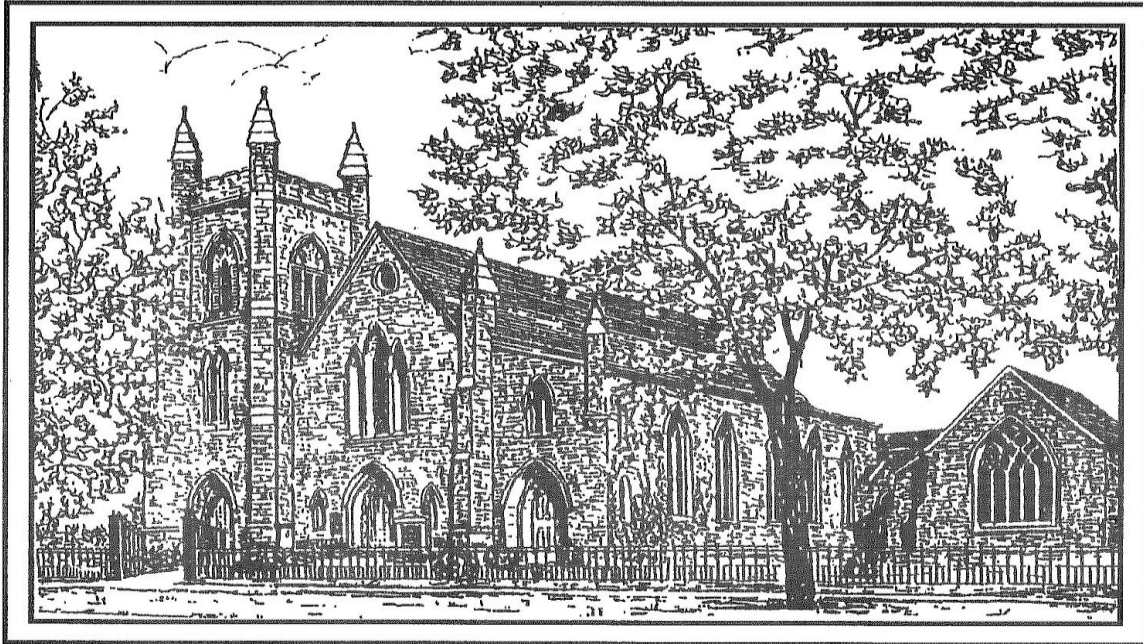


First Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



Founded in 1680

Living the Love and Justice of Jesus

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 10, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Ringin of the Bell

Prelude

“Prayer”

H Livingston

Bringing Forth the Light of Christ

Acolytes

*Call to Worship

One: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

Many: for all are welcome in God’s house.

One: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

Many: for love is the language of faith.

One: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

Many: for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love. Amen

~ Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*, © 2011 Abingdon Press.
Posted on the *Ministry Matters* website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

***Invocation**

A Prayer for the Church

**God, Protector of the widow,
the orphan and the stranger –
in a world where many know despair,
you raised your Son Jesus
to give hope for humanity and renewal to the earth.**

**Continue to strengthen and unify your Church
in its struggles against the forces of death in the world,
where violence against creation and humanity
obscures the hope of the new life you offer.**

**This we pray in the name of the Risen Lord,
in the power of His Spirit. Amen.**

~ from Resources for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and throughout the year (2011), <http://www.oikoumene.org/fileadmin/files/wcc-main/documents/p2/2010/WOP2011eng.pdf> jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. Posted on the World Council of Churches website. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/home.html>

***Hymn**

“I Sing as I Arise Today”

NCH #83

The Old Testament Reading

Ruth 3:1-5, 13-17

Rev. Jametta Alston

Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Mark :38-44

Rev. Jametta Alston

Beware of the Scribes

And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

The Widow's Offering

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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!

***Hymn**

“Renew Your Church”

NCH #311

A Sermon Message “What do you do you do when you’ve done all you can? **STAND**”

Rev. Jametta Alston

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

“Be With Us”

Gael Burwick

***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**

Loving God, bless these gifts and the givers that all might carry forward the ministry you intend here in our church and community, and wherever there is a need on the face of the earth. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

NCH #400

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

*Amen, amen,
Amen, amen, amen.*

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

***Postlude**

“Excerpt from Ballade No. 2”

Liszt

*~ Leading Worship today is the Rev. Jametta Alston ~
~ Our Organist is Nikita Zabinski ~
~ Our greeters today are Janine Beausoleil, Eleanor Ingraham & Clifford Gustafson ~*

Please join us for fellowship hour following Worship



Prayer List for Sunday, November 10, 2024

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

For concerns in the world:

Our nation during this post-election transition

For those in need of healing on our prayer list:

Gail Carney

Annette Moren, who is having surgery

Jeannine Marshall, Charlotte Burnham's cousin, who has cancer but is improving

Jane Texada, a childhood friend of Sug Grant, who is mourning the loss of her husband

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.

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

Jim Sapp

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

For thanksgivings

The wedding of Allison Allen and Christian Fortune on October 31; Allison is the daughter of Lynne and Chuck Ramos

For those who have died

Sally Monahon, Bob Evans' sister

Upcoming Birthdays:

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. 10, 2024 Sunday Worship 10:00am

Nov. 11, 2024 Monday Holiday Veterans Day

Nov. 12, 2024 Tuesday The Church office will be closed

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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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/...](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 off 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

A quick request to all FCC members



You can free up some space and help out the Harvest Moon Bazaar

Please take a minute to look in your **ATTIC, BASEMENT or GARAGE** for items to donate to Grandma's Attic or Silent Auction



All items can be brought to the church or Guiteras House by November 20

First Congregational Church
 281 High St., Bristol



95th Annual

Harvest Moon Bazaar

Saturday, November 23, 2024
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First Congregational Church
 300 High Street, Bristol RI

Luncheon

Lobster Rolls
 Chicken Salad Rolls
 Chili

Live Music
 Treasures for Sale!

Hot Cider
 Grilled Cheese
 Desserts

Bake Goods – Jewelry
 Floral Arrangements
 Handmade Knits
 "Tea & Tarts"

Free Pictures with Santa!
 Many Vendors And Lots More!!

Silent Auction!

Pre-order/pay for Pies and Breads at fccbristol.org/



"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.



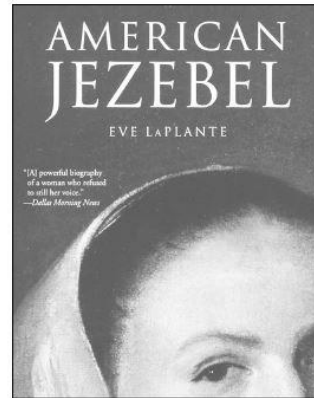
This quilt was made by Sandra Reynolds, a member of the First Congregational Church in Bristol RI.

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!



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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.

