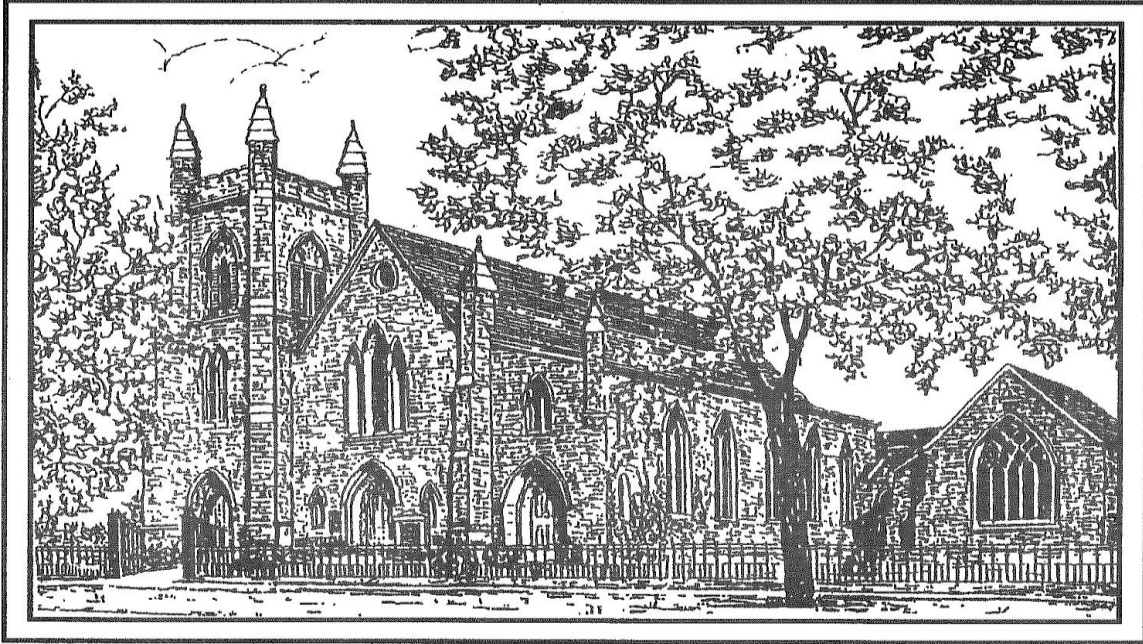


# First Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



Founded in 1680

*Living the Love and Justice of Jesus*

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Bringing Forth the Light of Christ**

Acolytes

**\*Call to Worship**

One: There is no God like our God—  
who gives strength to the weak,  
but breaks the power of the mighty;

**Many: who gives food to the famished,  
but makes those already full work for their bread;**

One: who raises the poor from the dust,  
but humbles the proud and arrogant.

**Many: There is no God like our God!**

## **\*Invocation**

**A prayer that reverberates throughout time  
for a child  
for a partner  
for a friend**

**A prayer that is at once lost  
and found**

**A grief exposed for the healing balm  
A prayer that grows in the crevice of despair  
pushing past the boundaries  
bursting forth in new life  
A prayer for life to fill the void**

~ written by Katherine Hawker, Liturgies Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

## **\*Hymn**

*“Golden Breaks the Dawn”*

NCH #470

## **The Old Testament Reading**

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Rev. Jametta Alston

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, but to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went her way and ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish your word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh, and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." And they worshiped the LORD there.

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:13: 1-8

Rev. Jametta Alston

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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!**

### **Children's Moment**

**\*Hymn**

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

NCH #505

**A Sermon Message**

"Prayer has many answers"

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

### \*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

*"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"*

NCH #588

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

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

## Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

### \*Postlude

*~ 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 17, 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

### **Upcoming Birthdays:**

Roger Carney Nov. 17

Mark Johnson Nov. 27

Ann Roussel Nov. 25

Janine Beausoleil Nov. 27

Autumn Quezada-Grant Nov.26

Beverly Larson Nov. 30



**What’s on the Church Calendar**

- 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](mailto:office@FCCBristol.org)

**Pastoral Office Hours** Tuesday – Thursday, 9am – 1pm  
Rev. Nancy will be away Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
You may also schedule an appointment by contacting Rev. Nancy.  
Church office line 401/253-7288 or e-mail [office@FCCbristol.org](mailto:office@FCCbristol.org)

*NCH = New Century Hymnal (black hymnal) and PH = Pilgrim Hymnal (red hymnal)  
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95<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Moon Bazaar  
 Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

**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



95<sup>th</sup> 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!

Bake Goods – Jewelry

Floral Arrangements

Handmade Knits

"Tea & Tarts"

Free Pictures with Santa!

Many Vendors And Lots More!!

Hot Cider  
 Grilled Cheese  
 Desserts

### Silent Auction!

Pre-order/pay for Pies and Breads at [fccbristol.org/](http://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. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and by many church members.



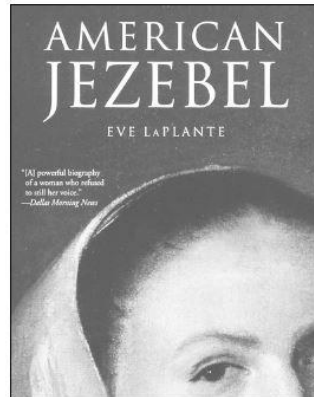
This quilt was made by Sandra Reynolds, a member of the First Congregational Church in Bristol RI.

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.

