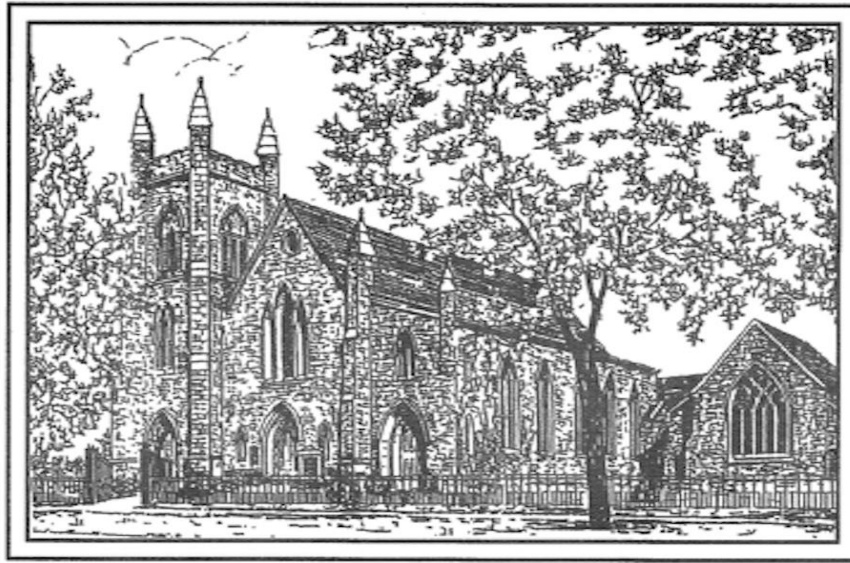


First Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Founded in 1680



Living the Love and Justice of Jesus

PENTECOST SUNDAY

CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY AND HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Prelude

"This Little Light of Mine"

J. Carter

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Bringing Forth the Light of Christ

Acolytes

***Call to Worship**

One: Come and worship!

Many: We will praise the One between, within, and over.

One: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

Many: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.

One: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

Many: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

One: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

ALL: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

***Invocation**

Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us—in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that transcends language, we give thanks. Give us courage to speak your love, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Come Forth, O Love Divine”

NCH #289

The Old Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Susan Donovan

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my all my servants...in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

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**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

NCH #270

Holy Baptism

Lorena Virginia Harrington

Introduction

Questions to the Candidates

Doug and Lindsey, since the promise of the Gospel is not only to us but also to our children is it your desire to have your daughter welcomed into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

If so, please answer, “**That is our desire.**”

Do you promise to go on giving honor to God by loving each other day by day?

If so, please answer, **“That is our promise.”**

Do you also promise, God being your helper, that you will build your family life on the love and the teachings that Jesus has given us, that we may all continue to grow in grace?

If so, please answer, **“We promise, God being our helper.”**

Do you promise to go on expressing that love and truth with all people throughout the world?

If so, please answer, **“We do.”**

To the congregation:

Do you promise, with God’s help, to provide a loving and caring Christian community, within which this child can flourish in love and in faith? And do you promise to her family your love, support, and care, so that we all continue to grow in grace as we advance in years?

If so, please answer, **“We promise our love, support, and care.”**

Blessing of the Water

Prayer for the Baptized

***Hymn**

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

NCH #59

A Time of Celebration and Recognition of Our Church School, Graduating Seniors, and Its Teachers

A Time of Passage and Recognition for Our Graduating Seniors

Lyla Birch

Cristina Marino

A Prayer for our Children, Youth, seniors, and Teachers

A Sending Prayer

Ann and Marty Roussel

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

Amen, Amen, Amen Amen

Offertory Invitation

The Offertory

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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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**

Spirit of the Living God, receive our gifts as tangible expressions of our belonging to your church and our commitment to the ministry begun in Christ and continued through this faith community. Magnify them in miraculous ways, and make our generosity a demonstration of the love you have given us, which we now return to the world you love. Amen.

***Hymn**

"This Is the Day"

NCH #84

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

"Hallelujah"

NCH #236

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

Exerpt from Twelve Variations on "Ah vous dirai-je, Maman"

W A Mozart

~ Leading Worship today is the Rev. Dr. Nancy Hamlin Soukup ~

~ Our Music Director and Organist is Nikita Zabinski ~

~ Our lay liturgist today is Susan Donovan ~

~ Our greeters today are Janine Beausoleil, Eleanor Ingraham & Clifford Gustafson ~



Prayer List for Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

For concerns in the world:

The Palestinian people who are suffering under a humanitarian crisis because needed aid has been prevented from reaching them on the border with Israel. The Israeli hostages who still languish in Gaza. The Palestinian and Israeli people that peace will one day prevail in the ancient land of our spiritual ancestors.

Peace in the Ukraine

For those in need of healing on our prayer list:

Sug Grant, who had a fall this past week

Sandy Patterson, who had hip replacement surgery this past week

A beloved son, who is suffering from Leukemia

Tommy, a young man, who is in serious condition from cancer

Pat Cory, who has been dealing with health issues

Kristen, who is recovering from surgery and will begin aggressive chemo and radiation therapies;
prayers for the best outcome

Marty Costianes

Deb, a friend of the Walsh family, who is recovering from a fall

Renee that she may find resolutions to issues pressing in on her

Family and friends who seek hope and healing in mind, body, and spirit

Tom, a neighbor of the Crouse family, who is recovering from a fall

Prayers for all victims of violence

Alma Campbell, who fell and broke her knee
 Connie Marino, Cristina Marino's grandmother, who is in a rehab center
 Jack and Barbara Ringland
 Roxanne, who is now dealing with breast cancer
 Claudia and her family, as she enters hospice
 Kathy, Jen Johnson's cousin, who is struggling at rehab after brain surgery
 and has not regained feeling on her left side
 Scott, Brenda, and Cameron, who need divine guidance and strength to follow
 God's path for them
 Max, for healing and freedom, and for his Mom
 Robin Vestal, who has Stage 4 Duodenal Cancer, and her husband Ulysses, who are friends
 of the Grant family
 Peter MacDonald, who has Lung Cancer
 Rusty, who has Lung Cancer
 Autumn Quezada-Harrison
 Ellie's Dad, who she misses
 Carol, Karen's cousin, who had brain surgery
 Carrigan, who has cancer, and for Carrigan's nurse, Kristen, who is also
 being treated for breast cancer
 Tyler, who is making a steady recovery from a bone transplant
 Mark
 Charlie
 Ken Latham in Leicester, MA, who is on chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
 Those who have lost their way may have wisdom, courage, and strength
 Harriet
 Lola, Carolina Bailey's sister with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer
 Ryan
 Mark E., who has an aggressive form of prostate cancer
 Fred Davis, who has stomach cancer
 Meriel Smith
 Charlotte Griffith
 Kellie and Juan Morales's daughter
 Bruce C., who is in rehab, and Pat P., both friends of Ed Wiacek
 Caregivers in our congregation

Upcoming Birthdays:

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| Daniel Dougherty 06/13 | Patricia Cory 06/14 | Sara Johnson 06/15 |
| Julia Pisasale 06/15 | Lane Ukura 06/27 | Alison Gamon 06/22 |
| Tracy Ukura 06/22 | Carlie Pisasale 06/24 | Samuel Harcourt 06/26 |
| Brady Harcourt 06.26 | Clifford Gustafson 06/27 | Gail Carney 06/28 |
| Jen Capron 06/28 | Edward Wiacek 06/29 | |

What's on the Church Calendar

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| June 08, 2025 | Pentecost and Children's Sunday Worship with Baptism: 10am Follow by All Church Picnic . |
| June 10, 2025 | Tuesday Facility Meeting 7pm (DeWolf Room) |
| June 11, 2025 | Wednesday FCC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (Dimond Room) |
| June 12, 2025 | Thursday Bosworth Lecture 7pm (DeWolf Room) |

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| June 15, 2025 | Sunday Worship: 10am |
| June 17, 2025 | Tuesday Church Council Meeting 7pm |
| June 18, 2025 | Wednesday FCC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (Dimond Room) |
| June 22, 2025 | Sunday Worship: 10am |
| June 25, 2025 | Wednesday FCC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (Dimond Room) |
| June 26, 2025 | Thursday CE Meeting (Zoom) |
| June 29, 2025 | Sunday Worship: 10am |
| | 4th of July Interfaith Service 2pm |

Please visit our website for more information about the Church
and its events: **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/>.



The Bristol Fourth of July Interfaith Service

First Congregational Church will host Bristol’s Fourth of July Interfaith Service

on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. We are honored that the service is returning to FCC this year. We hope you will join us for the celebration of the Fourth of July with all of Bristol’s religious communities. The service will feature music by our Director of Music Nikita Zabinski and the FCC Choir. In addition to your presence at the service, we hope some might help with the reception following the service in the DeWolf Room. This usually entails punch and baked treats. We will send out a sign-up list soon. Thanks so much.

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

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Sources for this service are written by or adapted from the following: Tim Graves, <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>, re:Worship: Pentecost; Joanna Harader, <http://practicingfamilies.com/>, re:Worship: Pentecost; Rev. Ashley Updegraff, A Liturgy for Moving Out - Young Clergy Women International; Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Truth, Trouble, and Fear: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost, Worship Ways, UCC, Day of Pentecost C - June 8 - United Church of Christ; and Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, re:Worship: Pentecost.

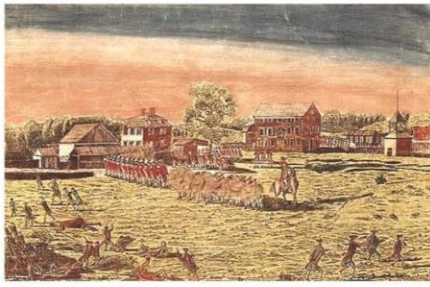
Church Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm

Office e-mail address: office@FCCBristol.org

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

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

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



The Bosworth Lecture Series
June 12, 2025
6:30-7:30 p.m.
 First Congregational Church
 300 High Street, Bristol, RI

A Lecture by
Dr. Stanley D. M. Carpenter
 Emeritus Professor
 of Strategy and Policy,
 U.S. Naval War College

**"The Great Riot:
 Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, and the Beginnings of the War
 of American Independence: A 250-Year Anniversary Retrospective"**

The event is free and open to the public.

Professor Carpenter will address the battlefield events in and near Boston in the spring of 1775 that set in motion the War of American Independence and that concluded by 1783 with the Peace of Paris, guaranteeing an independent United States of America. He covers the events on Lexington Green, Concord's Old North Bridge, and the British march back to Boston that saw the outbreak of outright armed conflict. Additionally, he addresses the British military reaction in June 1775 with the assault against the Patriot fortifications on Breed's and Bunker Hills as well as the establishment of a Continental Army under the command of the Virginian, George Washington.



Prof. Carpenter retired from USNWC in 2020 after 22 years, serving as Strategy and Policy Department Head in the College of Distance Education, and as the Naval War College Command Historian. After 30 years of service, he retired from the US Navy in 2009 with the rank of Captain having served three commanding officer tours and in several senior staff posts. He holds degrees from Florida State University (Ph.D. in British History), the University of St. Andrews in Scotland (M.Litt. in Scottish History), and the University of North Carolina (A.B. with Honors in History).

The Roswell S. Bosworth Jr. Lecture Series is presented by the Men's Club, a local organization that pays tribute to its founding member, former editor and publisher of the East Bay Newspapers, with lectures of interest to the public.

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**East Bay Food Pantry Collections at
 First Congregational Church**

Hello:
 I am starting a collection of "Mainly Food" goods and personal care items at this time to donate to the East Bay Food Pantry. Right now, the Pantry is running low on these basic items. I placed a few suggested examples on the trapezoid table near the kitchen and will place a box there for collections.

I want to encourage First Congregational church members to consider thinking of the Pantry during their grocery shopping trips. Perhaps the practice will grow into members dropping off items each week when they attend church. (Of course, people are welcome to drop off directly at the food pantry as well.)

Listed below are the items they currently need.

Thank you and Blessings,
 Lynne

Collecting Basic Food Goods

- Canned meals (ravioli, chili, soup)
- Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Rice

Personal Care Items

- Tampons/pads
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Adult Diapers

