FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of Falmouth, Massachusetts
of the United Church of Christ



Sunday, November 8, 2026
10:00 a.m.

You Are Welcome Here!

We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to share a prayer of joy or concern, we invite you to write them down on the podium outside the sanctuary entrances. During the *Moment of Greeting* we invite everyone to fill out the fellowship pad and pass the pad down your pew and back again.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION:
"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." ***Albert Einstein***

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ORGAN PRELUDE

A MOMENT OF GREETING
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 531** *My Country Tis of Thee*
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP
Call upon God's Wisdom
God will answer!
Seek God's Wisdom
God dwells in the midst of life.
Follow God's Wisdom
All: God leads in the paths of light and generosity.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Holy God, we hear echoes of your wisdom in Christ Jesus, the one you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to respond with joy and fervor in your holy moment, which is always right now. Help us to make justice pour from our lives like water, and righteousness from our work, like an ever-flowing stream. Hear our prayers, ***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 glory forever. Amen.***

HYMN NO. 532 *Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

SCRIPTURE READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL HYMN: "The Hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:1-13 (NT p.34 in your pew Bible)

MESSAGE: Preparing Today for the Promise of Tomorrow

OFFERTORY
ANTHEM *You Are Near – Schutte*
*Doxology - No. 44
Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** HYMN NO. 535** *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

***BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 368** *Blest Be the Tie*
POSTLUDE
*Those who are able, please stand

Visitors - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them. **Please** turn off your cell phones.

Greeters are Jan Goodell and Bob Heller.
Ushers are Bob Heller, Deb O'Neil, Susan Warren, Rusty Warren.
Junior Deacon is Kasyn Schouten.
Lay Reader is Steve Birmingham.
Deacons of Month are Judy Heller and Sally Hawksworth.
Flowers on the altar-table are given by Mary Jane Southard in loving memory of Robert Southard.

If you would like to commemorate a person or special event by purchasing flowers for the altar should please contact Joanne Blum-Carnevale at capecodjoanne1@gmail.com or by calling 508-548-0480.

Announcements

Help Wanted: Crafting and Greens for the Christmas Fair



If you enjoy working with friends for a cause, come join us—all levels are welcome!

Contact James Rowland for Crafts, or Carol Mills for Greens.

Crafters meet Monday 10-12 And Thursday 9:30-10:30 in the "linens" room.

Help Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is building 4 homes for families in Falmouth! Our congregation has volunteered to provide snacks at about 9:30 a.m. on 10/17, 11/21, and 12/19. There are also other opportunities to help out!



Please reach out to Susan Day at susangday@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.



Artisans Fair

Sat. Nov 14

9am – 2pm

First Congregational Church

across from the Falmouth Village Green

Glass & Wood Crafts, Knitting & Sewing, Art Work, Jewelry, Paper Crafts, Candles, Photography, and more!

68 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540

Christmas Fair

Sat. Dec. 5

9am – 2pm

First Congregational Church

68 Main Street Falmouth

Across from the Village Green



Wreaths & Greens, Knitwear
Christmas Ornaments
Baked Goods, Café Lunch

Buried in Falmouth: Exploring Our Cemeteries

Slideshow by Linda Heald



Wed. Nov 11 - 11am

In the Fellowship Hall, First Congregational Church

All are Welcome to attend!

Sponsored by Women's Union

Brief business meeting at 10:30.

RSVP if you are staying for a Light Soup Lunch to follow at noon.

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This Week's Calendar

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
Tues. 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
9:00 a.m. Men's Club
10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle
10:00 a.m. Healing Group
10:30 a.m. Mahjong
Wed. 10:30 a.m. Women's Union
OFFICES CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY
Thur. 9:30 a.m. Play Group
2:00 p.m. Trustees
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri. 6:00 p.m. Meditation
Sat. 9:00 a.m. Artisan Fair
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Magnificat Reh.

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