

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



**Sunday, September 27, 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:

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” C.S. Lewis

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. 407** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 50)

The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge God's people.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, thank you for this opportunity to meet you here. We come to this new day after a long week, carrying all kinds of feelings, emotions and expectations. But here, in your presence, we pray your Holy Spirit will move us to a place of rejoicing in which new hopes abound. We celebrate with gratitude the gift of your caring Spirit. Hear our voices now as we say Your 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 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. A-13 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:21-35 (NT p.24 in your pew Bible)

MESSAGE: On Forgiveness

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM *So the Love of God – Schutte*

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN NO. 102** *Guide Me, O Great Jehovah*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN NO. 512** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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 Jolie Drury and Marcia Young.

Ushers are Sally Hawksworth, David and Peggy Wickman, Wil and Martin Bindler-Desbiens.

Lay Reader is David Craig.

Deacons of Month are John Honey and Kathy Holmes.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Bob and Judy Heller in loving memory of Edward Heller, beloved nephew, brother, and son.

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

Announcements

Broadway to Movie Magic

Presentation by Richard King



Wed. Oct 14 - 11am

Fellowship Hall — First Congregational Church

All are Welcome!

Have You Updated Your Photo For the Church Photo Directory?



Send your new photo to
info@firstcongfalmouth.org. Like
the old photo? No change
necessary!

CHURCH BUDGET MEETING

TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED
BUDGET TO THE CHURCH
COMMUNITY

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SERVICE**

Howard J. Whitmore Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight Seeks Acts



Join the next Howard J. Whitmore
Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight
on October 24th! Please RSVP
with your idea for a solo or
group act to
Info@firstcongfalmouth.org.

FCC Book Group will meet on
Monday, September 28 at 1pm in
the church parlor.

We will discuss *The Berry Pickers*
by Amanda Peters. All are
welcome.



Contact Mary-Ellen Craig with
questions - me.craig@verizon.net

This Week's Calendar

Mon. 1:00 pm	Book Group
Tues. 9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed. 9:30 a.m.	Play Group
Thur. 3:00 p.m.	Woods Hole Golf
6:00 p.m.	Music Committee
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

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