



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Congregational responses are in bold,

• means "please rise in body or spirit."

November 26, 2023 | Order of Worship

### Prelude

### Welcome

Deacon Megan Sawyer

### Call to Worship

*Led by Keira Sawyer*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship with gladness and singing!

**God is Creator, Sustainer, Keeper, and Shepherd.**

**Bless God's name.**

Enjoy the presence of God! Give thanks and praise!

**God is Sovereign and Holy.**

**Bless God's name.**

Know that God reigns! God's kingdom comes!

**God is Healer, Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend.**

**Bless God's name!**

### We Pass the Peace of Christ

*Led by Megan Sawyer*

### Anthem

Feed My Sheep | arr. R. Sterling  
*First Church Senior Choir*

### Celebration of Gratitude

*Gail McBride*

*"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."-Meister Eckhart*

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### *Today, November 26*

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- Worship, 10 am led by church members with the Sermon by Peter Clark
- Junior Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 am
- Council Meeting, 11:30 am

### *Tuesday November 28*

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- Jeanette's Closet, 9am - 11am
- Staff Meeting, 9 am
- Prayer Group Mtg, 1:30pm
- CUKES Practice, 2pm
- Special Trustee Mtg, 6pm

### *Thursday, November 30*

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- LRCC Board Mtg, 6:30pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

### *Friday, December 1*

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- Setup for Snowflake Sale, 5pm

### *Saturday, December 2*

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- Snowflake Sale, 9am - 2pm

### *Next Sunday, December 3*

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- Worship, 10 am with Rev. Emily Goodnow preaching,
- Junior Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 am
- Special Advent Service, 5pm led by Randee Cassidy

**We Sound the Bell**

*Gail McBride*

**A Message for all Children of God**

*Megan Sawyer*

•Hymn

Joy To The World  
#130 in Red Hymnal

**Go now in peace, go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you!  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go**

*Our youngest disciples are invited to go downstairs with Sandy and our Children's Ministry Team*

**Sharing Our Sacred Story**

*Read by Deborah Owen*

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

- Luke 1:26-38
- Matthew 27:37-50

Inclusive Bible Translation  
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Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Peter Clark

•Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry  
#351 in Black Hymnal

**Prayers of the People**

*Led by Nancy Rollo*

**The 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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering of Love and Promise**

*Megan Sawyer*

**Offertory Music**

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven | David H Williams  
*First Church Senior Choir*

**•Words of Thanksgiving**

Praise God, from whom blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that Love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

*Megan Sawyer*

**Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:**

*We call out words like “joyful, kind, just” to bless our church and world*

**•Hymn**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing  
*#77 in Black Hymnal*

**Benediction**

*Peter Clark*

**Postlude**



**Service Credits:**

*Call to Worship by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.*

## FIRST CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERS

### Ministers

All of Us

### Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily C. Goodnow

### C.E. Coordinator

Sandy Wissmann

### Music Director

Deborah Owen

### Organist & Pianist

Oren Varess

### Jr. Choir Director

Oren Varess

### Sunday School Leaders

Ben & Heather Moreau,  
Rosemary Wisner, Wensday  
Morse, Jessica Engstrom

### Moderator

Megan Sawyer

### Treasurer

Karla Swanson-Murphy

### Trustee of the Month

Peter Clark

### Deacon of the Week

Megan Sawyer

### Greeters

Leslie McAllister, Peter Oberg

### Office Manager

Theresa Sawyer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special Service Dec. 3rd - Advent by Candlelight The Virgin Mary's Role in Advent

Sunday 12/03 at 5pm, a special service is being held, sharing in song and reflection of Mary as a mother, showing us the power of love and devotion in the Christmas story.

*RSVPs help us plan but all are welcome to join us for this service., please click on the RSVP link in this week's newsletter or email Randee Cassidy at randee\_cassidy@yahoo.com*

Childcare is available upon request... please contact Sandy Wissmann swissmann@bridgtonucc.org

### Attention Bakers!!

Would you be willing to bake or donate goodies for the Snowflake Sale on Saturday Dec 2nd? Please let Sandy know if you can help out. You can drop off during setup time on Friday, or, Sat morning.

### Can you help out with greenery?

Would you be able to donate greenery for the Advent Wreath Making on Dec 3rd during Snack & Chat. If so, please see Sandy Wissmann to make arrangements.

### December 3rd Snack & Chat

**If your last name is within this range of P-RE please consider bringing a snack and helping with setup, serving, and cleaning up. Thank you!**

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm, Monday-Friday  
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