

November 22 - UP & COMING NEWS & SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

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Additional information can also be found on our website by visiting <https://firstchurchhadley.org/>

UPCOMING WORSHIP

This Sunday, November 26, is Stewardship Sunday. Please join us for worship and remember to bring your 2024 pledge with you as we will receive and bless our pledges during the service.

UPCOMING WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

December 10 - Outdoor Christmas Pageant

December 17 - Christmas Sunday

December 24 – Christmas Eve service of Carols and Candles at 7:00 pm (please note there will be no morning worship on 12/24)

December 31 - Brunch and Annual Christmas Carol Sing-along

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Sunday, December 17, please contact a member of the Flower Committee: Shari Parsons

(sparsons204@gmail.com), Robin Kellogg (robin.kellogg@hotmail.com), or Lisa West

(lisawest.west@gmail.com). **The cost per plant is \$13.25 and the deadline to order is Monday,**

December 4. Checks may be made payable to First Congregational Church, and note POINSETTIA on the check. Those who purchase a poinsettia are requested to take it home or make arrangements to have it picked up immediately following worship on Christmas Sunday.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR REHEARSALS

Christmas Eve Choir rehearsals begin this week on **Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 26

10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY & DEDICATION
OF PLEDGES

Tuesday, November 28

6:00 p.m.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday, November 29

6:30 p.m.

Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

Thursday, November 30

6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday, December 1

4:00 p.m.

Take & Eat Preparation

Saturday, December 2

8:00 a.m.

Take & Eat

Sunday, December 3

10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE

Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up on our latest services and to view past services and events. Please click on the following link to subscribe: <https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 413-584-4117

Email: rooster@firstchurchhadley.com

Be sure to catch up on the upcoming news for Sunday worship and all the weekly events in our church and community. If you would like to post an event, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

The Sunday Bulletin

Click on the link below at 10 a.m. on Sunday to join our LIVE Zoom Worship Service.

Donna Brewer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Donna Brewer's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2273073640>

Meeting ID: 227 307 3640

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Invite your family and friends to join us -- Please share this email! If folks would like to get this weekly announcement, just send a quick note to rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up on our latest services and to view past services and events. Follow this link to subscribe: <https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

You may also watch our worship service later in the week on Hadley Media Public Channel 191.

Follow us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

We have a prayer list in our congregation as a way of expressing both our mutual care and our faith in God who hears and answers. Our Prayer List today includes **Dawn Davis**.

To add to this Prayer List, please email the church office at rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

Rev. Peter Stilla
Gail Weirick
Ken/Judy Parker

Guest Minister
Guest Pianist
Deacon

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 26, 2023

PRELUDE “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” Arr. Matt Hyzer
 Tune: LAUDA ANIMA by John Goss (1800 – 1880)
 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Arr. Barbara Boertje
 Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR by George J. Elvey

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ken/Judy Parker

INTROIT “Prelude in C” J. S. Bach
 Ring of Joy arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

People: Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouths of babes and infants.

Leader: When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy hands, the moon and the stars which thou hast established.

People: What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him.

Leader: Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.

People: Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

*** GATHERING HYMN** “All Creatures of Our God and King” #64

*** OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Almighty, ever gracious Father, for as we depend on understanding thy holy Word, grant us that our hearts be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear and apprehend thy holy Word, that thereby we may understand thy gracious will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to thy praise and glory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** 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 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.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Ken/Judy Parker

Acts 4: 32–37
Luke 12: 32–34

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“Cantate Domino”

Natalie Sleeth

SERMON

“The Community of Christ”

Rev. Peter Stilla

*** HYMN**

“O Worship The King, All Glorious Above”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Morning Prayer

MORNING OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

“Family of Christ”

Nancy Price
Don Besig

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Accept O Lord, these offerings that thy people make unto thee; and grant that the
cause to which they are devoted may prosper under thy guidance, to the glory of thy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Joyful Recessional”

Gary Norian