

God's Only Son
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First United Methodist
Portsmouth, NH
November 25, 2018 10 AM

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Celebrations

***Call to Worship:**

L: Let's pause and take a breath. Between turkey and carols, "black Friday" and "cyber Monday,"

P: let's pause and take a breath, looking for signs, listening for sounds of a realm not of this world.

L: It's real. It's truth. It's the reign of Christ—the reign that was with us before, is with us now, and is still not yet fully here.

ALL: Let's pause and breathe in life and love and truth.

***Hymn:** "We Will Glorify the King of Kings"—TFWS #2087

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Prayer (unison):

God of Life, we give you thanks for our community of faith. We are thankful for this opportunity to participate in your work here on earth, knowing that we are part of the greater community that spans beyond time and place, beyond life and death. Guide us in our daily lives to live in your ways of justice, mercy, forgiveness and peace. Guide us to love our neighbors and to pray for our enemies, to reach out with open hands instead of clenched fists. Open our hearts, loving God, to our neighbors in need, that we might expand the message of your kingdom here on earth, that all may be part, that all have a place, and that all are needed. In the name of Christ, our Guide, our Friend, and our Companion, we pray. Amen.

Sung Response: "Jesus, Remember Me" – UMH #488

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: John 18:33-37

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Reign of Christ" - Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" – UMH #327

Concerns and Joys

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison):

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 in temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology:** *(Please join in singing the following)* - UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison):

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Lead On, O King Eternal" – UMH #580

***Choral Benediction:** *(Congregation encircles the Sanctuary)*

May the Lord, gracious God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.

***Pastor's Charge**

Postlude

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters



Welcome!

Whether you are joining us for worship for the first time or after many years of attending here at First UMC, we want you to know that you are welcome!

We are an inclusive community that invites everyone to be part of our church fellowship.

Thank you for being here, and we hope that you have had a meaningful experience of worshipping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson

**SOMEONE
NEEDS
YOUR
PRAYERS
ON
THIS DAY**

- Barbara & Jim Slater
- Connor Woldt ~ Missy Johnson
- Brenda West ~ Cynthia Drake
- Pauline Boynton ~ Barbara Millar
- Clark Cole ~ Sharon Garceau
- Irene Derosier ~ Seraphim Afflick
- Barbara Clement ~ Malia Broe
- Trudy Parkhurst ~ Gerry Royer
- Joette MacKenzie ~ Kim Hishop
- Rev. Sue Ellery ~ Rev. Bill Gardei
- Marion Collishaw ~ Sue Goodhue
- Hunter Pinkley ~ Sylvia Bartlett
- BrianThompson
- Our church family
- California fire victims

Sunday Worship Team

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Liturgist - Kevin Fickenscher ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Sue Richards

Greeters - Jan & Al Cansdale ~ Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers -Mike & Anne Coffey

Sunday School - Evelyn New

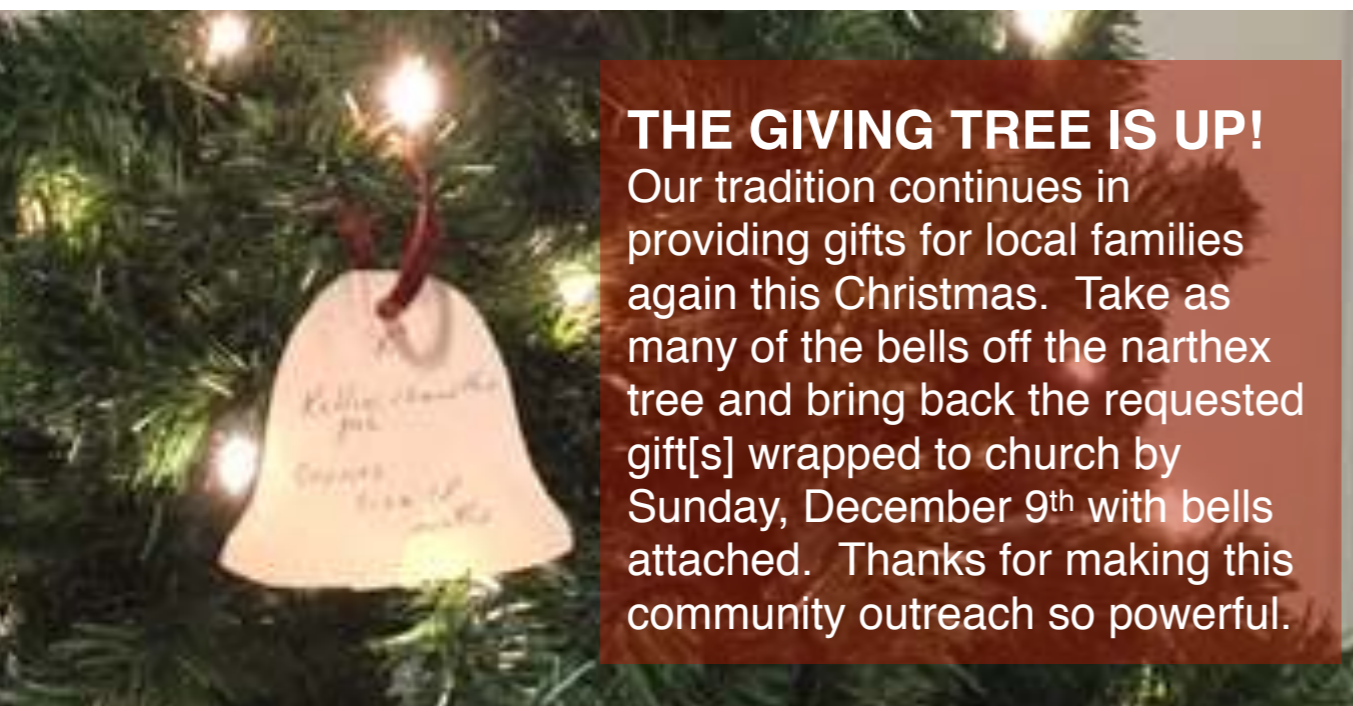
Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek ~ Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

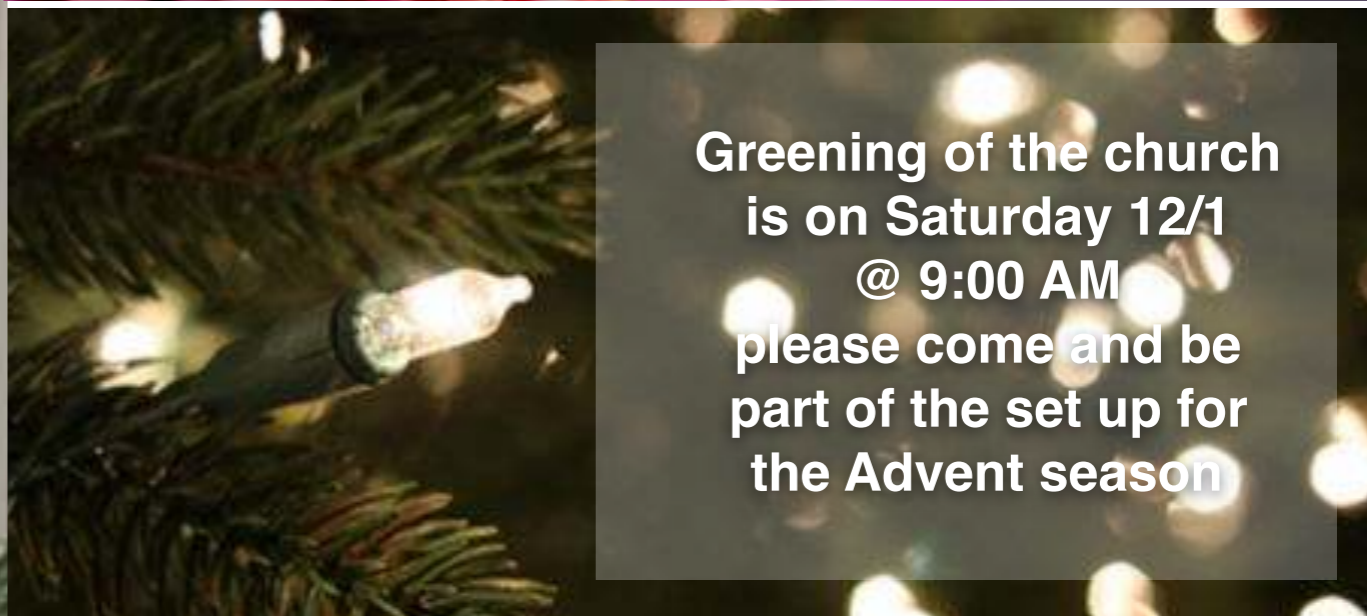


Altar flowers
this week
are
Given by the
Laux family in
honor of
Evelyn's
birthday



THE GIVING TREE IS UP!

Our tradition continues in providing gifts for local families again this Christmas. Take as many of the bells off the narthex tree and bring back the requested gift[s] wrapped to church by Sunday, December 9th with bells attached. Thanks for making this community outreach so powerful.



Greening of the church
is on Saturday 12/1
@ 9:00 AM
please come and be
part of the set up for
the Advent season

FUMC PORTSMOUTH A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated to worshiping, learning, and serving with all people as we embrace Jesus Christ's message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church we stand fully behind the statement "Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors" We celebrate our diversity and invite all persons regardless of age, gender, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, physical or mental ability into full membership and participation in the life of this community of faith.



**THIS
WEEK'S
INSPIRATION**

*In a world where
you can be anything*
BE KIND.



We continue to update our church website on a weekly basis with:

- Weekly bulletin
- Special music on YouTube link
- Photo gallery updates
 - Bell Bazaar 2018
 - Interfaith Service
 - Ken Westbrooks 90th celebration
 - Ruth L. Griffin Memorial Bridge
 - Pumpkin Patch 2018
- Mark Your Calendar
- Weekly inspiration

Please be sure to check it out and use the site as an opportunity to share with those who can't make it to church so they feel part of the community. You can load the site to your phone or we have a church iPad that you can use for visitation. Here is the link information to our church website - <http://fumcportsmouth.com>



New England Annual Conference Tri-State District

The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop
The Rev. James McPhee, District Superintendent

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