



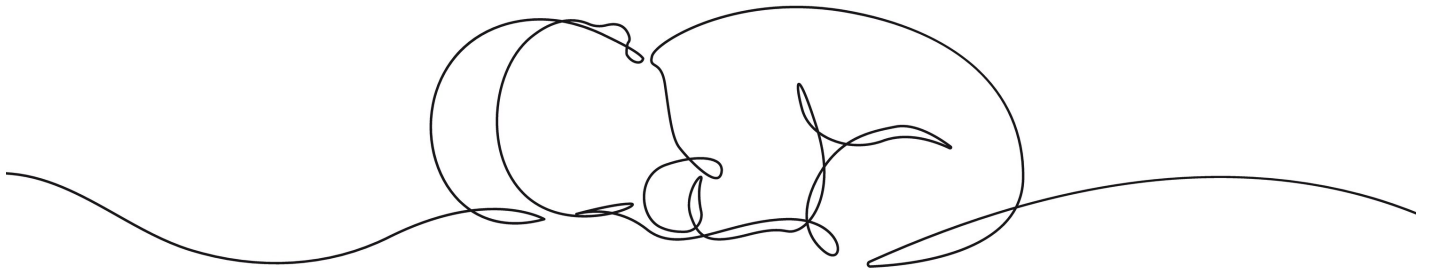
The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“What’s Your Birth Plan?”

November 2, 2025 • 10:00 am



Welcome to FCC — We're So Glad You're Here

“All Are Welcome” isn’t just a slogan - it’s how we live. Whether you’re grounded in faith or full of questions... Young or old, neuro-diverse or otherly-abled... Whatever your race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, political views, marital status, income level, or background - You can belong here. We believe every person is a child of God, and every voice is essential to who we are as a family of faith.

Maybe you’ve gone to church your whole life - or maybe this is your very first time in a place like this. Either way, we’re grateful you’re here. It takes courage to show up, especially if church has ever felt like a place of hurt, judgment, or confusion. We hope this community feels different. As a congregation of the United Church of Christ, we’re rooted in a rich history of Christian faith and justice.

As a church, we seek to follow Jesus and explore what that means in today’s changing world. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey—curious, committed, cautious, or questioning—we’re grateful you’re here to grow with us.

If you're worshipping in person for the first time, we invite you to fill out a **Visitor Card**. Prayer requests can also be written and handed to an usher.

Worshipping online? Have a question or want to get more involved?

Pastor Siobhan would love to hear from you at pastorsiobhan@fcc-chappaqua.org. To receive our weekly *Thursday's Word* newsletter, contact office@fcc-chappaqua.org.

And yes, children are joyfully welcome in worship!

Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs”* (Mark 10:14). We believe children aren’t just the future of the church—they help reveal the heart of God right now. Their voices, questions, wiggles, giggles—and yes, even cries or joyful shouts—are welcome here. We celebrate the life they bring, even when it doesn’t follow the script. Children are invited to receive communion or a blessing and may also join our Sunday School program (September–June), if families choose. *For more information you can reach our Director of Christian Education Jonathan Riedel at ce@fcc-chappaqua.org*

We hope you feel at home, for truly your presence is a blessing to us.

Our Mission Statement

“With open hands and open hearts, we care for each other and the wider world through prayer, connections and compassion. We are compelled by our faith to follow in the path of Jesus Christ, by both listening to and spreading God’s love to all people.”

Our Vision Statement

“In living our faith and guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we seek to be known as an open and safe place of peaceful reflection and tolerant dialogue. We also seek to lead our community as a voice of hope to foster individual and social compassion.”

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First Congregational Church
Sunday, November 2, 2025 • 10:00 am
All Saints Sunday
Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude

Prelude on 'Rejoice in God's Saints'

—PHIL LEHENBAUER

Welcome

Announcements

Centering Music

Give Me Jesus *(see insert)*

Call to Worship *(responsively)*:

One: Come, let us gather in the presence of the living God, and in the company of all the saints—past, present, and future.

All: We come to remember, to give thanks, and to find strength for the road ahead.

One: This is a day for memory and for hope. It is a day to let the lives of others remind us that we, too, were made for more.

All: Meet us here, O God. Surround us with your love and your hope.

One: Grieving or grateful, weary or wondering, let us worship the God who makes ordinary lives radiant with grace.

All: Let us worship in gratitude and thanksgiving for all the saints who have gone before us, and for the holy lives still unfolding among us.

*Hymn No. 637

For All the Saints *(verse 1,3,5)*

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia!

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Invocation

Pastor Siobhan

Holy God, you are the beginning and the end, the breath in our lungs and the love in our bones. You have walked with your people through every generation and today, we give thanks for the saints who've walked this road before us. Some taught us to pray. Some made us laugh. Some showed up with meals, with wisdom, with grace. We carry their stories in our hearts. We see their fingerprints in our faith. As we gather now, still and expectant, draw us into your presence. Clear space in us for wonder, for memory, for your still-speaking Spirit.

Meet us in this hour and in the silence between our words. And with hearts open to your love, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

Unison Lord's Prayer *(using debts)*:

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 the glory forever and ever. Amen

Youth Message

Jonathan Riedel

Invitation to Confession:

One: The saints we remember today weren't perfect. They weren't without doubt or struggle or missteps. But they lived with courage, with compassion, and with a willingness to return to God again and again. We confess—not because we fear God is far from us but because we trust that God is close. We confess to make space. To name what we've carried, what we've missed, and what we're still becoming. In the company of the saints and the presence of grace, let us come honestly before God who already knows us, and still loves us into more. Let us pray.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Loving God, we confess that we don't always live as your saints. We get distracted, discouraged, and overwhelmed. We miss chances to be kind, to be brave, to be present. Forgive us for the ways we fall short, and remind us that your grace is for all of us not just the perfect, but the honest. Make us more like those who've gone before us not flawless, but faithful. Shine your light through us, and help us walk in love. Amen

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

Hymn No. 589

Lord I Want to Be A Christian *(verse 1)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Words of Assurance (*responsively*):

One: Friends, hear this good news: God's love is bigger than our mistakes, and God's grace meets us where we are not to shame us, but to shape us. You are forgiven. You are held. You are free to be more.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing of Christ's Peace (*responsively*)

One: Celebrating God's amazing grace, let us now share that grace with one another. Please rise in body or in spirit, and as we hear the hymn "This Little Light of Mine" let us pass the peace of Christ—either in person or virtually. May the Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

The Gospel of Luke 6:20-31

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. "But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. "Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. "Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to every one who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them again. And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"What's Your Birth Plan?"

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

*Hymn No. 66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (*verse 1,3,4*)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Remembering the Saints of Our Church Community

Gary Hovis

Other loved ones who have gone before us

Jim Agudio

Dorothy Lee (2024)

Yoseph Alabdulwahab

Carla Maxwell

John Collins

Paul Perez

Karen Eiler

Walter “Randy” Samples

Van Jones (2017)

William Ku (2022)

Hymn 476

Rejoice in God's Saints *(verse 1, 3 & 4)*

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, God, help us to share.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs.

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true;
the way of self-giving, God, leads us to you.

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord

-Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication:

All: God of every generation, we bring these gifts in gratitude for all the saints and for the ways you still call us to love boldly today. Use these offerings to lift up the brokenhearted, to heal what hurts, to bring peace where there is unrest, and to carry forward the faith we've inherited. May our giving honor their witness, and may our lives reflect your grace. With thankful hearts, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Hymn

Come To The Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
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Holy Communion

Pastor Siobhan

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God the Most High.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup (gluten free bread available and we serve grape juice)

Communion Hymn 408

Come, Share the Lord

We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, every one belongs;
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks together:

All: We thank you, gracious God, for this meal that nourishes body and spirit, for the love that binds us to you and to one another, and for the presence of Christ who meets us in this feast. Send us now into the world to live as your people - renewed, refreshed, and ready to serve, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 528

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say "I am strong";
let the poor say "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Benediction

Pastor Siobhan

Postlude

Voluntary on 'Ein Feste Burg'

-GORDON YOUNG

Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



Today's loose collection will be added to the Deacons Assistance Fund which assists members, friends or neighbors, who have a current financial problem which might be overcome or diminished by caring financial help.



We thank all who have participated in our morning worship service and in the auxiliary functions.

- Esther Gates is our Host Deacon
- Wendy Ku is Assisting with Communion
 - Barbara Cardone is our Liturgist
- Sharon Rubens and Ed McLaren are our Ushers
- Kathie Swenson is Hosting Sunday Fellowship

Please join us for coffee/snacks and fellowship in the Centennial Hall following worship.

Give Me Jesus

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unis.

1. In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I
 2. I heard my moth-er say, I heard my moth-er
 3. Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my
 4. Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to

unis.*div.*

rise, in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 say, I heard my moth-er say, give me Je - sus.
 cry, dark mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 die, oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

div.*Refrain*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je -



sus, you may have all this world, give me Je - sus.





Calendar



TODAY, Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday

Luke's Pantry

10:00 am Worship w/Communion (CH/YouTube)

-Rev. Siobhan Sargent preaching

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, November 3

9:15 am Play Care

6:00 pm Play Care Board Mtg.

Tuesday, November 4

Play Care Closed

11:15 am Staff Training (CH)

12:30 pm Staff Meeting (MR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, November 5

9:15 am Play Care

9:30 am LPO Kitchen Rental

7:30 pm Boy Scouts (CH)

Thursday, November 6

9:15 am Play Care

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, November 7

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, November 8

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (CH)

NEXT Sunday, November 9

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship

7:30 pm AA (CH)