



All Saints' Day (Observed) • Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

“I am not a saint, unless you think of saint as a sinner who keeps trying.”

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 5-8.

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 149

All: Let Israel be glad in its Maker.

All: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

One: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people.

All: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy!

Hymn 481 (pp. 56) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Grand Isle

Prayer of Invocation

Gloria (*Unison*)

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.

Words of Welcome; Our Ministry and Mission

Anthem “Mein gläubiges Herze,” from BWV 68 Johann Sebastian Bach

My faithful heart, rejoice, sing, celebrate, for your Jesus is here. Banish suffering and complaint: I will only say that Jesus is near.

Children's Moment

We're celebrating All Saints' Day this Sunday. This is a day when we remember all the faithful who have gone before us.

Does this mean there are no more saints? Were they only alive in the past? No! There are still saints among us, people whose lives reflect the love and grace of God. They may

sing, they may serve, they may extend hospitality to others. They can be old, or they can be young. They can be strangers who live on the other side of the world, or they can live in your home.

That's right—*anybody* can be a saint. That includes you!

Hymn 550 (p. 7) *Give Praise to the Lord*

Laudate Dominum

Scripture Lessons

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18. In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. [...]

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Luke 6:20-31. ²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Sermon *“Live Like a Saint”*

Stephen R. Silver

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

As we hold our community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing.

Today we offer our ongoing prayers for Pete, Lloyd, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Greg, Edith, Jan, Eileen, Juanita, Terry, Dan, Ethan, Travis, Larry, Garrett, and Penny.

O God, this week we remember the saints who came before us, those amongst us, and those we anticipate will come after us. We pray that we will support and nurture these people, that we will try to be one of them. We know that we may not succeed, but that

is no reason for us not to keep trying. Inspire and encourage us, as we seek to walk the path of Jesus.

We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of your Son Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

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 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. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

Remembering those who are without, who are in need, who are often ignored, we invite your support of our ongoing ministry in and for the community.

Offertory Adagio II, Cello Sonata in C Major attr. George Frideric Handel

Doxology (*Unison*)

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*)

Ancient of Days, Author of Life, Eternal God: you have fashioned time, granting each of us a portion, trusting each of us to use this blessing faithfully. In gratitude for this precious gift and with renewed commitment to use it wisely on behalf of your Gospel, we present this morning's offering, praying in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

For communion, you are invited to have some bread and juice on hand. We will share in the bread and cup at the appointed time. If you would like to receive a blessing, please let the officiant know.

Invitation and Communion Prayer

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most
High. Bless-ed is the one that comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Unison*)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have here been graced by your presence, God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn 306 (p. 8) *For All the Saints*

Sine Nomine

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro, Cello Sonata in C Major

attr. George Frideric Handel

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist • Margaret Gilmore, Cello • Betsy Alexander, Soprano

Dream Big *Stewardship Sunday is Next Weekend, November 13*

“For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.” (Isaiah 65:17)

Our annual stewardship appeal will be mailed this week, and you are invited to prayerfully consider your commitment to FCC’s mission and ministry in the coming year. Next Sunday, we will gratefully dedicate our 2023 pledges together in worship.

Operation Christmas Child—National Collection Week: November 14-21

You’re invited to support Operation Christmas Child, by which Samaritan’s Purse ships shoeboxes of supplies and toys to children worldwide. Gloria and Phil Hammond (802-295-3749) generously manage this at FCC; they’ll give out as many shoeboxes as can be filled and **returned to church** by the collection week of November 14-21. You may also build a shoebox online.

For more information on this year’s operation or to build a shoebox online, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS COMES TO ALL—LISTEN’S HOLIDAY BASKETS

For years FCC has participated in the Holiday Basket Program organized by LISTEN Community Services. Economic challenges have increased demand for this program.

LISTEN is returning to the familiar process of gathering donations of new items and gift cards, so we’ll again offer a “giving tree” (of a sort) by which you may support this vital project.

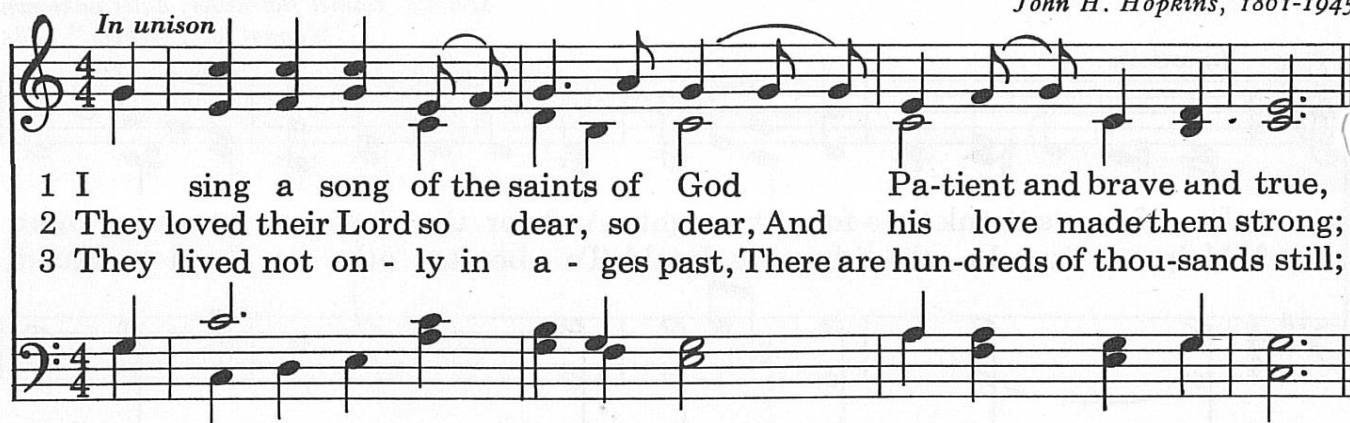
Please look for a sign-up list by email (and in print on Sundays) later this month.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

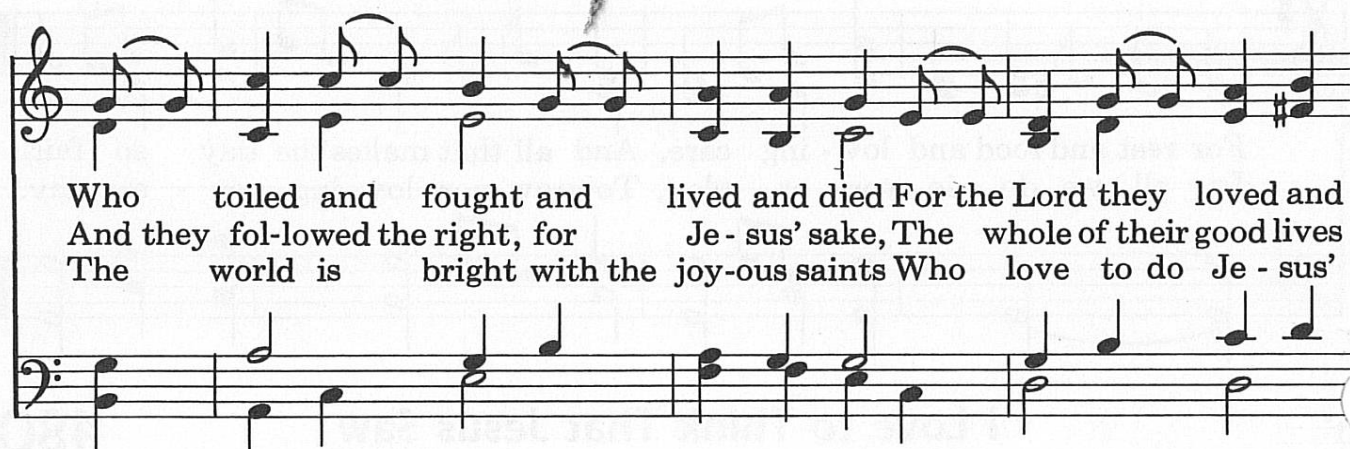
Lesbia Scott, 1898- , alt.

GRAND ISLE *Irregular*
John H. Hopkins, 1861-1945

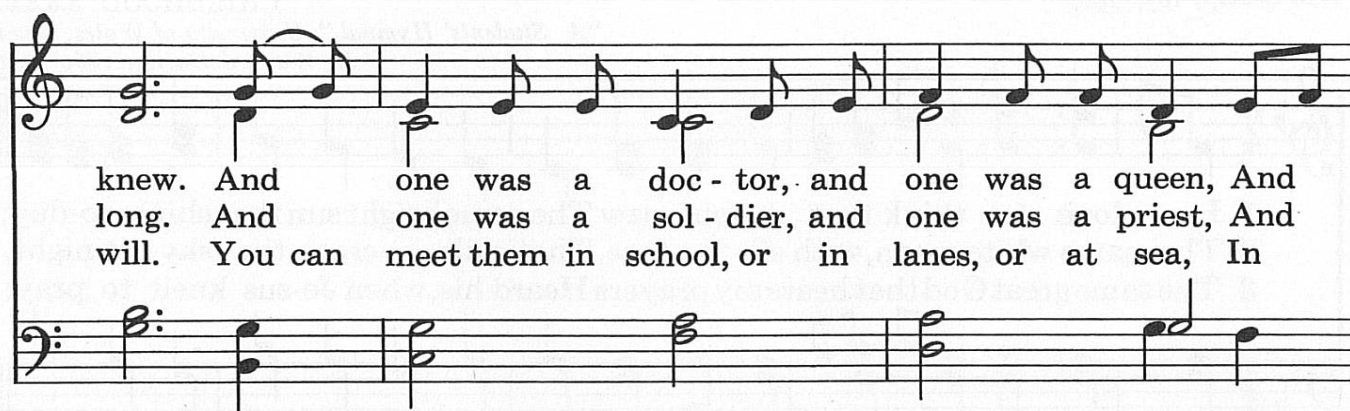
In unison



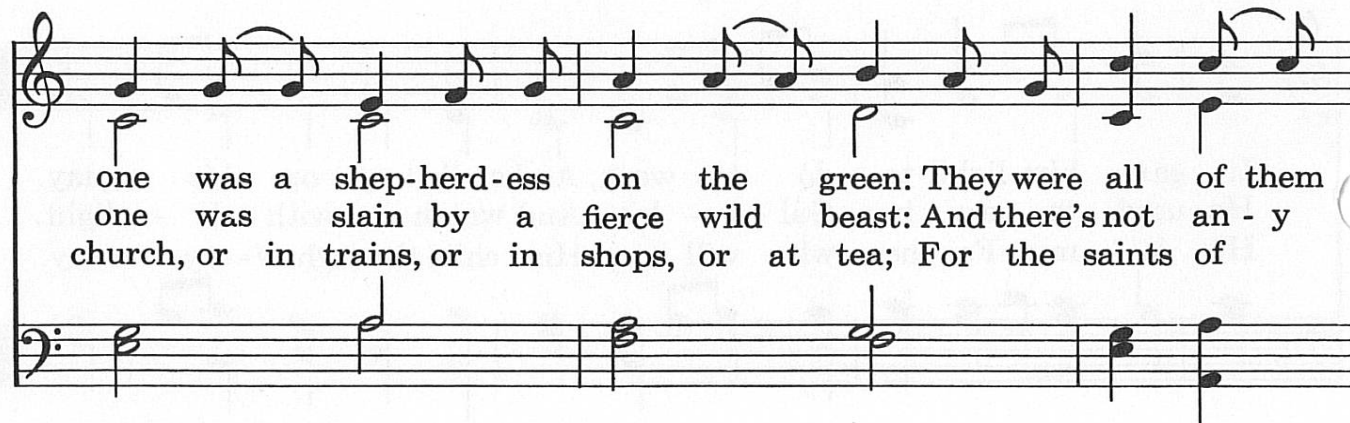
1 I sing a song of the saints of God Pa-tient and brave and true,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still;



Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and
 And they fol-lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, The whole of their good lives
 The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je - sus'



knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, And
 long. And one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, And
 will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In



one was a shep-herd-ess on the green: They were all of them
 one was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y
 church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of



If you wish to have a joy, concern, or prayer request lifted up in the service, or if you know of someone who may need special prayers, a card or phone call, or some other form of pastoral care, please email prayer@fccleb.org or speak with Rev. Silver directly.



**Music
at the
Meetinghouse**

Upcoming Concerts

Masks, distanced seating, and proof of vaccination required.

Reflections: Music for Flute and Piano—Sunday, November 6, at 3:00 pm

Our flautist friend Leslie Stroud joins her frequent collaborator, pianist Matthew Odell, for music by George Enescu, Philip Glass, Robert Schumann, and Aaron Copland. *Suggested donation \$10.*

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, Nov. 11 and 25, Dec. 2, all 7:30 pm

Come enjoy our popular community venue for live local music! An informal “listening room” for emerging musicians, each show features several acoustic acts. Patrons come and go as they please; food and drink available. *Free admission. For performer info and more, visit anoncoffee.org.*

The Balourdet Quartet—Saturday, November 12, at 4:00 pm

After hosting it online in 2021, UVMC brings this superb Boston-based ensemble to Lebanon for a master class (1:00 pm, *free and open to observers*) and a performance of both familiar and new music (*adults \$20, under-18 free*). *For more, visit uvmusic.org/event/balourdet-quartet-performance.*

Classicopia: Latin Cello—Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 pm

Cellist Diego Carneiro—who has been named a Minister of Tourism for his native Ecuador—joins pianist Dan Weiser for a thrilling program by an unusual variety of Latin-American composers.

Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; for more, visit classicopia.org/concert/latin-cello/.

Cameo Baroque Benefit for 19 Days: Musica Obscura—Friday, November 18, at 7:30 pm

Ernie Drown and friends share their annual program to benefit the UV Haven’s “19 Days of the Valley” effort. “Dark” music of J. S. Bach, G. P. Telemann, Michele Cabalone, Robert Valentine, Elisabeth Claude Jacques de la Guerre, and more. *Freewill donation; more at cameoarts.org.*

Classicopia: Four-Hand Holiday—Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 pm

Pianists Daniel Weiser and Elizabeth Borowsky renew this seasonal tradition with a selection of favorites in exciting, four-hand arrangements—from “Sleigh Ride” and “White Christmas” to *The Nutcracker Suite*. *Adults \$20, FCC mems \$15, children free; visit classicopia.org/concert/four-hand-holiday3/.*

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Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized by themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.

For All the Saints

First Tune

William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

In unison

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith be -
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their captain
 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who
 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feeblely struggle,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the

fore the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 they in glory shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.



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Welcome!

We are a Christ-centered community that celebrates the love of God. Although we are of varied minds, with varying measures of belief and unbelief, we are one body, bound together in Christ. We recognize the uniqueness of every individual as God's beloved child. We seek to respond faithfully to God's call for justice for all creation. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance. We seek to create a sanctuary where all will know they are welcome and included.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, race or ethnicity, physical or mental ability, or economic circumstance, you are invited into the full life and ministry of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, including its worship, sacraments, and rites.

Join us as we grow together in God's love.

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Jon Scott, Chair of Church Council • Linda Gerlach, Chair of Deacons • Barbara Jones, Moderator
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