

THE SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Established November 13, 1771

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

November 24, 2024

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday Reign of Christ

WELCOME

WE ARE AN ACTIVE CHURCH - FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

PASSING THE PEACE and MOMENT OF CENTERING

ONE: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you!

MOMENT OF CENTERING

We invite you to listen to the music and abide in God's presence.

PRELUDE

Harvest Home

Gilbert Martin

GATHERING and PRAYING

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Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

Guiting Power

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God reigns; let the earth be glad. God's word is truth; let all people rejoice.

People: God's rule is everlasting and forevermore; all creation bows before God's holiness.

Leader: Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth, to worship and to be faithful witnesses.

People: God is our righteousness and our peace. We come to be renewed in God's truth.

*INTROIT

Be Still

Laura Belanger

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Mighty and tender God, we praise you for your vision of a community in which all hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, and hurting healed. Guide us by your truth and love until your reign of justice and compassion is known to all. Honor, glory, and blessing to you this day and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Love Is the Key

Arlen Clarke

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Gerald Finzi

*HYMN #400

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

REFLECTING

SCRIPTURE AND GOSPEL

[Revelation 1:4b-8](#)
[John 18:33-37](#)

Laura Belanger

MEDITATION

“Truthiness”

Rev. Rebecca Maccini

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The King of Love

Richard Cundick

*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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (UNISON)

God, we make this offering and pray that Christ's reign will become a lived reality in peoples' lives. May it be used to help release chains that bind, feed the hungry, and give power to the powerless. May they experience the truth and freedom of Christ's reign!

*HYMN #12

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arr Virgil Fox

*We invite you to be seated to listen to the postlude;
if you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.*

***As comfortable, please rise.**



WELCOME to Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC

Please join us in the Undercroft for refreshment and fellowship after worship.

Once again, we welcome Rev. Rebecca Maccini! In over 30 years of pastoral ministry, she has been a pastor of young adults, co-pastor, bi-vocational pastor, and sole pastor. She is an active member of The New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ and we are so happy to have her here again as our Supply Pastor.

We want you to hear all parts of today's service! If you have difficulty hearing any part of our worship service, please let an usher know so we can fix it!

We have THREE types of bulletins each week including youth bulletins for puzzle minded folk and young at heart which are available each week in person and digitally with [this link](#).

Prayer Requests: If you would like to make a prayer request to be lifted during worship, please write it down on the "prayer request" sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Those at home can email prayerrequests@uccsanbornton.org or fill out a [prayer request](#) from our website.

Today's flowers are given by Teresa Spinner

Thank you to today's ushers Barbara Osler & Cheryl Provost.

Are you curious about our history, upcoming events or wanting to re-watch a service?

Visit our website www.uccsanbornton.org

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch>

Watch us on our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNgHw>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Stewardship Season! We are still collecting your pledges and "Who Likes to Do What?" forms. Either or both of these can be placed in the offering plate when it is passed. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES

- ★ **Saturday, November 30, 2024 - 10 am - Sanctuary decorating and Advent season preparations - sign up in the Undercroft**
- ★ Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9am - 2pm - Annual Holiday Fair
- ★ Saturday, December 14, 2024, 2 pm - Community Carol Sing (in coordination with the Sanbornton Recreation Department's party and Santa visit)
- ★ Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 7 pm - Annual Christmas Eve Service - Lesson in Carols

The Merrimack Association is filled with joy that on December 8th at 3pm, Cherie Shaw will be Ordained at South Congregational Church Concord; 27 Pleasant St, Concord, NH.

All are invited to attend and celebrate with Cherie. Clergy will be wearing **blue** stoles with their robes per Cherie's request. Cherie experiences God as water and that connection has been very meaningful for her throughout her time of formation/preparation for ordained ministry. She feels blue stoles will add another layer of meaning to this special day.

PEW CARDS can be filled out and added to the collection plate when it is passed.

Keeping in Touch - Thank you for keeping us in-the-know!

Please let us know how you are staying connected with folks from our Sanbornton Congregational Church community by filling out the [form linked here](#). We plan to add this as a regular article in our Belfry!



Annual Holiday Fair


Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 9am - 2pm in the Undercroft

Vintage ornaments, decorations and wonderful handcrafted items and NEW SOAPS made just for Sanbornton Congregational Church will be for sale. Thank you to all of the people who are crafting at home for this fair and also thank you to everyone who is crafting on Wednesdays to create many items with lots of love and care.

We are looking for donations:

 baked goods - wrapped and ready to sell

Coordinated by Mae Burke, Barbara Osler and Cheryl Provost

 gently used books in the categories as follows:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's books | We will NOT be collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction |  Textbooks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-fiction |  Dictionaries |

Coordinated by Susan Bayer and Mary Ruth Scott

 gently used Christmas items

If you have a holiday decoration or ornament in good condition, we would gladly accept it. When donating, please ask yourself if you would buy it. 😊

Coordinated by Debi Gray

 Christmas bags

Do you have extra unused gift bags in your stash?

We will take them so shoppers have a nice way to take their purchases home. Donations are already being collected in the Narthex

 If you are making a new item for the sale, please suggest a price.

 Do you have another idea? See Sue Long please!

Our **Mitten Tree** will be ready for decorating soon! Your contributions of mittens and hats will be donated before Christmas.

Christmas Baskets will be distributed through First Fruits Food Pantry. As is our tradition, we will be supporting this endeavor by donating mushroom soup, cans of pineapple slices and yellow mustard. We have been asked to provide 15 of each. We will be collecting until Sunday, December 15. Thank you for supporting this mission.

Seekers will not be meeting until after the Holiday Fair They will resume meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 10 am in the Undercroft after the Fair. All are welcome.

Crafting in the Undercroft will be meeting every Wednesday until the Holiday Fair. We will need some help crafting, pricing, organizing and tying this year's custom soaps. All are welcome!

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers donations are always welcome! If you would like to place flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of someone or if you just want to bless the congregation, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft and bring the flowers Sunday morning.

Fellowship Snacks - The Hospitality committee welcomes your donation of snacks for our weekly time of fellowship after church. Please join us after worship today for hot coffee, tea and a tasty treat or two.

Announcements and calendar additions for Sunday's bulletin can be submitted by Friday at 9 am through uccsanbornton@gmail.com or by contacting Sue Long.

First Fruits is always in need of and grateful for our contributions, especially toiletries. **Belknap House** is in need of **cleaning supplies**. Donations can be placed in the appropriate receptacles which are in the back of the sanctuary.

Winter Weather Closings: Watch for an email announcement in your email or check WMUR for church status on Sundays **and** other days with scheduled events. On Sundays, an email will be sent out and the announcement will be on WMUR by 7:30 AM. If our Pastor, Organist and Media Specialist are able to make it to the church there will be a notice of “Online Services” and if they are unable to make it to church “Church Services will be Closed” will be the notice. Please check these sources for information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Sanbornton Public Library

Tuesdays 10-12pm: Fiber Arts: Stitch, knit, spin with us!

Thursdays: 2-4pm: Learn and play Mahjong, ask at the circulation desk

Fridays 10:30am: Storytime for children 0-6 with stories and songs

Tech Appointments are available by request, no question is too small.

Wednesday, December 4 at 4pm: How Plants and Animals Prepare for Winter, a program w/ local biologist, Mirka Zapletal, for kids and families.

Wednesday, December 4 at 6pm: Book Discussion of Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

Friday, December 13th at 1pm: Wellness Link Paint and Chat, get together to paint a winter watercolor.



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24	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Rebecca Maccini</i> Reign of Christ Thanksgiving Sunday
24	Sunday	After worship	Virtual Coffee Hour - join us at our Talking Table meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf
27	Wednesday	10:00 am	Crafting in the Undercroft
28	Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
30	Saturday	10:00 am	Sanctuary Decorating and Advent season Preparations

December 2024

1	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Marg Whedon</i> First Sunday in Advent
1	Sunday	After worship	Virtual Coffee Hour - join us at our Talking Table meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf
2	Monday	7:00 pm	Old Home Day Committee Meeting in the Undercroft
3	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
4	Wednesday	10:00 am	Crafting in the Undercroft/Fair Set-up
5	Thursday	10:00 am	Crafting in the Undercroft/Fair Set-up
6	Friday	10:00 am	Crafting in the Undercroft/Fair Set-up



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Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning 550

Eb Csus $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Abmaj7 Fm $\frac{Ab}{Bb}$ Bb7 Eb Gm Cm Fm $\frac{Ab}{Bb}$ Bb7

1 Christ tri-um-phant, ev - er reign-ing, Sav - ior, Mas - ter, King!
 2 Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!
 3 Suffer - ing ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
 4 Priest - ly king, en - throned for ev - er high in heaven a - bove!
 5 So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the a - ges long.

Ebmaj7 Gm7 Cm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Am7(b5) Dsus D7 Gm Cm F7sus F7 Bb $\frac{Bb}{Ab}$

Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:
 power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:
 death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:
 sin and death - and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:
 cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song.

Gm7 $\frac{Eb}{G}$ Bbm7 Eb7 Abmaj7 $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ $\frac{Dm7}{G}$ G7 Cm Fm7 Gm Cm Abmaj7 Fm $\frac{Ab}{Bb}$ Bb7 Eb

Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

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QUITTING POWER
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