"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE Celtic Farewell, arr. by Linda R. Lamb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up our spirits to the God enthroned in the heavens!
People: The Holy One is our dwelling place from generation to generation.
Leader: Lift up our hearts to the God who shapes us and guides us.
People: The Holy One is God, forming the earth, the world, and the universe.
Leader: Let us worship the Holy One who is God.
People: The Holy One teaches us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

HYMN* #382 We Give Thee but Our Own

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, we worship you and honor your name. Open our hearts with thanksgiving, awe, and possibility. Make your word be written on our hearts. May your purpose ignite a fire within our souls. As we gather as a community, may our faith be renewed, our trust strengthened, and our courage increased. We pray in Jesus' name, saying…

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. 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

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90:1-6

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory Grant Us Peace/Joseph M. Martin

Song of Presentation*

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.

Offering Prayer*

Gracious God bless the gifts and lives we offer to you today. Transform them to be instruments of your love, justice, and mercy, that they might bring your realm to earth. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN* #602 O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the last verse.

Reception of New Members **(see insert)**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30
Choral Response

SERMON God's Multiplication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Choral Response

HYMN* #606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

******All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

Today's liturgy has been adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual and Worship Ways.

THANK YOU

Corey Johnson - Deacon on Duty
Bella Gallik - Acolyte
Leslie Schlemmer - Scripture Reader
Youth with Deacons - Ushers



Reception of New Members

James Collins

Doug Gallik

Mariah Padilla-McDonald

Leader: We invite to come forward those who wish to unite with us in this household of faith.

Here these words from Paul:

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are equally citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus alone being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in Christ; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Leader: In coming forward in covenant with the First Congregational Church of New Milford, United Church of Christ, do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

New Members: I promise, with the help of God.

Deacon: Will the members of this congregation please join with the new members in an affirmation of our covenant.

All: We confess our faith in God, our heavenly Creator, and our reverent love for Jesus Christ, our Savior, and our willingness to be guided by the Holy Spirit. We promise, as members of this church, to walk together as Christians, obedient to the teachings of the Holy Scripture, and to participate in the government, worship, stewardship, and mission of this church. This we do for the glory of God, for the good of our neighbors, and for our mutual growth in Christian grace, seeking to do all in faith, fellowship, and service, in the spirit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors as the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of this congregation, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

Leader: Let us pray:

O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following today's worship.

Coffee Hour: Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following today's meeting.

Women of the Bible Study Group meet in Room 3 of the Parish House on Mondays at 1:00 PM.

Church Council meeting is Monday, November 16 at 6:30 pm in the Taylor Room.

Transgender Day of Remembrance service is on Friday, November 20 at 7:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, November 21 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

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Calendar

Weekly
Sundays - Worship 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour 11:00 AM
Mondays - Woman of the Bible Study Group 1:00 PM
November
Nov. 15 - Congregational Meeting - Following Worship
Nov. 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance 7:00 PM
Nov. 21 - Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM
Nov. 28 - Holiday Craft Fair 10 AM - 3 PM Living Nativity 5:45 PM
December
Dec. 2 - Lunch & Learn 12:30 PM
Dec. 5- Bags & Crafts 2:00 PM
Dec. 6 - Advent Brunch
Dec. 13 - Chapel Stitchers 11:30 AM Christmas Concert 4:00 PM
Dec. 19 - Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM
Dec. 20 - Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Family Service 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols & Communion 8:00 PM

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