



Falmouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our Gifting God

Recognizing the gifts we have,
and sharing them

Falmouth Congregational Church,
November 17th & 24th

Serving Christ and Community since
1754 Third Parish Church;
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson



Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. 1 Peter 4:10

Dear church,

Over the past half year as your pastor I have been struck by the ways this congregation provides a beating heart for our community, bringing God's love into our lives and then out into the world, and bringing us closer to each other and our neighbors.

When I look towards 2020 I am so excited for all that we can do together. In 2019 we saw new members join and a new pastor get installed. We continued our commitment to service, participating in the Family Promise Program four times and housing an asylum-seeking family for three months. We expanded our Children's Programming, reinvesting in our combined Youth Group and hiring a Nursery Care provider for our youngest Christians. We expanded our bus route to include Ashton Gardens, so that more of our community can come to church. This is all since June!

Here at Falmouth Congregational we all pitch in and help as we can, and so we are "lean and mean," doing a lot with a little. Still, it costs real money to do good ministry, and how much you give will directly impact what we can do. I am asking you to give generously to your church, in the hope and confidence that God will continue to work through this church for many years.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Amelia



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Teach me, O God, not to torture myself, not to make a martyr out of myself through stifling reflection; but rather teach me to breathe deeply in faith”

- Soren Kierkegaard

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

***WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God” Arr. David H. Hegarty

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

All: Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!

One: We dedicate our lives as witnesses to God’s goodness and power.

All: We recommit our hearts to compassion and service to God’s people.

One: Let us worship God in prayer and song!

***HYMN**

“Spirit”

No. 249

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gentle and Holy God, we come here to worship You.

All: And yet we come knowing that we spend much of our time worshipping other things.

One: We are controlled by our anxiety, apathy, anger, and acquisitiveness.

All: We come and admit this to You, our neighbors, and ourselves,

One: In the sure knowledge that we were created for better things and trusting that you are not done working within us.

All: Have mercy on us, forgive us, and help us to live differently.

One: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who overcomes all things, even death.

All: Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us remember: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always.

All: The mercy of God is endless, God's love is eternal.

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46

(NRSV p. 480; RSV p.498[†])

Colossians 1:11-20(a)

(NRSV p. 176; RSV p.188[†])

THE SERMON

Experiencing God

Sarah Davis, Lay Preacher

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 254

During this song, Ushers will collect prayer cards for the Pastoral Prayer.

THE OFFERTORY & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Rev. Amelia Edson

arr. Robert Shaw

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT 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 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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

No.261

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

No.445

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XX”

Benedetto Marcello

* During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

(*)Please rise in body or spirit.

† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.



Visiting Falmouth Congregational this morning? Please fill out a blue visitor card and put it in the offering plate so that we can send you a (personal, non-spam) welcome email!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Greeter: Judy Nilsen
Liturgist: Judy Nilsen
Ushers: Larry & Sue Perry
Phil & Rae Pierce
Bus Driver: Paul Davis

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Leon Kauffman
Jo Blinick
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
James Klenk
Rev. Beinema**



**Don Worthen
Joan Bamel
Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Helen Tupper-Southard**

Please let the church office know if we have missed someone and please update us so that we may better pray for them. Thank you.

*The chancel flowers are given by
Jeaneen Coleman in loving memory of Florence McCann
on what would have been her 108th birthday.*

*And by Sam Davidson in loving memory of
his mother, Anita Davidson.*



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 122; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 24:36-44

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and fill out a **blue Welcome card**.

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**Christmas Caroling: Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>** meet at the church at 12:30 and the bus will leave at 12:45 and be back at about 3:30pm. For info contact Sarah Davis, 781-5959.

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Have a good joke, theological question, or just low on caffeine? Drop by for **Coffee with the Pastor**, every **second and fourth Tuesday from 12:30-2:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. **Upcoming Coffee with the Pastor will be November 26th, and December 10th**

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**FCC BUS DRIVERS Please call if you need to cancel your ride.** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Jack Davis, 233-1707 |2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Paul Davis, 332-7268 |3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Phil Pierce, 781-3769 |4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Ann Sanborn, 318-6906 |5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Mark Horton, 838-1544

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The Falmouth Food Pantry is open the following days in November and December:

Mondays,	December 2, 16:	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesdays,	Nov. 26, Dec. 10, 17:	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursdays,	December 12, 19, 26:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Nursery News:** The Children's ministry and Elena Parr are still in need of volunteers to become "on-call" nursery helpers. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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Chancel Flowers: The cost of altar flowers from Skillins has increased from \$38 to \$45.

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**Advent Group: Christian Meditation. Monday Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 5:30- 6:00 PM:**

In the busy Advent Season, take a moment to pause and reconnect through the Christian Meditative practice of Centering Prayer. Centering prayer is a gentle practice of silent, spacious communion with God. Grounded in Western Christian monastic practices, Centering Prayer encourages us to spend quiet time with our ever-present God.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Choir Practice  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
11:30 AM Ministry of Education Meeting

### **Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Food Pantry Open

### **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Food Pantry Open  
10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean  
11:30 AM Staff Meeting  
12:30 PM Coffee with the Pastor

### **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Cont.**

3:30 PM Forever Growing  
Thanksgiving Snacks

### **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**The office will close at 12:30pm**

### **Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Office Closed- Thanksgiving Day

### **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Communion Sunday  
Poinsettia Orders Due**

9:00 AM Choir Practice  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship



### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday**

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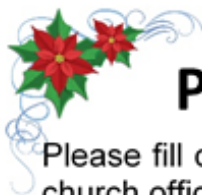
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# Poinsettias for Christmas Services Order

Please fill out the form below to place your order. Additional forms can be found in the church office and in Fellowship Hall.

**The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin listings is **December 1****  
Please mail or drop off your order to the church office or place in the offering plate.

**Please make your check payable to: Falmouth Congregational Church UCC and designate "poinsettias" in the memo line. Thank you!**

4" Small pot (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

6" Large pot (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount paid = \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Listing for the Bulletin

(please circle in honor or memory)

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will pick up my poinsettia (s)
- Please deliver my poinsettia (s) to a shut-in