

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

February 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Transfiguration Sunday



*Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action;
rather it is “timing”, it waits on the right time to act,
for the right principles, and in the right way.*

—Fulton J. Sheen

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Gathering Music/ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 99)

Leader: God reigns; let the people tremble!

**People: God sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

Leader: God is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let us praise God's great and awesome name! Our God is Holy!

Leader: Mighty Sovereign, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in the land.

**All: Extol God, and worship at the holy mountain;
for our sovereign God is Holy!**

Hymn NCH #491 *Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God, your light shines on us and in us. You light a fire within every human heart. You created us each in your image and fill us with your love. You weave us into a fabric of friendships, families, and community. Yet sometimes we turn from the light. We neglect the responsibilities of our relationships. We ignore so much we should and could do and do things we should not. We use words that hurt when other words could heal. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us courage to be part of the goodness of creation. Let us feel your presence as we open our hearts to you in silence...

Words of Assurance

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Children's Message

Lord's Prayer: (trespasses)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9

Scripture Response

Leader: For the Word in Scripture, for the Word among us,
for the Word within us:

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sung Response (2 Times)

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Sermon

Hymn TWC #638 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Call to Offering

Doxology Old Hundredth

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, we thank you for abundant blessings we enjoy. We rejoice in this opportunity and our ability to give. We ask your blessing on our offerings, so we may be good stewards and faithful disciples, as we minister in your name. All this we pray in Christ. Amen.

Hymn NCH #423 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

Benediction

Benediction Response *Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can
see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Pastor: Reverend Richard Malmberg

Ushers and Greeters: Peter and Kat Graves

Lay reader: Michael Brodeur

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director : Paul Looney

Office Administrator: Linda Wright

Deacon of the Month: Michael Brodeur

Please pray for: Dean Prentiss, Bill Sudsbury, Chuck Shaw,
Dave Adams, Linda Graff

Members living in retirement homes:
Becky Hubbard, Carole Hill and Carol Lamp

*The Altar flowers today are given by Sandy and Austin Pickering.
Love and Prayers for our family.*

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