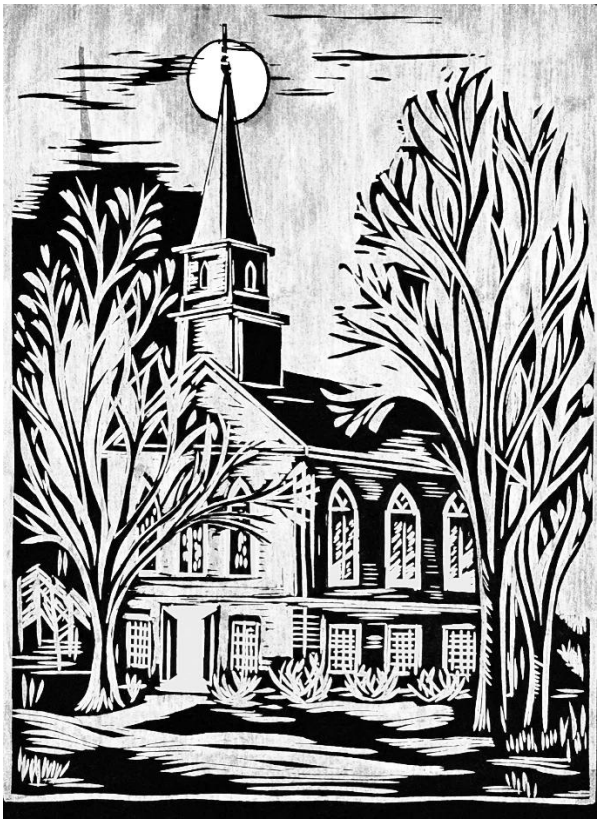
The First Congregational Church

November 22, 2026 | Sunday before Thanksgiving



United Church of Christ

15 Washington Street, Walpole, NH

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song: *"Wake, Now, My Senses"* (see insert)

Opening Blessing - Together

Holy One,

This week our country tells a story about a harvest meal in 1621. We remember the Abenaki people, who lived along this river long before this church stood, and the Native families for whom Thursday is a day of mourning.

Be with everyone who will gather at a table this week, and with those who will eat alone or go without. Help us be generous neighbors, peaceful guests and grateful people. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Poem: "Miracles" by Walt Whitman

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

Sharing of Stories of Gratitude + Sermon

Offering: *"Simple Gifts"*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication
We offer these gifts with open hands. May they reach a friend in need, and may our giving help make this a world where everyone has enough. Amen.

Closing Song: *"Over the River and Through the Woods"* (see insert)

Benediction and Response - Together
Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind! Go in peace.

Closing Circle

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.

Postlude

Interim Minister: Melissa O'Brien
Ushers and Greeters: Peg Winnen and Betty Prentiss
Scripture Reader: Bob Rhodes
Music Director: Anna Dunn
Zoom Director: Paul Looney
Deacon of the Month: Linda Wright

Please pray for:

Bill Sudsbury, Linda Graff, Bob Rhodes, Howard Jenks, Shirley DeCoste and Jim Smolnik

Our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:
Becky Hubbard, Janet Martin, Judy Daniels, Shirley Byczowski, Fred Dill and Carol Lamp

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