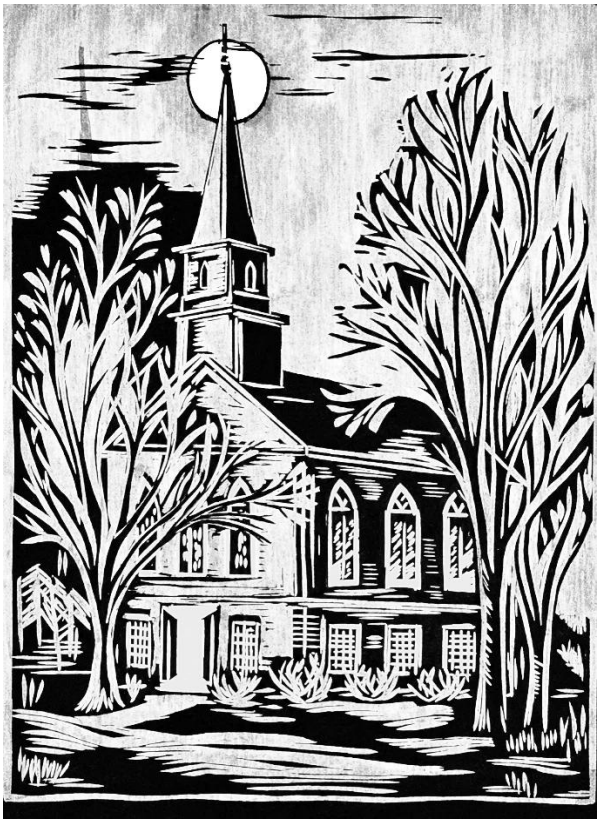
The First Congregational Church

Sunday, November 29, 2026 | First Sunday of Advent



United Church of Christ

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - Paul and Ann Looney
One: We light this first candle in the dark of the year.
All: May we stay awake to what is coming.

Opening Song: TWC #147 *"Away in a Manger"*

Opening Blessing - Together
Holy One, today we begin Advent, a season of waiting in the dark for the light to come. The days are short and the nights are long. Wake us up. Help us notice the people near us and the needs we pass by, so that when love comes close, we are awake to receive it. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Poem: *"Let Evening Come"* by Jane Kenyon, read by Pam Baucom

Song: Jim Baucom

Joys and Concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Mark 13:32-37

Sermon

Offertory + Song: TWC #154, vs. 1&2 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

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

Closing Song: Jim Baucom

Benediction and 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.

Postlude

Interim Minister: Melissa O'Brien
Ushers and Greeters: Ann Looney and Becky Pearson
Scripture Reader: Kathy Yardley
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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