

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
November 19, 2023
Thanksgiving Sunday
Baptism***



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Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: 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. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

NT pg. 31

Sermon

"The Waiting is the Hardest Part" Reverend Dr. Will Sencabaugh

*Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 14

*Benediction

Response

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

No. 711, vs. 1

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Marche triomphale

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an * you are invited to stand if you are able.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
KAYSEN JOHN PALARDIS
Son of Cam and Brittany Palardis

Invitation

Welcome

Minister: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them...

People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

Minister: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Address

Minister: ...that we too might walk in newness of life.

People: This is the water of baptism. We rise out of this water with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Questions of the Candidates

***Congregational Assent**

Minister: Please rise if you are able. Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Minister: Let us unite with the Congregational Faith in the United Church of Christ as we recite the Salem Church Covenant.

All: We covenant with the Lord and one with an other and doe bynd our selves in the presence of God, to walke together in all his waies, according as he is pleased to reveale himself unto us in his blessed word of truth.

Minister: Please be seated.

Presentation of Certificate and Gifts by Deacon

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Presentation to the Congregation

Prayer for the Baptized

Response

"Borning Cry"

No. 680 v.1 to Fine

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

We Gather Together

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, our lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be;

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name: he for - gets not his own,
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joice - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en.

who, from our moth - er's arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day,
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next,
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

The Lead Deacon this month is Deb Hawes.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 19 th <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>	10:00 am 11:15 am 3:00 pm	Worship Sunday School Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal AAIC Interfaith Thanksgiving Service First Baptist Church, Attleboro
Monday, 20 th	10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Jack & Jill Friendship Feast Prayer Shawl Ministry Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 21 st	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Advent Book Study Virtual Administration Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 22 nd		December Voice Deadline
Thursday, 23 rd		Thanksgiving Day – Office is closed
Saturday, 25 th	9:00 am	Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
Sunday, 26 th Observance of 275th Anniversary of the founding of Second Church	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal Worship – Hanging of the Greens Sunday School Church Council Meeting
Monday, 27 th	3-5 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Tuesday, 28 th	6:00 pm	Advent Book Study
Thursday, 29 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Cub Scout Den Meetings PFLAG Meeting
Saturday, 30 th	6:-30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal

Migrant Family Support

The Outreach & Missions Committee is seeking donations of personal care items this month to help our migrant families in need in neighboring towns. It is our hope that we can collect enough items to put together care packages/bags to distribute to the families in need. Please make note if dropping at the church that they are for the O&M distribution. A tote for collection is in the entry way of church near the prayer cards. If you are unable to drop off donations, feel free to reach out to Jen Turcotte - jenny_Turcotte@yahoo.com and she will arrange pick-up.

Common Items being requested:

Feminine hygiene products – pads

Diapers size 4, 5 & 6

Bath Soap

Liquid Hand Soap

Hand Sanitizer

Baby soap

Shampoo/Conditioner

Deodorant

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Razors

Shaving Cream

Lotion

Lip Balm

Hairbrush

Laundry Detergent