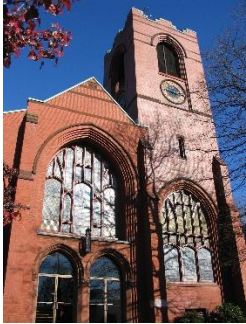


THE VOICE of *Second Church*

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COFFEE HOUSE, SATURDAY 11/8 AT 6 PM

THE CHOSEN 11/12 AT 5:30 PM

WATER COLORS & CRAFTERNOON, FRIDAY 11/14 AT 2 PM

OURE PLEASURE FALL CONCERT SUNDAY 11/16 AT 3PM

ADVENT BOOK GROUP, TUESDAY 11/18 AT 6 PM

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THE VOICE

We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God's love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2025

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Pastor's Message

Doesn't it seem that anytime we buy something these days we question the 'hidden costs?'

A pool seems like a good idea, but then there is the cost of chemicals, maintenance and the surge in the electricity bill. There are hidden costs with every purchase today—everything from a college education to a gas grill. How many times have you brought something home from the store only to realize you didn't get everything you needed with the product? So, it's back out to the store you go.

One time I got a great deal on a drum set. It was a good deal on the drums—but then I needed to buy cymbals and the hardware (stands, pedal, sticks). What started out as a great deal—turned out, wasn't so great.

Did you ever take your car to be serviced (I hope you have)? One time I brought my car into the station for a routine oil change. When all was said and done, that oil change cost me—are you ready for this--\$1100.00! I did not place the decimal point in the wrong spot. I'll even make it more clear--\$1,100. I am not lamenting the price of oil—it's just that my car needed more work than I could have imagined. One simple oil change turned into an epic list of things that I absolutely had to do if I truly loved my family, who would be riding with me in that car. Who wouldn't get the brakes fixed, after all?

While I was waiting, I was looking at a new car invoice. The car came with all these 'options.' Many of them were kind of silly, I thought. They could charge you for special paint. They used to charge you for undercoating and rust protection (remember those days?). Dealerships would try to upsell you—even though every car on the lot came with rust-proofing. My least favorite 'hidden cost' is the destination charge! They charge you—to get the car on their lot!

In the church there are hidden costs. Look around the next time you go to worship, or visit the church. Everything you see, or can touch, came at a cost. It cost someone dearly. The pews, the carpet, the organ, the classrooms, the heating system, etc. People worked tirelessly at fairs, yard sales, suppers, pops concerts! They baked, knitted or crafted at home for countless hours leading up to church fundraising events. Then there were so many over the last 275 years who made financial contributions to the church, or worked tirelessly shoveling coal, raking leaves, changing lightbulbs, showing up for meetings, etc. People were incredibly kind over the years leaving the church in their wills. I don't know everything that goes on in the church—because there is the 'hidden cost.' Things get done and we don't know who does them.

I suppose this happens in every organization, event and social club. But the church is different, because of a greater hidden cost. But the hidden cost isn't and has never been a secret. Jesus died on the cross. It's not secret. His mission to share the gospel of love cost him his life. It is not secret, but for many of us, we keep it a secret.

The next time that you are in church, remember that there isn't one thing about our church that has ever been easy or without a cost. Just getting to worship for some takes a great cost. Don't let your faith be hidden. May God bless you as you remember the cost and the joy of discipleship.

In Christian Love,
Rev. Will Sencabaugh



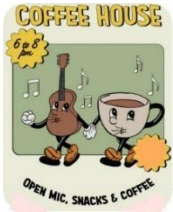
CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class for 2025-2026 will be officially having its first session on November 2. We plan to meet on the first and third Sunday of every month. The class is open to all young adults who are in at least 8th Grade. It will NOT be possible to join the Confirmation Group after we begin meeting on **November 2**. If you would like to join, but cannot attend the first session, you MUST talk to Rev. Will.

In November, we will be meeting on the 2nd and 16th, from 6 to 7:30 PM. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

NEW MEMBER—JOIN THE CHURCH

There has been some interest by a couple of people in joining our church. If you would like to “officially” join Second Church, please see Rev. Will or a deacon. Very soon we will be putting together a time to meet with those interested.



SECOND SATURDAY OPEN MIC AND COFFEE HOUSE

We will be hosting our **November 8** from 6 - 8 PM. This is the same day as the church Fall Fair.

After working a long a day at the fair, you may just want to put your feet up. You could do that at the Open Mic. We are always looking for people willing to share a song or reading. The event is open to anyone—all are always welcome.



UKE GROUP

Are you interested in learning how to play an instrument? A ukelele is a pretty easy instrument to learn (but difficult to master). I'm know that I can teach you how to play a few notes/chords/songs on a uke. I'd like to get together a group of players as well as those who want to learn. It will be fun. Perhaps we can play a coffeehouse or during a worship service in the future.

The Uke Group will meet the second Sunday of every month after worship. We'll get our coffee and meet in the Ladies Parlor. For those of you who don't know how to play YET, bring along a uke (any size uke will be fine—yes, they come in different sizes). We'll go over some simple things and then we'll play! For those of you who do know how to play, I'm counting on you to help me teach a few songs. You might not become a rock star---but you'll have a lot of fun.

Our first Jam Session: **November 9, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

ADVENT BOOK GROUP

New/Old book for our Tuesday night book discussion group....The Battle for Christmas by Stephen Nissenbaum

We began reading this book last year during Advent, and we thought we would continue (and finish) the book with this year's group. If you haven't read any of the book that is okay—you can catch up or start at Chapter 4. We will start with chapter 4 at our first session on **November 18**. We will meet each Tuesday through December 16. We meet in the Conference Room from 6 – 7 PM.



Rev. Will will continue to keep office hours at the Burgundian and Skyroc throughout November. However, there will be NO office hours on the week Nov 9 – November 14.

Every other week in November he will be at the Burgundian on Tuesdays from 9:30- 11 AM and at Skyroc on Thursdays from 6 – 7:30 PM.

Rev. Will is available to meet at other times, please call, email or text to set up an appointment.

SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month is Deb Hawes assisted by Nancy Tariot.

November 2nd

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday - Communion

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Guest Preacher: Erika Pearson

November 9th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Sermon: "How to Get through these Times"

November 16th

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Sermon: "Don't be an Idle Idol"

November 23rd

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "Hope on the Horizon"

November 30th

1st Sunday of Advent

Baptism

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon: "A Journey and a Vision"

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Church-Wide Work Day –

November 15, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (or as long as you can stay!)

The Facilities Committee invites everyone to join us for a Church-Wide Work Day on Saturday, November 15. Whether you can give a few hours or the whole morning, your help will make a big difference!

As the saying goes, "*Many hands make light work.*" Let's come together to care for our church and enjoy fellowship while we work.

Please use the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour or call the office (508) 222-4677 and ask Michele to add your name to the list.

Thank you in advance,

Maria Smith

Facilities Chair

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team continues to visit folks who are unable to attend services. We're happy to visit your home for fellowship, regardless of whether you choose to take communion. We will certainly wear masks and observe all precautions necessary. You may communicate with the Church

Office. Cathy Giannetti, Ralph Giannetti, Karen Slawson, Marcia Weidner and Roberta Zarrella are part of the team.

Women's Fellowship

Our Annual Holiday Church Fair is fast approaching! Nov. 8th will be here before we know it! The door will open at 9am for our Fair and close at 2pm. Please drop off items for Grandma's Attic by Sunday, Nov. 2nd after church or come at 6pm that day and bring your items with you and help us move to the Conference Room. The more hands the quicker it goes!

You can still sign up to help. Please sign up at Coffee Hour or call or text Sandy at 508-699-2738.

There will be delicious homemade food in the kitchen, Ruthie's Pantry will have delicious jams, jellies, pickles, pies, baked beans and surprises! Our bookshop will be open with lots of volumes to choose from and lots of beautiful puzzles for the winter days ahead. We will have craft items for gifts, knit goods, etc. We will have plants, beautiful jewelry in boxes to be given as gifts and a variety of jewelry sold

separately. Grandma's attic and Grandpa's Garage will be packed, including Christmas items, antiques & collectables, kitchen items, and odds & ends. Did we mention TOYS?! Don't forget to bid on our Silent Auction table with many special items.

Take time for breakfast with homemade cinnamon buns, coffee & tea until 11 o'clock, and lunch served from 11am to 1:30 pm will delight you. Some items are macaroni 'n cheese, beef barley soup, minestrone soup, and a selection of homemade desserts.

The proceeds of the Fair go to Women's Fellowship which supports the General Fund, outreach programs, and a variety of maintenance projects around the kitchen and the church.

Come early and stay until we close our doors at 2 pm (or stay and help clean up - all are welcome).

Sandy Saunders, Treasurer
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508-699-2738

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will meet on Monday, November 10th, at 2:00 in the Parlor. Shawls are a

tremendous comfort to individuals experiencing a loss or other traumatic event in their lives. New members are always welcome. Contact me if you have questions. *Roberta Ferguson*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to remind the church congregation:

If you take a prayer shawl please document it in the catalogue book by the Prayer Shawl Rack.

Thank you.

Janet Blair

PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday after worship the prayer cards are collected, and during the week an email goes out to this small group. We pray for everyone on the list. This is a calling, a brief time of petitioning God's loving help for each person's situation.

We consider the information on the cards to be confidential. We would like to invite more church members to join this prayer network. If you would like to be a "pray-er", please speak with me at church, or email me.

Wendy Oliver

Cw.oliver@comcast.net



We're off to a fantastic start at Jack and Jill!

Our teachers, students, and families have settled in wonderfully, and we're gearing up for one of my favorite times of the year—Literacy Month! Our kick-off began with the Fall Festival, where parents purchased books and added personal messages for their child. The books will be delivered during the first full week of November, spreading joy and excitement!

We're also thrilled to announce our Annual PJ Story Time on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. Families are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall, cozy in their PJs, as our Jack and Jill

families come together for a magical evening of reading.

October was filled with special activities, and the students are loving every minute! We welcomed various

community helpers to visit, and their interactions have been a highlight for the children. Additionally, we had our monthly visit from Mrs. Tuminelli, who brings her guitar for singing and dancing.

Looking ahead, our classes are preparing for the Friendship Feast on Tuesday, November 25th, held in Fellowship Hall. Each class will make a special snack to share, and the children will perform songs and enjoy a story together, it is a wonderful way to celebrate friendship!

During the month of November, the Jack and Jill Board of Directors and school community will be hosting a food drive to benefit the Second Congregational Church Food Pantry. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and support those in need.

Lastly, if you know anyone searching for a preschool, please encourage them to contact us at 508-222-1149. We are always happy to welcome new families into our community!

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who support Jack and Jill. It's a privilege to see our school thrive year after year, and I am thankful to be part of such a special place.

Katrina Lay, Executive Director

Music Notes

CHOIR SCHEDULES

The Bell Choir and the Adult Choir will rehearse at the usual times on the first three Thursdays of November (6th, 13th, and 20th). They will not rehearse on the 27th (Thanksgiving).

The Adult Choir will sing in church all five Sundays this month (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th). The 23rd is our traditional observance of Thanksgiving. Advent starts early this year, on the 30th! The Bell Choir is tentatively scheduled to play on Sunday the 9th.

*Bill MacPherson
Director of Music*

Intergenerational Sacred Dance

Sacred Dance practices will be held on November 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Hope you will all still come to church on the 8th so that we can all enjoy

the Church Fair! We will be presenting in worship during Advent with a new piece, "No Obvious Angels". All are welcome to join! If you would like to be a part of movement in worship all ages are welcome to join the intergenerational sacred dancers. We gather at 9am on Saturdays for about 45 minutes of stretching, learning new dances for worship, and a little bit of just "fun dance". If you or your child has any questions please let me know at (508) 409-7919. Hope to see you then!

Hanging of the Greens

All children, youth, and the young at heart are welcome to join our intergenerational sacred dancers to help us welcome in the Season of Advent! We will be rehearsing on November 16th and 23rd after worship and presenting in worship on November 30th. If you or your child is interested in participating, please let me know at (508) 409-7919.

Diane Osborne

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Thanks to all who contributed to our October collections on behalf of the New England Seafarers' Mission! Stay tuned for an announcement of our next project!

The November meeting of Outreach and Missions (8:30 am, Nov. 9, conference room) is our annual chance to decide how our remaining budget will be distributed among the many local, regional, and national organizations that need our assistance to carry out their missions. At our October meeting, a record of previous years' contributions was distributed, so that we can carefully consider any changes/additions that might be needed. All are invited to weigh in on our choices.

Finally, even though the Fair will be

over for this year, the Crafternoon group will still meet on the second Friday of the month (Nov. 14, 2 pm) for a whole new round of crafting and conversation. Come join us--there is always room for more!

Paula Foresman

Christian Education

What a wonderful time we had in October! We've been learning about community, Communion, and Creation. Many, many thanks to all the helpful hands who made our participation in the Downtown Trick or Treat possible by donating candy, greeting guests, and sharing a lovely day!

If you know of a new family that would like to build community, explore faith, and seek compassionate justice, please feel free to invite them to join us anytime throughout the year. If you didn't get a chance to register for Sunday School, you can at any time of the year by requesting a form from a teacher or member of the CE Committee.

If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to volunteer please feel to reach out to me.

Diane Osborne,

Chair of Christian Education

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COMMUNITY NOTES

I have always found that bringing people together, regardless of age or location, is usually a wonderful experience. It has been a big part of my life for years. Sing-alongs with family or friends or students in schools, parties, sailing with a group on a racing yacht, camping and hiking with groups of all kinds. My experience has been that when people get together they can create a lot of fun...in peace. Its always been a great way to make memories!

A year ago, our Pastor asked if I would be interested in holding a discussion group on the series called THE CHOSEN. I had come across it accidentally on the CW network the previous year and, having been deeply involved in our faith since I was a teenager, was completely in

awe at seeing the Gospels and the Apostles and Jesus character come to life in a way that had never before been presented. The series made everything I believe come to life in a very relatable way. A connection was made. But not just for me, but as I have since learned, for tens of millions around the world. Many non-Christians! And that is a good thing...especially in these challenging times.

So, we began our Discussion group last January and it went very, very well. So well, that I have offered it again... not just for members of Second Congregational Church, but for those attending a number of our nearby churches. What a wonderful way to come together to discuss, to share and to question our faith and, perhaps, to see the Gospel events, the Apostles and Jesus from a new perspective.

If that is a good thing why not seek to bring other Churches together to "COME-TO-UNION" in other ways. Why not see if they also have ideas on how we can come together building the Kingdom of God.

One thing I have always found that can bring folks together is music. Good old COFFEE HOUSE! So, we have invited our local Christians to join us on second Saturdays. And, perhaps, aiming to make our December Sing-Along something even more special this year. Who doesn't like to hear (and sing) Christmas carols? So many groups I have "called together" over the years, even teenagers (like 400 middle school students all raising the roof to Jingle Bells!) have overcome their hesitance to sing and had a blast. Making memories.

Christmas is such a special time to "COME TOGETHER". A time to celebrate the beginning of the Gospel events and the birth of Jesus...a time to focus on peace and harmony...a time to raise our voices in song...a time to have fun together.

Everyone is welcomed at our Church. That is a special blessing and as it should be. But all are also welcomed to look into THE CHOSEN (On PRIME and The Chosen.com) or to join our Discussion Group. And ALL are certainly welcomed to join in our Christmas Sing-Along in December. It is always good for us to come together. As Jesus said: "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst."



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Holiday Fair: This year's Holiday Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 15th** from 8am-2pm.

Christmas Concert: The Christmas Concert will be on **Saturday, December 13th** at 4pm.

Bread For The World's Offering of Letters month. BFW is a Christian Advocacy organization that for many years has worked to reduce hunger at home and around the world. This November we are asked to send letters and emails to our Representatives and Senators asking them to:

- Fully fund the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and strengthen WIC by cosponsoring and passing the MODERN WIC Act.
- Protect and provide robust funding for food aid and global nutrition programs, so that we can reach millions of children with lifesaving assistance.

To download a sample letter or to send an email to Congress please check Bread for the World's website: <https://www.bread.org/offering-letters/>

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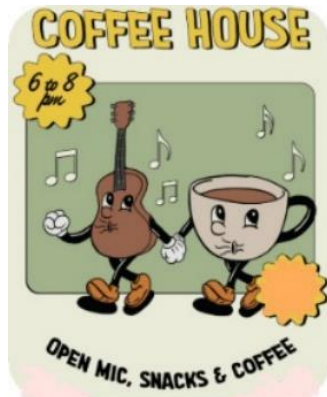
Saturday, December 6, 2025, 3-7 pm at
Fred & Sandy Saunders' House for our
annual Christmas Party.

More details to come.

Janet & Colin Blair



- 1 Joyce Guild
- 5 Sue Lunt
- 6 Matt Girczyc
- 8 Theo Rennick
- 10 Kendall Hauerwas
- 11 Amanda Iocco
- 17 Steve Findley
- 18 Jen Melker
- 20 Christie Valverde
- 22 Louise Taft
Carl Valentine
Elana Valverde
- 23 Michelle Grainger
- 24 Joyce Moxham
- 25 May Gowen
- 29 Pat Ramsay



Saturday Nov 8th at 6pm



Saturday Nov 8th at 9am



Learn to play the Ukelele
Sunday Nov 9th at 11:15am



Wednesday Nov 12th at 5:30pm



Oure Pleasure Fall Concert
Sunday Nov 16th at 3pm



Thursday Nov 27th
Business Office will be closed

November 2025

Second Congregational Church

Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00AM Sacred Dance Practice
2 10:00AM Worship Communion Sunday School 6:00PM Confirmation Class	3 6:30PM Cub Scout Pack	4	5 6:30PM Cub Scout Meeting	6 6:00PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9:00AM HOLIDAY FAIR 6:00PM Coffee House & Open Mic
9 8:30AM O&M Committee Meeting 10:00AM Worship Sunday School 11:15AM Uke Group 11:15AM CE Committee Meeting	10	11	12 10:00AM Communion Visitation Meeting 5:30PM The Chosen Discussion Group 6:30PM Cub Scout Meeting	13 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 2:00 PM Color Our World/Crafter noon	15 8:00AM First Baptist Holiday Fair 9:00AM Sacred Dance Practice
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