Second Congregational Church of Attleboro United Church of Christ November 2, 2025 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday



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Deciding on a Financial Commitment

hile there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money in support of the church.

Your financial gifts make possible all the programs, projects, ministry and worship experiences that define our community life.

Deciding how much of our income to donate to charitable organizations can be difficult. Our faith tradition lifts up the model of a tithe, a gift of 10% of one's income to charity. There are a variety of ways to think about a tithe. Some view a tithe as 10% of one's income given to the church. Gifts given over and above that 10% are offerings to other meaningful organizations. Others think of a tithe as giving 5% of income to the work of our congregation and 5% to the work of other charities.

We see tithing as the goal in our practice of abundant generosity.

Some in our community already tithe, providing 5% or more of their annual income to our congregation. We are grateful for the leadership and example giving at this level sets.

Many more of us are on the journey towards abundant generosity.

As you think about your resources, could you take a step towards greater sharing? That might look like giving half-a-percent or one percent more of your income in the coming year.

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity.

Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.



Prelude

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Glenn Weidner

*Call to Worship:

Glenn Weidner, Liturgist

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Liturgist: In gratitude we come, proclaiming our thanksgiving and seeking to live out our love.

People: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Liturgist: Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.

*Hymn

"Christ You Call Us All to Service"

No. 571

*Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, we thank you that when we know ourselves to be in your presence and when we offer ourselves for service, our lives are transformed. We can willingly expand our circle of caring and extend our expression of hospitality and inclusion. How good it is, God, to have this story of Jesus welcoming and being welcomed by Zacchaeus. We learn again that you find us, wherever we are, and you invite us into a relationship that promises growth in understanding of who we are as your people and how we can show love and caring for one another. In Jesus name, Amen.

Response

"Gloria Patri" No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem

"For Everyone Born"

Tom Trenney

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

Special Music "The Mission" / "How Great Thou Art" arr. The Piano Guys Karl Stuen, Viola

Scripture Luke 19:1-10 NT p. 80
Sermon "Stewardship" Erika Pearson

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Commitment of Stewardship Pledges

Gathering Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" No. 695, Verse 1

Sunday School Arrival

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Grape juice is substituted for wine. The communion bread is gluten free.

Communion Prayer

Minister: Christ be with you, **People: And also, with you.**

Minister: Let us lift up one another.

People: Let us lift up one another to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God who is still speaking and listening and interacting with creation.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation... With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of

your glory, O God Most High.

Minister: We remember that on the night... "Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us that, as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the fellowship Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Minister: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray together.

All: Creator of the stars and skies, Our Protector as we rise,

Caught, as we are, in the web of time,

Strengthen us through bread and wine Enshrouded by the fall of night

Reveal to us eternal light. Amen.

(Roger Robbennolt)

Verses 1 and 2 are on the first page. Verses 3 and 4 are on the second page.

Go back to the first page for Verses 5 and 6. There will be short organ interludes following Verse 2 and Verse 4

*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

Menuet gothique (Suite gothique, mvt.2)

Léon Boëllmann

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

The Lead Deacon this month is Deb Hawes assisted by Nancy Tariot.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 2 nd	10:00 am	Worship / Communion / Sunday School		
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class		
Tuesday, 4th	9:30 am	Meet Rev. Will at Burgundian		
Wednesday, 5th th	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting		
Thursday, 6th	6:00 pm	6:00 pm Meet Rev. Will at Skyroc		
	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting		
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal		
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal		
Saturday, 8th	9:00 am	Holiday Fair		
	6:00 pm	Coffee House & Open Mic		
Sunday, 9th	8:30 am	Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting		
	10:00 am	Worship / Sunday School		
	11:15 am	Christian Education Committee Meeting		
	11:15 am	Uke Group		
Wednesday, 12th	10:00 am	Communion Visitation Meeting		
	5:30 pm	The Chosen Discussion Group		
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting		
Thursday, 13th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting		
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal		
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal		
Friday, 14 th 2:00 pm		Color Our World/ Crafternoon		
Saturday, 15th	8:00 am	First Baptist Church Holiday Fair		
A PARAMETER.	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice		

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For All the Saints



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