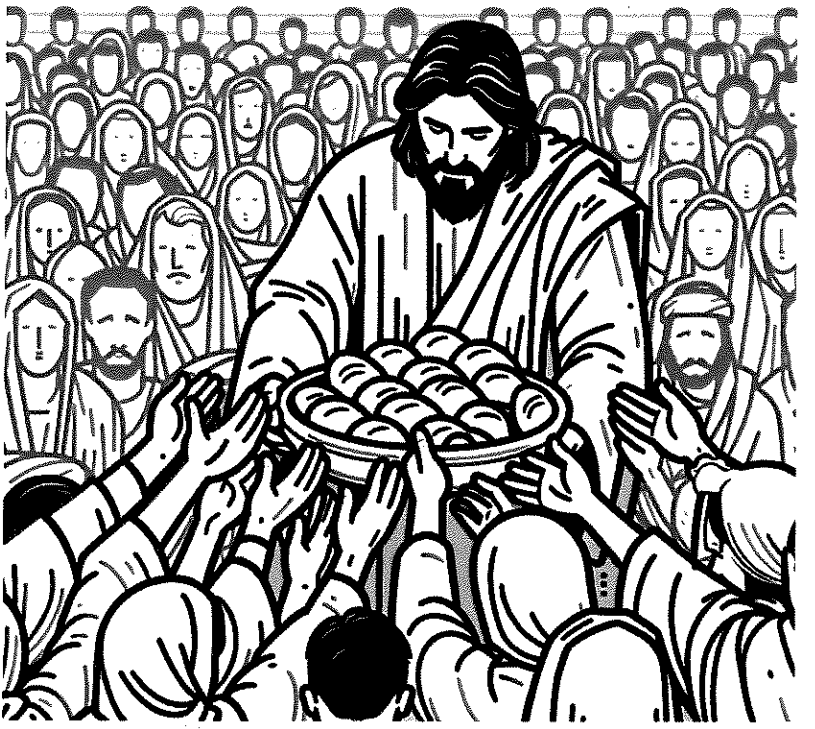
Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
November 22, 2026
Twenty sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday



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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

Prelude Preludes on *Nun danket alle Gott* ("Now Thank We All Our God") — Charles Callahan, Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** — Michelle Grainger, Liturgist

Liturgist: We praise you, gracious God, for your presence among us.
People: We come to offer thankfulness and praise.
Liturgist: Our God is great, and greatly to be praised.
People: We come to worship in community.
Liturgist: God watches over us all, and is near to those who call.
People: We come with faith to celebrate God's presence.
All: Let us worship God.

***Hymn** "We Gather Together" No. 81

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: God of questions and wonderings, we come before you uncertain of what is going on around us. We have questions. When we are overwhelmed, remind us that you are with us, ever-present in our world, and challenge us to live in the moment. Concerns about the future can slip away in the gracious wonder of your embrace. Help us to trust and live in your ways. May our worship be filled with your compassion and guidance. 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 "Simple Gifts" Shaker tune, arr. Jay Althouse

Pastoral Prayer
Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

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

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**

***Hymn** "For the Fruit of All Creation" No. 723

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 NT pg. 32

Sermon "The Greatest of All Time" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 721

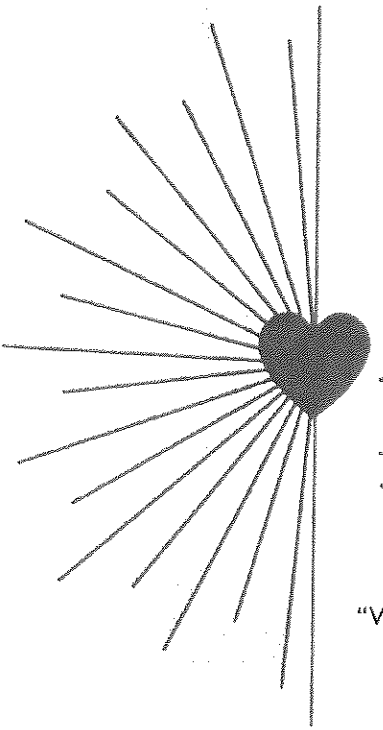
***Benediction Response**

"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 *Nun danket alle Gott (Marche triomphale)* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
("Now Thank We All Our God")

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



THERE OUR HEARTS WILL BE

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
– Matthew 6:21

The Book of Proverbs may not be the first place one turns to for ideas about stewardship, philanthropy, or generosity. However, Proverbs has a lot to say about living one's best life. Too often, living a good life focuses on accumulating wealth and goods. Proverbs—and Jesus—teaches that a good life is much more than hoarding money and things.

The cycle of endless consumption and accumulation is as old as time and is evolving every minute. While corporations, advertising, and marketing strategies urge us—some would even say, compel—us to buy, buy, buy, it is human nature to question if that's all there is.
The Book of Proverbs provides answers to that question.

At the center of Proverbs is a profound and unshakable reverence for God—recognizing and acknowledging that God is the creator and sustainer of all life. Here we read that pursuing wisdom leads to longevity, wealth, esteem in the eyes of others, and a healthy respect for others. Choosing the path of wisdom leads to purpose and meaning as one moves through life.

A good life is lived in a trusting and faithful relationship with God, who blesses us with meaning and purpose, and authentic and deep relationships, as we live in humble obedience to God's teachings—lives of love, generosity, integrity, and in community. Jesus tells us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt 6:21).

Treasure in this context, and in Proverbs 3, is not just material wealth and resources. Treasure encompasses our time, talent, skills, expertise, knowledge, presence, influence, activism, volunteerism, and more—all to be cultivated and shared generously.

CONSIDER YOUR GIVING AS A PERCENTAGE 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 our annual income would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in God's world. Thank you for prayerfully considering your commitment!

The Lead Deacon this month is Ed McCarthy assisted by Neil Grainger.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 22nd	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:15 am	Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal
	11:15 am	Church Council Meeting
	3:00 pm	Ecumenical Service
Monday, 23rd	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00 pm	Advent Evening Prayer at Immanuel Lutheran Church
	Deadline for	December Voice
Tuesday, 24th	10:00 am	J&J Friendship Feast
	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
Wednesday, 25th	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 26th	Closed	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, 28th	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice
	10:00 am	Walking Group at LaSalette
Sunday, 29th	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
		Hanging of the Greens Presentation
	11:15 am	Special Congregational Meeting - Bylaws
DECEMBER		
Tuesday, 1st	6:00 pm	Book Study – *Autobiography of Santa Claus*
	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
Wednesday, 2nd	6:00 pm	Attleboro Chapter DAR Meeting
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 3rd	3:00 pm	AAIC Soup Kitchen
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 5th	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice
	10:00 am	Walking Group at LaSalette

Advent Evening Prayer at Immanuel Lutheran Church – The Ancient Practice of Waiting & Watching continues on Monday November 23rd & Thursday December 10th at 7pm.
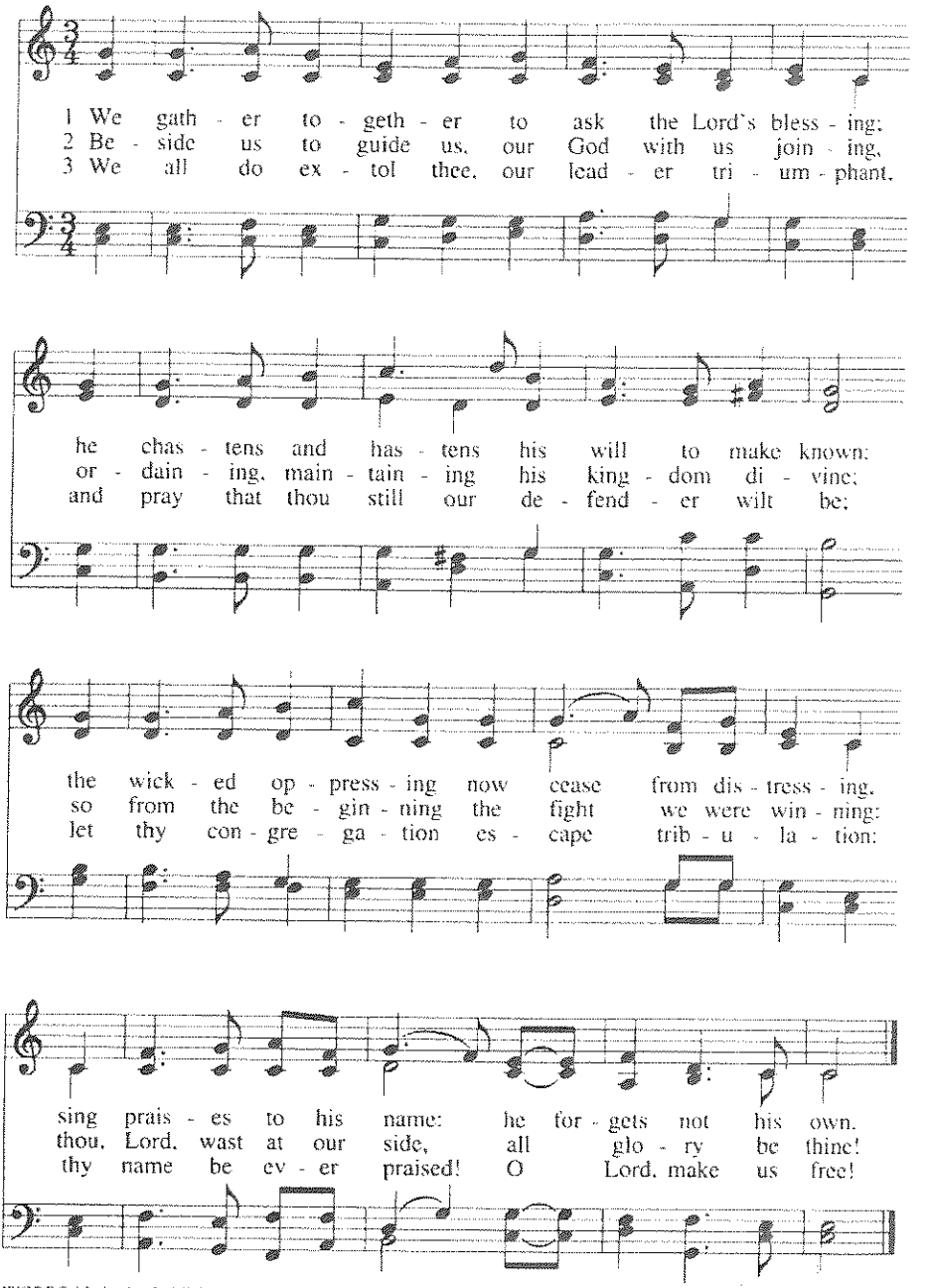
Join the Walking Group on Saturday November 28th at 10am at LaSalette

Save the Date: Sunday December 13th at 3pm Oure Pleasure Holiday Concert

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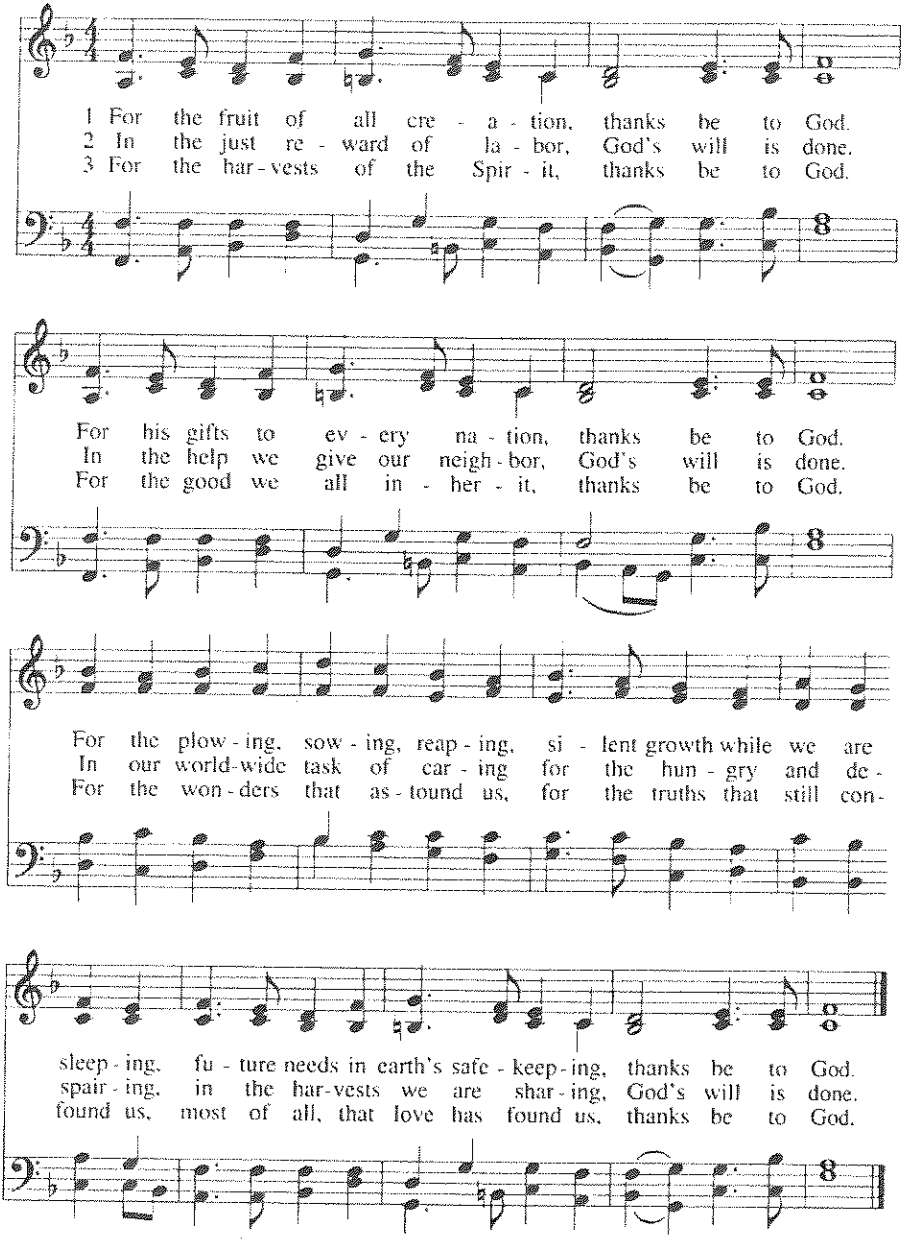
81 We Gather Together



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MUSIC: *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Edward Kremser (1838-1914)

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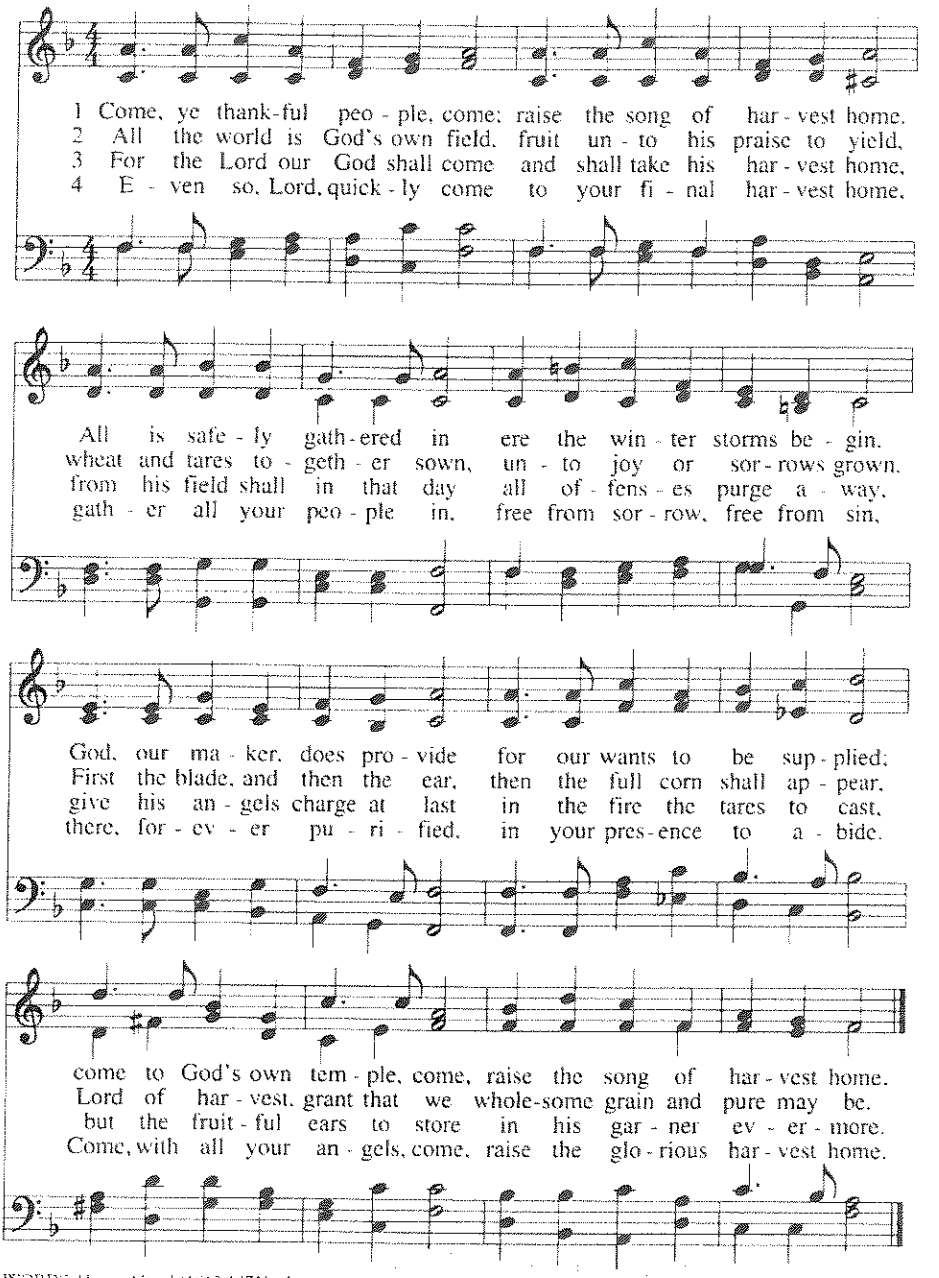


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MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. Luther O. Emerson (1820-1915)

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721 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



WORDS: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
MUSIC: George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

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