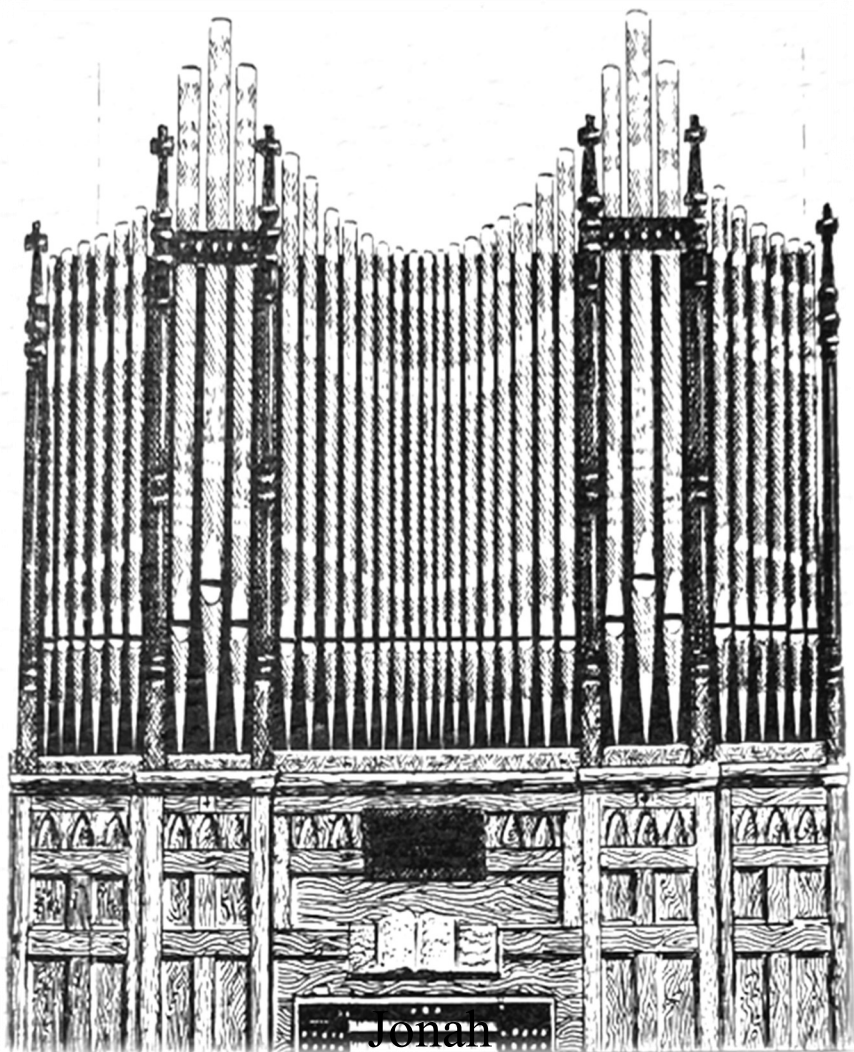


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Thanks Giving

Sunday November 24, 2024

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WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

This service of worship is gathering in-person at the church building, in-person via Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

This worship aid, or “bulletin,” will guide you through this service, offering you a brief outline and instructions for the service along with the responses, prayers, and lyrics to the songs we will sing together. Congregational responses are typically **bolded**.

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins, or by going to **franklinumc.org/pray**. Confidential requests will be sent to the pastor. Non-confidential requests will be distributed to the Prayer Team.

Financial contributions can be made in the offering plate (cash or check made payable to “Franklin United Methodist Church”) or online by going to **franklinumc.org/give**.

To learn about ways you can volunteer, and sign up, go to **franklinumc.org/volunteer**. You can also sign up to volunteer by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins. All persons who sign up to volunteer will receive an email confirmation of your volunteer registration.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN

“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”

No. 694, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

4.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who alone does great wonders,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who by understanding made the heavens,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who spread out the earth on the waters,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who made the great lights,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
the sun to rule over the day,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
It is God who remembered us in our low estate,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
and rescued us from our foes,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who gives food to all flesh,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

SONG

“GREAT IS THE LORD”

No. 2022, FWS (2001)

*Refrain: Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love,
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy he proves He is love*

1.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! *Refrain*

2.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! *Refrain*

3.

Great are You Lord and worthy of glory!
Great are You Lord and worthy of praise.
Great are You Lord,
I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COLLECT

LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895, *UMH* (1989)

**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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

REFLECTION

SONG

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”

No. 102, *UMH* (1989)

1.

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

No. 95, *UMH* (1989)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

PRAYER

SONG

“O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING”

No. 2009, *FWS* (2001)

1.

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We hope that you found, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

WINTER COAT DRIVE

New England Chapel and the Community Closet @FranklinUMC are partnering up to collect new and gently used, washable winter coats for our Franklin-area neighbors. We will be collecting coats through **December 7**. Coats can be dropped off at the Franklin Fire Department, Franklin UMC, and Hockomock YMCA. On Saturday, December 14, we will be opening the Community Closet and offering a FREE Winter Coat Giveaway from 10a-2p.

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is 8-10 oz packages of chips or other snacks. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE TONIGHT

Our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is set for **Sunday, Nov 24th @7pm @** First Universalist Society in Franklin (262 Chestnut St)

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Monday November 25 @ 7pm

Online only. Email Pastor Jacob for link jacob@franklinumc.org

A-WREATH-OF-FRANKLIN | SIP, SHOP, STROLL AND ROLL

Join us for A-Wreath-of-Franklin, a festive community celebration! Local artists, schools, and community members are invited to create their own wreaths! These beautiful wreaths will be paired with local businesses throughout the downtown area. Each display will include a QR code for community members to vote for their favorite wreath.

On December 7th, 12-7pm enjoy a "Sip, Shop, Stroll & Roll" program and support Franklin's local businesses. Don't miss the fun! (Snow date, 12/14, 12-7pm). Sip, Shop Stroll and Roll will offer festive beverages, raffles and live music! More updates to come on what to enjoy!

COMMUNITY CONCERT- CAROLS, COOKIES & COCOA

Saturday December 7th at 7pm featuring Jamie Barrett

BOOK CLUB

This month we will be reading **The Christmas Basket**

by Debbie Macomber. The next meeting will be on **December 10 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Dawn's house, 18 Eisenhower Dr or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869). January's reading will be **The Ladies' Midnight Swimming Club** by Faith Hogan

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering where people talk and enjoy fellowship over a meal at area restaurants. The next gathering will be at **The Rilery, Franklin Village Mall on December 18 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if you plan to attend.