The First Congregational Church

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Boylston, Massachusetts



November 1, 2026

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All Saints' Sunday

Welcome. Whether you are new to church, returning, or visiting today, we are glad you are here. Please participate as you feel comfortable.

Nursery is available for ages 3 and below.

A parent-friendly option is available in the "Library," where the service is streamed if your little one needs a break.

Words in bold are spoken together. *Please stand or sit as you are able.*

PRELUDE Gigi Zepp

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader / **People**

* SONG — *Praise*

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lord is glorious in his saints!

O come, let us adore him

* SONG — *Way Maker*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Deb Larkin

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Candidates:

Adam Lamontagne
Bella Lamontagne

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?
I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
I do.
Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?
I will, the Lord being my helper.

Congregation,
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?
We do.

Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I do.
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?
I do.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
I do.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO KIDS CHURCH
(1st grade and below)

* SONG — *Washed*

READING OF THE ROLL:

Departed loved ones affiliated with our church
over the past year include:

Glenn Matthew
Harold St. Denis
Arline Kimball Powers
Carla Peterson
Earl Winston Carlyss
Marian Anderson
Roger Wentzell
Claudine Underwood
Linda Erickson
Ann Schein Carlyss
Becky Stark
Rachel Bradford
Ozzie Sauer
Martha Johnson
Jeff Sears
Linda Allen
George Johnson Sr.
Jeanne Scally McLoud
Edward Kimball

SCRIPTURE READING:

Reader: Our teaching for this morning is from Psalm 78:1-7:

O my people, listen to my instructions.
Open your ears to what I am saying,
2 for I will speak to you in a parable.
I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—
3 stories we have heard and known,
stories our ancestors handed down to us.
4 We will not hide these truths from our children;
we will tell the next generation

about the glorious deeds of the Lord,
about his power and his mighty wonders.
5 For he issued his laws to Jacob;
he gave his instructions to Israel.
He commanded our ancestors
to teach them to their children,
6 so the next generation might know them—
even the children not yet born—
and they in turn will teach their own children.
7 So each generation should set its hope anew on God,
not forgetting his glorious miracles
and obeying his commands.

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

SUNDAY TEACHING — For All the Saints

Pastor Zac Stephenson

HOLY COMMUNION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE

THE PEACE

The Lord be with you
And with your spirit
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

* HYMN 767 — *For All the Saints*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Gigi Zepp

* congregation stands as each is able

** You are invited to join us for Coffee and Community following the service. We'd love the opportunity to meet you.*

If this is your church home, thank you for your faithful generosity. Giving plates are available near the exits. If you're visiting today, please don't feel any obligation to give—we're simply glad you're here.

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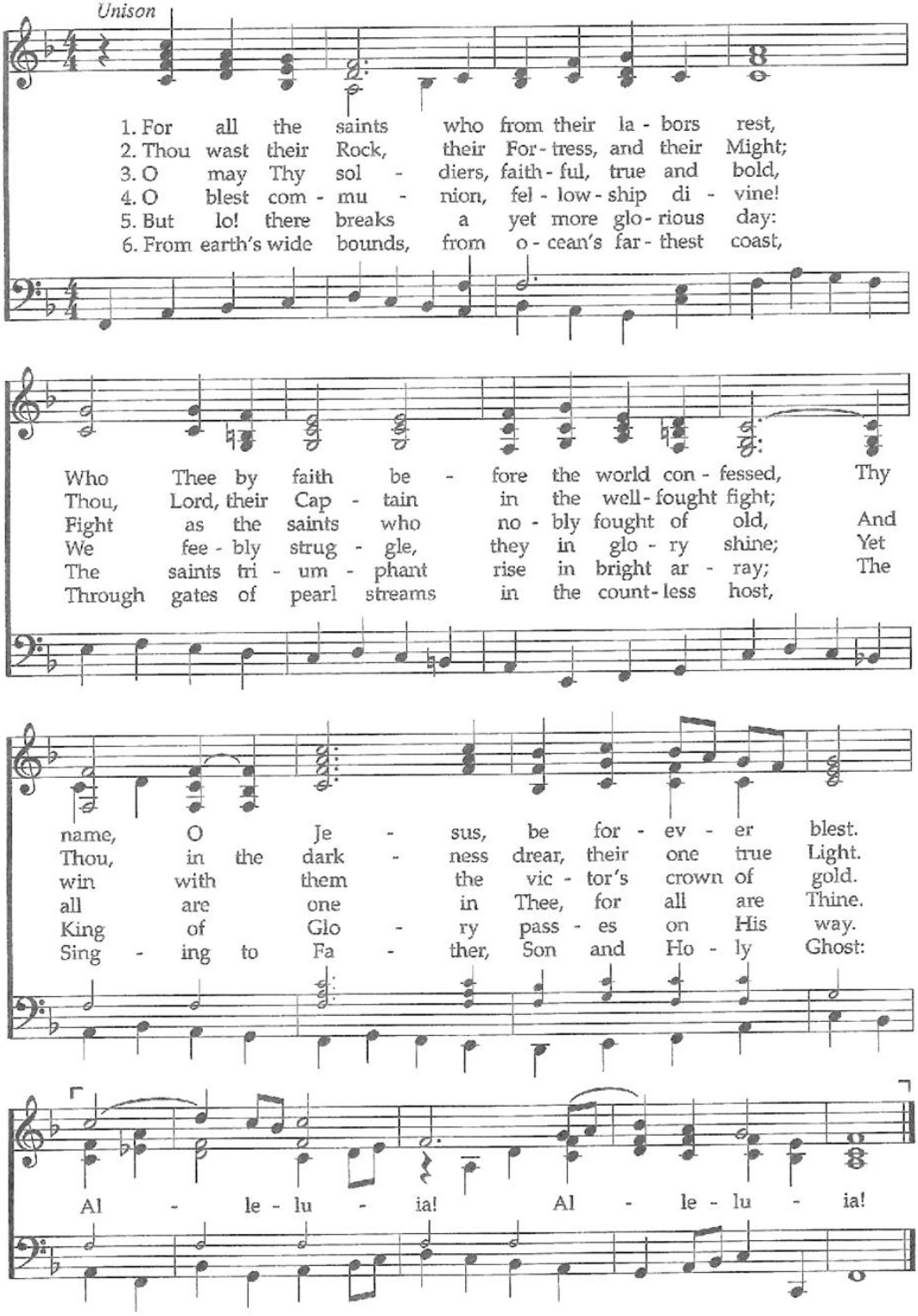
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For All the Saints 767

We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 12:1



TEXT: William W. How
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers on the altar are Given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones, by Gail Valera.



The **DEACONS OFFERING** is still being collected in the wooden plate at the door or by mail. Donations are used for charity purposes inside and outside of the church.



The **Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship service** of Saint Mary of the Hills and The First Congregational Church of Boylston will be held on Sunday, November 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. here at the First Congregational Church, Boylston, MA. Please plan to join us as we worship, give thanks, and celebrate with our sisters and brothers throughout the community.



Buy-A-Brick Campaign - We are still selling engraved bricks to be set into a memory garden beside the walkway at the rear of the church. Proceeds will go into our Capital Account to continue many projects in and around the church. This is the perfect way to honor a person or event or to memorialize that person, event or memory. Forms are available at church on the table near Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Jan Fuller at 508-868-4879 or by email at janlfull@aol.com**.**



We keep in our prayers — Ruth E. Coyle, Donna Kelleher, Max Lariviere, Adam Brunt, Dick Martino, Ginny Felch, Karl Nelson, Brady, Shelly, Brian Strand, Maureen Anderson, Travis & Lori Rotti, Austin, Jen, Carter Bean, Paula Sylvester, Carole Szwarc, Roz Franzen, Bill, Patty, Rachel Thomas & family, Bob & Judy Brousseau, David Carlson, Michael Hoefling, Mike Staras, Barry Mechem, Melissa Pierce, Dick Zepp, Nina Valera, Brenda Hollands, Brody Jones, Rachel Smith, Grady, and Brent Fisher.