Belleville Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ



Mission of Belleville Church

Centered in the inclusive love of Jesus Christ, we seek to be a welcoming, affirming, and healing congregation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to grow and be renewed through our worship, fellowship, scripture study, and the sharing of our gifts. Strengthened by God's love and guidance, we strive to serve with compassion those in need, both near and far.

Led By: Rev. Chip Robinson **Usher(s):** Babhekile Ssemwogerere **Scripture Reader:** **Coffee Hour:** Bill Lincoln Coffee Hour **Musician:** Joyce Rice	November **22** 2026

- (*) where indicated, if able, please stand -

Let's quiet our hearts and minds during the prelude to welcome God's spirit.

Prelude *Thanksgiving Medley* Donovan Klotzbeacher

Greeting and Welcome Rev. Chip Robinson

"Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Call to Worship

*** Opening Hymn** *"We Gather Together"* (PH #21)

**** 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.'*

*** Gloria Patri** **(**PH #513)
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

*** Passing of Peace**
As a sign of reconciliation with God, and with each other, please greet others, *nearby*, with a blessing such as *"Peace be with you."*

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer *(Sung Quietly)*
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all, to thee we raise - this our hymn of grateful praise.

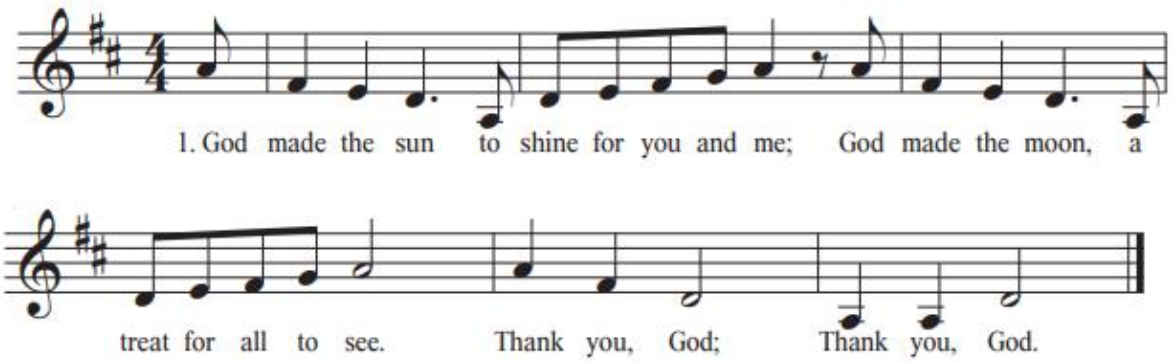
A Thanksgiving Litany
Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
People: We thank you, Lord.
Leader: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
All" To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer & Silent Prayer

Time for Children…of all ages

A BELLEVILLE THANKSGIVING HYMN
for All, but especially for Children



2. God made the stars -- to guide the way at night.
God made the wind -- to blow and fly my kite.
Thank you, God; thank you, God.

3. God made the snake -- to glide across the floor.
God made the skunk -- *[SPOKEN]* "Don't let him in the door!"
Thank you, God; thank you, God.

4. God made us all -- from whale to tiny bee!
And family -- love everyone you see.
Thank you, God; thank you, God.

5. Thanksgiving Day: a best day of the year;
We bow our heads -- and pray our thanks sincere.
Thank you, God; thank you, God.

by Joyce Rice
stanza 1 on 9/6/26
stanzas 2-3, 9/13/26
stanzas 4-5, 11/14/26
May be sung as a round.

Scripture Readings Gail Gandolfi

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Hymn *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* (PH #461)

Sermon *"The Reign of Christ, A Different King of Reign"* Rev. Chip Robinson

Offering Time

Offertory *"My Hope Is Built"* Rick Barham

*** Doxology, Dedication of Offerings**
Pilgrim Hymnal #515

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

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "*At the Name of Jesus*" (PH #197)

Benediction

Postlude "*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*" Stephen Burtonwood





PRAYERS

If you would like prayers for yourself or others, please place your request in the offering plate during worship service. You could also call/e-mail the office by Thursdays by 10:00 AM.

THANKSGIVINGS:

Roots concert by Farayi, she was wonderful and soulful...and our food table made about $350!

CONCERNS:

Ben H, In Northeast Rehab, Salem NH
Nancy C who is transitioning from home to a Rehab facility
Barbara C. at Advinia Rehab on Low Street
Ross V., Rehab at home for Hip Replacement
For the New Congress, to hear voices of more diversity

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Join us for Meditation Mondays - Take time to center and ground yourself weekly with 30 minutes of partially guided meditation beginning Monday Oct. 5th at 5pm in the Chapel with Lynn Varney. No sign-ups, drop in as you are able.

Bible Study – postponed until further notice

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch and Learn for Leaders (Pastors and Church Leaders) online monthly each 1st and 3rd Thursday 12-1PM. https://www.sneucc.org/lunch-learn-for-leaders-series

Sat Dec 12th 10AM – 4PM. Belleville Church and the Meetinghouse will be featured as the community treasure on the Newburyport Holiday House. Our Thrift Shop will be open and the tour will provide chowder. Belleville has the opportunity to showcase our church, events and music. This event typically draws 1,500 visitors. Please save the date and watch for more information. Learn more at https://ajhaidassociation.wixsite.com/newburyport-holiday

SERVICE SCHEDULE

If you are unable to perform the assigned task, please trade with someone on the list.

NOVEMBER			
Date	**Usher**	**Scripture Reader**	**Coffee Hour**
Nov 1st	Audrey Clarkson	Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Sue Wolfendale & Sue Heersink
Nov 8th	Sue Heersink	Martha Kelleher	Lynn Varney
Nov 15th	Mardee Beauparlant	Rachel Shunamon	Rachel Shunamon
Nov 22nd	Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Ben Heersink	Bill Lincoln Coffee Hour
Nov 29th	Gail Gandolfi	Sandra Biondo	Lynn Varney

DECEMBER			
Date	**Usher**	**Scripture Reader**	**Coffee Hour**
Dec 6	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi
Dec 13	Sue Wolfendale	Sue Wolfendale	Mary Lou Tyler
Dec 20	Liz Neale	Mary Lou Tyler	Kathy Raywood
Dec 24	***CHRISTMAS EVE 4 USHERS NEEDED***		
Dec 27	Audrey Clarkson	Barbara Colten	Bring Leftover Dessert!

MUSIC SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER
1st – Joyce Rice
8th – Phil Cosgrove
15th – Joyce Rice
22nd – Joyce Rice
29th – Phil Cosgrove

DECEMBER
6rh – Phil Cosgrove
13th –Joyce Rice
20th – Phil Cosgrove
24th – Joyce Rice
27th – Phil Cosgrove

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER
4th - Mike Conaway
6th - Jamie Beauparlant
8th - Annika Ellis
10th - Jon Williamson
26th - Sue Wolfendale
28th - Christina Grandoni

DECEMBER
10th - Jennifer Allard
10th - Tyler Jay
20th - Jean Kirkpatrick
21st - Michael Allard
29th - Colin Dean

If you would like to add your birthday, please e-mail office@belleville-church.com