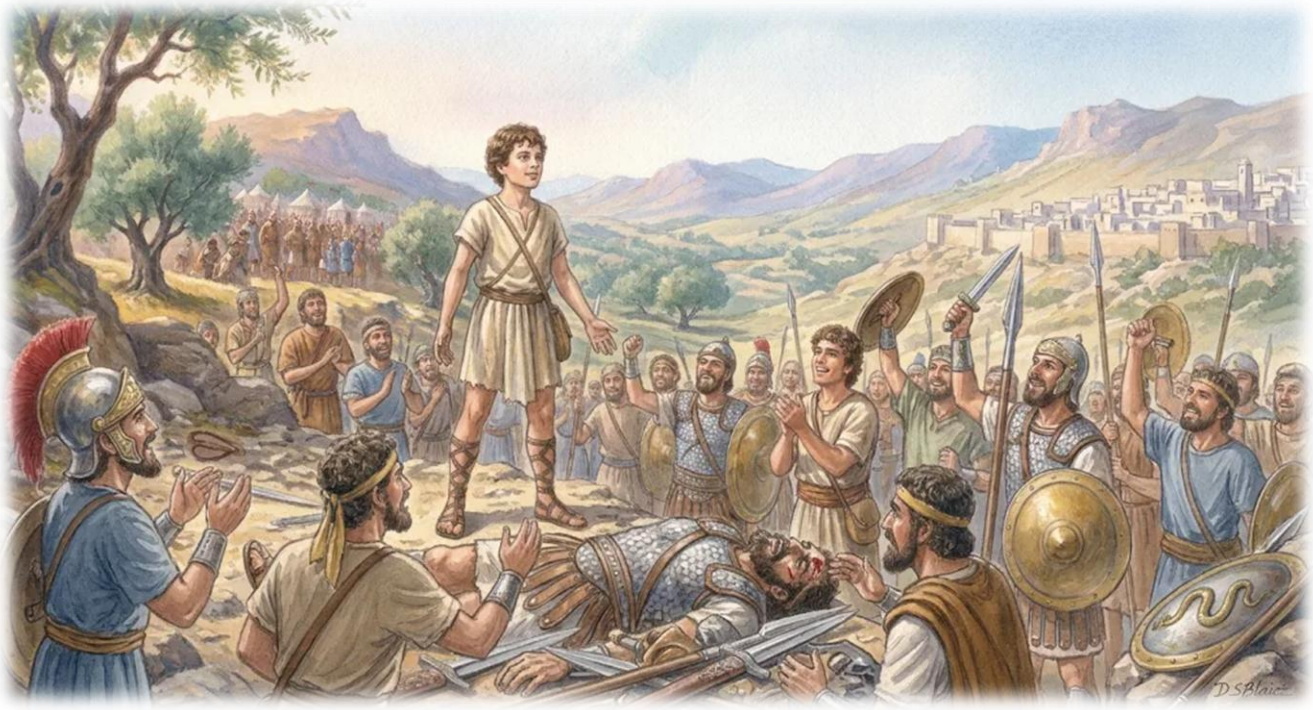
Belleville Congregational Church

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. Ross Varney
Ushers: Mardee Beauparlant
Scripture Reader: Rachael Shunamon
Coffee Hour: Rachel Shunamon
Musician: Joyce Rice

November
15
2026

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

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

Prelude **"***Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus"* arr. Dale Wood

Greeting and Welcome Rev. Ross Varney

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

Call to Worship

*** Opening Hymn** *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"* (PH #4)

**** 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* *"My Times are in Your Hand"* (see insert)

Prayer & Silent Prayer

Time for Children…of all ages

Scripture Readings Rachel Shunamon

1Samuel 17:48-51 and 18:6-7
When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. So, David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him; there was no sword in David's hand. Then David ran and stood over the Philistine; he grasped his sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it.

As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. And the women sang to one another as they made merry, "Saul has killed his thousands and David his ten thousands."

Psalm 51: 1-3,14
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

Hymn *" O God of Love, O King of Peace"* (PH #447)

Sermon *"War as Last Resort"* Rev. Ross Varney

Offering Time

Offertory "*Peaceful Miniature No. 4"* Lorraine Forsdick

*** 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** **"Once to Every Man and Nation"* (PH #441)

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude on "Lead on, O King Eternal "* John S. Dixon

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 11:00 AM.

THANKSGIVINGS:

Peggy - For support, now 1 year since Jim passed.
Bea - For success in nursing studies
For joyous children at Christmas fair, Henry saying: "prettiest room ever seen!"
For election results that promise better things, especially empowerment of women

CONCERNS:

Amy S's best friend, heart surgery and life support
Ben H in Northeast Rehab now, Salem NH
Nancy C, transitioning from home to a Rehab facility near Portsmouth
All immigrants, especially Latino friends (we have several working on Meetinghouse ceiling)

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	Gail Gandolfi

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