

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF ST. CLAIR**



**“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s  
journey, you’re welcome here”**

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# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

† Those who are able, please stand.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are in memory of Richard O. Johnson from his family.

## CHIMES

God's Love Made Visible!

## WELCOME

Welcome to First Congregational Church of Saint Clair, United Church of Christ, where no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you're welcome and loved here.

## GATHERING HYMN

Lord Of Glory

Leaping the mountains,  
bounding the hills, see how our  
God has come to meet us.  
His voice is lifted; His face is joy.  
Now is the season to sing  
our song on high.

Come, then, O Lord of glory,  
show us Your face.  
Speak, for we know Your words are life.

Leaping the mountains,  
bounding the hills, see how our  
God has come to meet us.  
His voice is lifted; His face is joy.  
Now is the season to sing  
our song on high.

## † CALLING ON GOD

Bonnie Landschoot

Leader: Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

**All: Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.**

Leader: Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

**All: We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary but when we leave today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

†HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy  
NCH266 vs 1 - 4

†OPENING PRAYER

Bonnie Landschoot

Oh Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit. Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. May we walk among our siblings and friends as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Our world is hurting and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely. Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying, ... "listen to my Child, the Beloved!" Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The God of Elijah, the God of Moses and the God of Jesus desires mercy more than sacrifice and a contrite heart rather than burnt offerings. Love God and do the right thing and forgiveness shall be your friend and mercy your true companion. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 145

Bonnie Landschoot

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

**SECOND READING**

John 3:16-17

Jacilyn Rose Sanders

**SERMON**

Love

Jacilyn Rose Sanders

**COMMUNION**

†HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
NCH43 vs 1, 2, 4

**JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATION TO PRAY**

## 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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;** *please place your offering in the box at the back table at your convenience upon entering or leaving. Or use the QR code on the pew by the envelopes.*

## PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR TITHES & OFFERINGS

†HYMN

The Church's One Foundation  
NCH386 vs 1, 3, 4

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

†BENEDICTION (*open hands*)

Now may the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" and has shone in our hearts, give us light to bear to the world that all may see and know that God is love. **Amen.**

†POSTLUDE

The Bond Of Love and Where The Spirit of The Lord Is



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## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Peter Payne and his family, Diane Liebetreu and her family, Carol Carroll, Susan Couch, Bryce C. DeLand, Eric Fandrick, Matthew Pennewell, Emerson Stone, Ann Whittaker. Also, remember to pray for all who are serving in the military, first responders, medical personnel, and our elected officials.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SERMON: Jacilyn Rose Sanders

SUNDAY STEWARD: Tom Pennewell

COMMUNION: JoAn Kindsvater

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Dave Scheel, Nikki Perry

READER: Bonnie Landschoot

POWER POINT: Jody Skonieczny

COFFEE HOUR: The Currie Family

**11/10/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

SUNDAY STEWARD: Tom Pennewell

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Jim Light, Jacie Sanders

READER: Rose Crowley

POWER POINT: Anthony Currie

READER 11/17 – Jacie Sanders

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING INCLUSIVE CHURCH COVENANT**

The members of the First Congregational Church of St. Clair, United Church of Christ, declare that we are a fully inclusive, Open and Affirming Congregation. We affirm the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and believe that all people are children of God. As such, we welcome to the community of faith all people of diverse race, physical and mental abilities, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, and socio-economic status. We covenant to provide to all a safe, loving, nurturing and compassionate community.

**~CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS~**

**CURIOUS ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

There will be a new member's class Sunday, December 1, 2024 at Noon. If you can't attend but are interested please let Pastor Julia know and she will (pastorjuliad@gmail.com) set up a time to chat. Your questions about the United Church of Christ and this church specifically will be answered.

**BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

The current study is on the TV series The Chosen. We first watch an episode then are led in a deeper understanding in the Bible regarding the topic of the episode. Pastor's Popcorn and beverages provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share but not required. This is a safe and judgment free zone.

**CHOIR**

Choir practice is on Thursday evenings 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to sing with us.

**CHIMES**

October 6th, 20th and 27th will be chime choir practice in October after coffee hour. All are welcome!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday school will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month unless otherwise noted.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following service to ask for a motion and vote on the 2025 budget on Sunday, December 8th.

## **PASTOR INSTALLATION**

Please join us for the Installation of Pastor Julia on Sunday, November 10th at 3 p.m. Please RSVP by signing the sheet on the back table in the sanctuary or please contact Wendy at the office as soon as possible.

## **THE LITTLE RED FOOD PANTRY**

This small pantry is a community outreach program sponsored by The Mission Team of this church. It is stocked twice weekly with non-perishable food. Donation requests may change but the need to feed does not.

We spend the days of November  
Knowing winter's cold will come  
And we give thanks  
For the lives we come from.

Touch the lives of others  
Not all but some  
And be thankful too  
For the caring person you'll become.

### **PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER**

Canned goods:

Chicken

Green Beans

Corn

Fruit

Pasta with or without Meat

Peanut Butter

Hearty Soups

### **PANTRY EXTRAS FOR NOVEMBER**

Crackers – oyster crackers for soups, Saltines and others

Hot Chocolate pouches

## THANKSGIVING SIDE DISHES

Cornbread Mix  
Canned or Jarred Gravy  
Jellied Cranberry  
Stuffing Mix  
Dessert Mix – Cake, Cookies, etc.

Please leave food donations in the elevator room on one of the shelves labeled LITTLE RED FOOD PANTRY.

Any questions? Please call Nancy Kennedy (810-329-3790).

### **COFFEE HOUR**

There are several Sundays available to host coffee hour. Please be sure to check out the sign-up sheet on the back table of the sanctuary.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Do you have something you would like shared to our social media platforms? For any news, events, or stories you'd like to share with our community, please reach out to our Social Media Minister Karl Heilman in person, message our Facebook page or email him at [kheilman84@yahoo.com](mailto:kheilman84@yahoo.com). Let's continue to spread God's love together! Feel free to like, share, and engage with our content as we strive to connect and uplift one another through the power of social media. Check out our Facebook page at @First Congregational Church UCC of St. Clair and our Instagram page at @firstcong.churchofst.clair.

### **HARBOR IMPACT**

Harbor Impact is in need of your empty egg cartons.

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**CHURCH STAFF**

Jacilyn Rose Sanders	Sermon
Denise Gregg	Music Director
Wendy Wojtas	Office Administrator
Kristie Lamb	Bookkeeper
Cindy Frey	Custodian

**CHURCH LEADERS**

Pat O'Connor	Moderator
Jody Skonieczny	Vice Moderator
Don Rice	Treasurer
Penny Malcolm & Jill Scheel	Christian Ed.
Kathy Cilluffo	Missions
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