

*Life is too swift, between the blossom and the white snow's drift,
Between the silence and the lark's uplift, for bitter words.
In kindness and in gentleness our speech must carry messages of hope,
and reach The sweetest chords.
~ V. M. Vories*

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
November 2, 2025 A.D.
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
All Souls Day Sunday / Daylight Savings Time

PRELUDE:

Sonata #1 — II Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Sonata #4 — II Andante religioso

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Kaddish, (adapted)*

Minister: Let the glory of all life be extolled, let creation be hallowed, in
the world whose creation surrounds us

People: **May one world soon prevail, in our own day,
our own lives, and the lives of all who live.**

Minister: Let all life be blessed, as all life is glorified, exalted,
and honored, beyond all the praises and songs that
we can voice.

People: **The world is a wonder beyond our understanding.**

*OPENING HYMN 486 – “For All the Saints” (vs 1-3 & verse by Bill Sano)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND WELCOME

CHURCH COVENANT

**In the love of truth and the spirit of Jesus Christ
We join for the worship of God and service to Humankind.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Ginnie and Steve Hibbard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

DISMISSAL TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Go now in Peace, go now in Peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

READING: Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-10

A Hymn in Honor of Our Ancestors

OFFERTORY:

I. *Requiem*, from *Requiem*, K. 626

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*Grant them eternal rest, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. You
are praised, God, in Zion, and homage will be paid to you in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer, to You all flesh will come.*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the Beauty everywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free.**

HOMILY: "Souls Departed, Souls Remembered"

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING

PIANO MEDITATION

ANTHEM:

VII. *Lacrymosa*, from *Requiem*, K. 626

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*That day of tears and mourning, when from the ashes shall arise,
all humanity to be judged. Spare us by your mercy,
Lord, gentle Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest. Amen.*

RESPONSIVE READING

We Remember Them

adapted from a poem by
Sarah Kamens and Jack Riemer

Minister: At the rising sun and at its going down,
we remember them.

People: **At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.**

Minister: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

People: **At the blueness of the sky
and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.**

Minister: At the rustling of the leaves
and in the beauty of the autumn, we remember them.

People: **At the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.**

Minister: When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

People: **When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.**

Minister: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

People: **For as long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.**

PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN– “Come Down, O Love Divine” (vs 1-3) *(See insert)*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Pièce d'orgue — Gravemente; Lentement

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The altar flowers are given in memory of long-time choir member Nancy D. Lewis and his sainted parents by William C. Sano

Our Greeter this morning is Caroline Marple.

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds, and orientations. As a Welcoming Congregation, we happily invite all people to be a part of our 21st century community and church. We hope you'll join us in the Parish Hall after worship for some light refreshment and fellowship.

STAFF

Minister	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Robert Jones
Music Director:	TJ Rufo-Curran
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Section Leaders	Ben Doyle, Rose Hegele, Nathan Savant, Lindsey Weissman
Parish Administrator:	Sara DeLong
Bookkeeper:	Betsy Gibson
Sextons:	Will Coronado, Gary Lubin
Fellowship Hour Coordinator:	Paula Leger
AV Production Assistant:	Peter Constable

First Parish remembers the following individuals
who have died or been memorialized at First Parish
since the All Souls' Remembrance Sunday
on November 3, 2024

Sarah Richardson (Sally) Gilman
July 14, 1941 – May 21, 2024

Susan Carnes Reeder
April 1, 1941 – November 9 2024

The Rev. Dr. Harry Heyden Hoehler
December 5, 1928 – December 3, 2024

Dorothea Wyman Thomas
June 3, 1935 – January 14, 2025

Lee Engler
June 11, 1929 – January 16, 2025

Robert James Boyd, M. D.
July 1, 1930 – January 24, 2025

George A. May
June 1, 1936 – February 5, 2025

Deborah Ann Shanley Anderson
August 15, 1952 – March 2, 2025

Mark Marder
April 5, 1951 – May, 23, 2025

Cameron (Cam) Peters
February 11, 1959 – September 21, 2025

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THIS FRIDAY! WALLET-FRIENDLY WINE CHALLENGE – Fri. November 7 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and raffle prizes for a good cause. Email rjones@FirstParishWeston.org with questions or to **RSVP**.

RENEWAL HOUSE SHELTER SUPPLY DRIVE– November 1-30 the Outreach Committee is collecting NEW twin comforters and sheet sets & personal hygiene products for Renewal House Shelter. See the bins in the Breezeway for full list of items needed.

COUNCIL ON AGING FOOD PANTRY DRIVE– November 1-30 you may drop off canned and shelf stable pantry items for the Weston COA Food Pantry. Visit the blue shelf in the Breezeway for a list of requested supplies or to drop off a donation.

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH – Tuesday, November 4, at Noon in the Library or via Zoom. Pack or pick up your favorite to-go lunch and join Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell and others for lively conversation. Coffee and cookies provided. Join us on Zoom; go to: **Zoom.us/join** and enter Meeting ID: **8944 2282 318**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP –Tuesday, November 4at 4:00pm in the Parlor. Wherever you are on the journey that is grief, we welcome you to join Jeff Barz-Snell and others for supportive conversation.

WEEKLY MORNING MEDITATION, THURSDAYS AT 8:30AM – Join us on Zoom; go to: **Zoom.us/join** and enter Meeting ID: **8840 8862 130**

ALL MUSIC SUNDAY: CALLING ALL SINGERS! – Perform Schubert's "Mass in G" in this special All Music Sunday (Dec 7) choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 8:30-9:00 (except Thanksgiving), with an extra rehearsal Saturday 12/6 from 10:00-12:00 noon. Please see TJ Rufo-Curran with questions.

COMMUNITY YOGA FLOW – Friday, November 7 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. This all-levels Vinyasa Flow class covers the basics, with options to modify toward an advanced practice. All are welcome!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST –Sunday, November 23 at 9:30am in the Hall: Join us before worship for pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausages served by our youth group. Email admin@FirstParishWeston.org to volunteer.

Come Down, O Love Divine

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1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3. And so the glo - ry strong, for which the soul will

mine, and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 long, shall far out-pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap -
 and let its glo - rious light shine ev - er on my
 for none can guess its grace, till we be - come the

pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 place where - in the ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena, d. c. 1434, tr. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1833-1890, alt.
 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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