FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 8, 2026 **10:00 AM**

"We are a community in Christ, called to act with love toward our neighbors."

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)
**For those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT #304 (UCC-Red) "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #14 (UCC-Red)** "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy and merciful God:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, O God.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

***SONG OF PRAISE #338** (UCC-red) (Gloria Patri)

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.

GOD MOMENT

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20
Matthew 25:1-13

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES (Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

SERMON "From Foolishness To Wisdom"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN # 319 (NCH-Black)** "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - CONCERNS

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

***SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780** Doxology (NCH – Black)
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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, take, bless and multiply our gifts so that they may be a blessing in your world, drawing more souls closer to you and your world to come. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #473 (NCH-Black)** "Blessed Assurance"

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "One In Love"

One in love, one in friendship true,
One in hope, one in spirit, too,
One in faith that God will care for you
Till we meet together again.

POSTLUDE

WE EXTEND THE HAND of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.

If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

OUR THANKS to Kyle Washburn and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Warren Cross in memory of Karen.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED! Please sign up on the flower sign-up list on the table in the entrance or call Cynthia King 802-885-5831.

PRAYER LIST	Dianne	Jaz	Jocelyn	Amie and Nicole	Ellen
Harriet	Wesley	Ted	Family of Elmer	All others in need	

CHECK OUT our church web site: firstchurchspringfield.org and our YouTube channel First Church Springfield 4738 (@firstchurchspringfield4738)

TO JOIN OUR ONLINE LIVE WORSHIP SERVICE EACH SUNDAY AT 10 AM, CLICK ON THE LINK FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE:
www.firstchurchspringfield.org
Note that a copy of the bulletin and hymns are available midway on the homepage.
Click on Worship on the homepage and it will take you to our Facebook page and a live video. Click on the video.
Glad you can worship with us!

CHOIR meets to raise our voices on the final Sunday of each month, rehearsing at 9 AM just before worship. All are welcome to join.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:
Those words can mean most anything. Would you or someone you know benefit from prayers, home visits, help with shopping, rides to appointments, prepared meals, food to help you over a hard time? If you have such a need, or know someone who does, please contact Congregational Care chair, Claire Trask at 886-7377.

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Nov	8	Sunday Worship –Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Nov	12	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Nov	15	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Tues. & Wed. 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M
PASTOR'S HOURS Wed. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

STAFF
Pastor: Michael Mario
Sexton: Todd Murray

~ NOTES ~

🎁✨Holiday Meal Box Donation Wish List ✨🎁

Help us spread joy this holiday season! The Springfield Family Center is preparing Holiday Meal Boxes for families in need, and we need your support. Your generous donations will bring warmth and happiness to local families during this special time.

Contribute to our holiday handout by helping us put together our holiday food boxes! *(Items needed by Dec 10, 2026)*

📝Wishlist:

- ★ Turkeys
- ★ Hams
- ★ Stuffing
- ★ Canned veggies
- ★ Crispy Fried Onions
- ★ Boxed mashed potatoes
- ★ Mac and cheese
- ★ Gravy
- ★ Broth
- ★ Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ★ Spices/Seasonings/Oils
- ★ Cranberry Sauce
- ★ Dessert box mixes