The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

November 1, 2026

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are an "Open and Affirming" Church

WELCOME!

To our worshipping community, especially to parents: God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! We welcome you and your child/ren. Children are a gift to the church and a reminder that the church is growing. May our church be a place where we give smiles of encouragement to parents!

Are you visiting with us today? We are glad you are here!
WHETHER YOU HAVE JOINED US BY PHONE, IPAD, OR COMPUTER

We celebrate "OPEN DOORS and GROWING FAITH"
"No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here."

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Statement of Inclusion

We, the people of The Congregational Church of Westborough, United Church of Christ, believe that all people are created equal, in God's image. "We are all God's children." In our journey of faith, we strive for justice and equality for all. We invite and welcome into our community and into the full life and Christian ministry of this church, persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, family structure, faith background, economic circumstance, mental and physical ability. We say, and mean, "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." We declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing our belief in diversity and inclusion. We seek to be a faith community centered in Christ, ready to proclaim the Gospel and seek to grow through the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We offer to each person acceptance and the responsibilities and blessings of participation in this congregation.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH
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November 1, 2026 Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
A Celebration of Reformation Sunday and All Saints Day

**The Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS **(**SHOWN ONLINE AND ON THE SANCTUARY SCREENS) 9:45 AM

PRELUDE

INVITING THE WORD

WELCOME Rev. Betsy Dorsi

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING MUSIC

*Hymn #284	"Gather Us In" (vs 1, 2, 4)	GATHER US IN
*JoySpring Songbook 11	"How Great is Our God"	CHRIS TOMLIN, JESSE REEVES, ED CASH

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto) Roland Regnier

One: On this All Saints Day Sunday, as we gather, let us remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.
Many: We give thanks!
One: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, bell ringers and all musicians who sang and played your praise.
Many: We give thanks!
One: We remember preachers and liturgists who led our worship through the years.
Many: We give thanks!
One: We remember parents, Godparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to our faith.
Many: We give thanks!
One: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.
ALL: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Roland Regnier

Jesus, God of all power and might, as we gather today help us remember the courage of church reformers throughout the ages as we face change in our own day. Give us wisdom to grow with the church as it grows into Your vision for Your church. We ask this in Your name and continue to pray using the words You gave us…

*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.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURES	Deut. 34: 1 - 8	*(pew Bible page 168)*
SERMON	Change is Life	Rev. Betsy Dorsi
*HYMN #65	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (vs 1, 2, and 4)	EIN' FESTE BURG

THE ROLL OF SAINTS 2026

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Betsy Dorsi

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Cathie Achorn

BEING THE CHURCH

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation Roland Regnier

At this time, let us all reflect on how much God has given us and on what we have chosen to give God back for God's ministry. The morning offering will now be received.

Offertory "The Last Supper" Allen Pote

Chancel Choir – John Custer, narrator

And as they were eating, He took bread and blessed and broke it, And gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body broken for you. Eat this bread, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Take, drink, this is my blood of the new covenant. Drink this cup, poured out for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Truly I say to you, I shall not drink a gain of the fruit of the vine,
Until that day when I drink it anew with you in the kingdom of God.

Take, eat, this is my body. Take, drink, this is my blood,
Which is poured out for you, for remission of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Eat this bread, drink this cup. Do this in remembrance of me.

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison) Roland Regnier

Holy One, we dedicate our gifts of treasure and self to Your ministry. Guide us as we use these gifts to bring Your love to our community. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Communion at our church is open to all. The cup contains grape juice. All bread is gluten free)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (found on the inside cover of your hymn book) Roland Regnier

INVITATION

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison) Rev. Betsy Dorsi

Jesus, we thank you for inviting us to share at table with you. By remembering you and your sacrifice for us, may we grow in love and service to your people. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Chalice Hymnal #589

*BENEDICTION Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*SUNG BENEDICTION "Go Ye Now in Peace" Composed by Joyce Elaine Eilers
JoySpring Songbook #25

*POSTLUDE

Ron MacKendrick is deacon of the day.
Roland Regnier serves as liturgist today.

Prayers

New Prayers: Natalie, granddaughter of Deb Boucher's friend.
Continued Prayers: Friends of Cathie Achorn (Rebecca, Florence F., Linda Palatka, and Pari); Trevor Lovely; Jen Hossack; Marie Murphy's son – Craig Jernberg; Pete; Bev & Doug Hall's son Jeremy; Adam Beckloff, Linda Birch's nephew; Diane Travers; Judy Ellis's daughter, Syreeta Peddlesden; Betty Simino; Betty Gray's niece Heather; Cathie Achorn's sister-in-law, Lorie Mumby.

GIVE THE GIFT OF BETTER SIGHT!

We are collecting gently used eyeglasses, reading glasses, and sunglasses for adults and children. Donations will be provided to a Lions group to help make glasses available to people in need. Have an extra pair at home? Simply place them in the black basket in the library. Thank you for helping give others the gift of better sight!

THE GREAT PIE CHALLENGE IS BACK!

From November 1–15, we'll be busy making apple pies, and we'd love your help. Donate apples, flour, butter, sugar, cinnamon, or gift cards, or stay after church on Sundays to help us cut apples. Prefer to bake at home? Pick up a pumpkin pie kit with directions, make your pie at home, and return it by November 22.
Everyone is welcome, and friends and family are encouraged to join in. The more helping hands, the better! For more information, contact Linda Borglund at Linda.Borglund@uccwestborough.org or 774-245-1425.

PARISH LIFE

The Westborough Winter Stroll & Light Parade is Sunday, November 29. The stroll runs from 2–5 PM, followed by the Light Parade at 5 PM. We'll need volunteers after church to help set up, wear elf costumes, serve hot cocoa, and staff the information tent.
Have an idea for our Light Parade entry? Contact Cathie Achorn at 508-380-8671.

JEWELRY COLLECTION

The Evergreen Fair is collecting all kinds of jewelry for the Fair. Donations accepted now through the start of the Fair. There is a collection box in the kitchen. All jewelry is prepped for beautiful table displays.

MISSIONS

Westboro Food Pantry **-** For the month of **November,** the Westborough Food Pantry needs the following: *cooking oil, Ramen Noodles, chowders, and cake mixes.* Please no expired food or dented cans. The Westborough Food Pantry has thanked us for our continued support in helping to feed local families in need. Please continue to consider donating additional (non-perishable) food of all sorts to the white box. Thank you. The Mission Team

Dismas House – Do you like to cook for people who really appreciate your efforts? If so, please consider making a meal for the men at Dismas House. The men are working towards re-assimilating back into a normal life with friends and family after time in prison. They really love home cooked meals. If you can cook a meal but can't deliver it, we can probably arrange to bring the meal. If you are a first-timer, one of our team can go with you. You can stay for dinner with the men or simply deliver the meal. Nothing fancy, just a tasty meal. If you can help, please contact Pam Faustine at 978-505-7031 or pfaustine@princeton-ma.us

NOV 1ST – NOV 8TH

Nov 1	**Communion Sunday**
10:00AM	Worship Service
Nov 2	**Monday –** Office Closed
6:00 PM	W.F. Meeting/Fellowship Hall
Nov 3	**Tuesday**
6:30 PM	Building Committee/Board Rm
7-8 PM	Bell Rehearsal
Nov 4	**Wednesday**
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Journey Home Singers
6:30-8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Nov 5	**Thursday**
Nov 6	**Friday**
Nov 7	**Saturday**
10:30 AM	Memorial Service – Rodney Smith
Nov 8	**Sunday**
10:00 AM	Worship Service
1:00 PM	Baptism