



November 19, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Keith Ciccone, organ
Kelly Knox, cello

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Give Thanks*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say "I am rich!"
Because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God, the giver of life.

Praise God, who blesses our world.

Praise God, who heals our wounds.

Praise God, who cares for our needs.

Praise God the giver and maker of all.

All glory and honor to our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*HYMN 552

We Gather Together

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Our baskets are full, gracious God, with the bounty you have provided. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving and praise. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed by you, to become more fully the people you intend for us to be. Show us how to do the work you have planned for us. Equip us as your faithful stewards. Amen.

***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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4: 4-9

Don Bisset

SERMON

“The Joy of Thanksgiving”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

Thankful

*Foster & Sager
Doug Trudeau*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 for ever. Amen.

HYMN 287

For the Fruit of All Creation

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here, below.
Praise God, above, ye heav’nly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we were born with nothing but the breath you breathed into us. All that we have become, all that we have created, and all that we have worked for; all this was made possible through you. We return what you have given to us as an offering of our thankfulness, and as a celebration of your love. Gracious God, to you we offer our worship and our praise. Amen

*HYMN 283

Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today's guest musician is cellist **Kelly Knox**.

Kelly is a Boston-based cellist with a passion for performing, teaching, and making connections through music.

Her most recent position was Co-Principal cello of The Orchestra Now. She has had the privilege to perform concerts in Italy, China, Ecuador, Peru, and across the United States.

Kelly holds degrees from Indiana University, Bard College, and Roosevelt University.





WELCOME to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church. Of all the things you could have done this morning, we're glad you chose to be with us.



Subscribe to the First Church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTaGrBGnYzfM66pS7Bd4PvA>

Non-perishable Food Pantry donations are collected for The Marge Crispin Center on the **first Wednesday of the Month** in front of the church. Contact free! Just drive by and drop. Or place your donations in the basket in LPH or the Narthex. Thank you!

Televised Worship Services are broadcast on BCAM: Verizon Channel 28, Comcast Channel 9, on Saturday at 8:00 AM and Sunday at 10:00 AM.

First Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm.



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Turkey Drive Thanks to your generosity, First Church delivered 20 turkeys to the Marge Crispin Center.

Upcoming Meetings

Prudential: Tuesday, Dec 7 @ 10am

Deacons: Tuesday, Dec 12 @ 7pm

Leadership: Tuesday, Dec 19 @ 7pm

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2023

The Beautification Team invites church members and friends to donate poinsettias for display in the Sanctuary on **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th at 9:30am**. These flowers beautify our sanctuary for Christmas worship and are given as a tribute to memorialize or to honor loved ones.



- We are purchasing our poinsettia plants from Almqvist Flowerland.
- Each plant costs **\$13**.
- **All orders must be in by Thursday, Dec 7th.**

Please be sure to answer all questions and **PRINT CLEARLY** so we can properly acknowledge your gift in the bulletin.

1. **Given by:** (your name) _____

2. **Check one:** **In Memory of** *or* **In Honor of**

3. **Name (s) of Honoree:** _____

4. **Choose color:** **Red** **White** **Pink**
 Marble (if available) **No Preference**

5. **After it is displayed on the altar do you wish your poinsettia(s) to be used as:**
 A Gift to the Church (for distribution to homebound friends) or
 For Personal Use

6. **Amount due:** # of poinsettias _____ x \$13 each = \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to **First Congregational Church of Braintree**
Poinsettias may be picked up following the service on 12/24 @ 9:30am.*



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BRAINTREE
MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS HYMN SING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 9:30 AM



If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following hymns *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* a loved one, please indicate your name, their name, your hymn choice and amount of donation. Suggested donation per hymn is \$10.
 To ensure your request is included in our special bulletin, please return this request form to the church office or place it on the collection plate *absolutely no later than Sunday, December 10th*.

- Choice of Hymns:
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| 1. <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> | 6. <i>The First Nowell</i> |
| 2. <i>What Child is This?</i> | 7. <i>Hark, The Herald Angels Sing</i> |
| 3. <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> | 8. <i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i> |
| 4. <i>Silent Night</i> | 9. <i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i> |
| 5. <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> | 10. <i>Joy to the World</i> |

Please PRINT the names below *exactly* as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.

Given by: _____
 (Write your name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

Hymn #	Hymn Name <small>Abbreviate if necessary</small>	<i>In Memory</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>	<i>In Memory of or In Honor of</i> (Please print name clearly, exactly as you wish it listed.)	Amount Donated <small>(Suggested amount is \$10 per hymn.)</small>
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Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church of Braintree.
 Please write "Hymn Sing" in the memo.

Thank you for your support.