



February 11, 2024

Scout Sunday

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

God Bless America

Doug Trudeau, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

PROCESSIONAL

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

BOY SCOUT PLEDGE AND OATH

Members of Troop 22 & Pack 22

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Zachary Ricciarelli

Leader: Because we have failed in the trust others placed in us,
we pray for forgiveness and for renewal to be **trustworthy**.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For forgiveness when we saw the need to help and passed that
need by, when we failed to ask if we could be **helpful** to a friend
or a stranger. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the spirit to be **friendly** to all people and even to those
who are unfriendly to us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the gift of **courtesy** to all people but especially to the
elderly, the disabled, and little children. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

Leader: For a heart that rejoices in being **kind** to people, to animals, and to earth on which we live. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the will to discipline ourselves to be **obedient** to the will of our God, and not to our selfish desires. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For a **cheerful** spirit to see us through disappointing events in our lives, for a faith that believes God will bring some good even from events that cause us pain and sadness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For an appreciation that all that we have is the gift of our gracious God, for a mind and a heart that will be **thrifty** in managing the resources God has entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the courage not to be afraid of doing what is right and to be **brave** in working for justice. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the will to work to keep **clean** our minds, our hearts, and our land. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the gift of **reverence** for God who values all that he has created; for reverence for people, for animal life, for the earth and all its resources—all precious in God's sight. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all the people and all the needs we bring before you in our prayers, trusting in your mercy, through our Lord, Jesus Christ,

ALL: **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Nicholas Whiting

God of grace and glory, we call upon your name as we gather for worship and praise. Hear the prayers we offer through word and song, as we yearn to grow closer to you. Shower us with your grace, and light the fire of wisdom in our minds. Bless us with your presence, that we may walk in your truth, and live in your righteousness, all the days of our lives. 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.

WHAT SCOUTING MEANS TO ME

Mason Gallagher

CHARTER PRESENTATION

Al Giordani

DOWNEY FUND PRESENTATION

Craig Barnes

MUSIC INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20: 1-17

Jason Piasecki

SERMON

“Why Do We Need Rules?”

Rev. Michael Frady

*HYMN 495

They'll Know We are Christians

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Quinlan Connors

Leader: Accept our thanks, dear God, for your gift of life. For all that you gave us in our birth; for all that you give us in the richness of our journeys, we give you thanks; and all of this we bring to you, our God.

People: **From our life to your life, O God.**

Leader: Accept our hopes and our promises: all of our hopes that life may yet be filled with purpose – and its purposes fulfilled; all of the promises we make to ourselves, to one another, and most certainly and inwardly to you; all these we bring to you, our God.

People: **From our life to your life, O God.**

Leader: For all of those who have helped us to realize purpose and potential in our lives: for parents and friends, teachers, mentors and coaches, troop and den leaders, scout and cub masters,

People: We offer you thanks and praise, O God.

Leader: For all those who have helped this country to realize its hope of freedom: for those who serve our country in the military and armed forces, for those who serve our national, state, and local governments for the purpose of bettering our world and communities, and all of our sisters and brothers who give of themselves on a daily basis for the healing of our world,

People: We offer you thanks and praise, O God.

Leader: And through faith, service, character, and compassion, may each one of us help to shape our world and communities to be a landscape of love where your children walk upon a green and fruitful earth, unafraid of war, unburdened by want, untroubled by pain or loneliness, selfishness or uselessness.

People: We offer you thanks and praise for the depth of our hope, O God.

Leader: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

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 for ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Collectors: Brendan Tuohey, Jason Piasecki, Michael Donatiello

OFFERTORY

Battle Hymn of the Republic

*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**

Derek Brouillard

Gracious God, we come to you offering our lives and a portion of our wealth as fruit of the good news you are bringing into the world. Bless these gifts, that others may be touched by the grace and tender mercy we have found in your love. Amen.

*HYMN 302

America the Beautiful

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Scout Vespers

Doug Trudeau

RECESSION OF THE SCOUTS

(Please remain seated until the Scouts have recessed.)



TROOP 22



Scoutmaster: *Daniel McDonald*

Assistant Scoutmasters:

*William Anderson, Steven Bailey,
Donna Connors, J Doran*

Scout Parent Coordinator: *Elizabeth O'Keefe*

Committee Chairman: *William Jones*

Committee Members: *Irma Lauter,
Talbert Lauter, Paul Spinney*

Unit Scouter Reserves: *Richard
Brouillard, Patrick Connors, Jennifer
Ricciarelli, Lisa Viveiros*

Unit College Scouter Reserve: *Quin Connors*

Charter Organization Rep: *Al Giordani*

Executive Officer: *Carl Francis*

PACK 22



Cubmaster: *Julie MacCurtain*

Committee Chairman: *Reeny Savage*

Den Leaders: *Donna Connors*

Mike Gersht

Malissa Northrup

Jen Kanyugi

Julie MacCurtain

Rob Strano

Matt O'Leary

Joe Fogarty

Darryl Brown

FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMBERS: VOTE NEXT SUNDAY ON
THE WELCOME COVENANT BELOW...**



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS**

Call to

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

In the Sanctuary and on Zoom
10:30 A.M., Sunday, February 18, 2024

ARTICLES

- Vote to approve a covenant declaring First Congregational Church of Braintree as an *Open and Affirming* Congregation in the United Church of Christ

Welcome Covenant First Congregational Church of Braintree, MA

The First Congregational Church of Braintree is an Open & Affirming Congregation working in partnership with all churches of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all God's children into Christian faith regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, political stance or theological perspective, national origin, mental health status, physical and cognitive abilities, and the many diverse forms of family configurations.

We proclaim and affirm that full and equal participation in the life and leadership of our church is open to all. We seek to continue learning and growing together as the inclusive Body of Christ. We are committed to spreading the light and love of Christ into the world through worship and service. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date:

Sunday, March 3, 2024

@ 11:00 AM



Who: Every member and friend of First Church...
and their friends too!

What: Brunch AND Bingo...what could be better?

Where: in the Lower Parish Hall of First
Congregational Church - 12 Elm Street, Braintree

When: Sunday, March 3rd following worship

Why: Because we miss seeing each other face to
face. Let's get together for some fun & fellowship!

Scouts and Families:

You are welcome to come to the Bingo Brunch too!

Just let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

First Church Members & Friends:

We hope you can attend and bring a friend or two!

If you'd like to help plan and run this event please contact Mattie
Mattie@FirstChurchBraintree.com

or Deb
Office@FirstChurchBraintree.com
781-843-3616 Mon-Fri 9:00-1:00

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Deacons - Sunday, February 11 @ 10:45am in the Chapel

Leadership Team - Sunday, February 25 @ 10:45am in the Chapel

Prudential Team - Thursday, March 7 @ 10am in the office

YOUTH GROUP

We welcome any middle school or high school aged youth from any faith denomination. The Youth Group meets every Sunday from 6-8pm here at the church for some fun games and great discussions. They also go on "field trips" such as rock climbing, bowling, Canobie Lake Park and more. Check it out and bring a friend! Next Sunday they are going to Launch Trampoline Park.

The next scheduled YG meeting is TODAY @ 6pm in the Chapel.

All are welcome!



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.



About Today's Service: We are live-streaming today's service. Playback is available on our YouTube channel:

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

Prayer Lists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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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