



"People don't enjoy salt. They enjoy what is salted. We are the salt of the earth. We do not exist for ourselves."

~ John Piper

February 8, 2026

Scout Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Greeters

Adrian Tran and Jacob Tran

Prelude

Keith Ciccone, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Karen E. Gale

Processional and Boy Scout Pledge and Oath

Members of Troop 22 & Pack 22

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Grayson Luneau

God of Love and Light, You call us to be your light in the darkness;

Your voice in the wilderness, Your hope for the hopeless.

You give us strength in our weakness;

You call us to peace and gentleness, faithfulness and boldness.

You put salt in the very cells of our being,

And ask us to live a well seasoned life.

You ask us to live lives more about You,

And less about us.

We come together to worship as one community united in faith and service.

Let us worship God as one people.

*Hymn

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

(a 20th century adaption of "America the Beautiful")

How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;

Our purple mountains majesty, above the fruited plain.

America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,

And more and more, we're grateful for, life's bounty all around.

Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons:

O may we never rest content, till all are truly one.

America! America! God grant that we may be

A sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,

The courage called for to repent, the bloodshed through the years.

America! America! God grant that we may be

A nation blessed, with none oppressed, true land of liberty.

* *Indicates all who are able may stand.*

Please silence your cell phones.

**God we come to you as human beings, both wonderful and flawed.
Hear us as we promise to live better lives of service:
When cheating is easy, we will be Trustworthy.
When bullying presents itself, we will be Loyal.
When a hand can be offered, we will be Helpful.
In the face of hard tasks, we will be Cheerful.
As God is present, we will be Reverent.
In all places we will show care, compassion and love to all people.
With thanks for Jesus, our model and guide. Amen.**

Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-12

Brendan Tuohey

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Matthew 5:13-16

Grayson Luneau

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven."

*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.

Meditation

"Repairers of the Breach"

Rev. Karen E. Gale

*Hymn 495

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

What Scouting Means to Me

Landon Quirk

Charter Presentation
Downey Fund Presentation

Craig Barnes, Charter Representative
Kris Johnson, Treasurer

Music Interlude

Keith Ciccone

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Gale

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

Adrian Tran and Jacob Tran

Offertory

Keith Ciccone

*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

Brendan Touhey

**May our love be like salt that makes life tasty and worthwhile.
May our acts of service be a light to those who live in darkness.
May our communities be beacons of light to be seen from afar.
May God continue to live and work within us.
May what we share in this offering be light and salt,
As we offer ourselves in service to love and hope. Amen.**

*Hymn 299

My Country Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side, let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Our parents' God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, great God our King.

*Benediction

Rev. Karen E. Gale

Postlude

Recession of the Scouts

(Please remain seated until the Scouts have recessed.)





TROOP 22

Scoutmaster: Daniel McDonald

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Donna Connors, J Doran

Committee Chairman: William Jones

Committee Members: Irma Lauter,

Talbert Lauter, Paul Spinney,

Patricia Donatiello

Unit Scouter Reserves: Richard

Brouillard, Patrick Connors,

Jennifer Ricciarelli

Unit College Scouter Reserve: Quin Connors

Charter Organization Rep: Craig Barnes

Executive Officer: Carl Francis

Troop 22:

Derek Brouillard - Life Scout

Carter Chan - First Class

Michael Donatiello - Life Scout

Aiden Holtkamp - Scout

Grayson Luneau - Life Scout

Landon Quirk - Second Class

Zack Ricciarelli - Second Class

Adrian Tran - Tenderfoot

Jacob Tran - Scout

Brendan Tuohey - First Class



PACK 22

Cubmaster: Rob Strano

Committee Chairman: Reeny Savage

Committee Members: Rob Strano,

Reeny Savage, Heather DiLorenzo,

Benjamin Cohen, Jonathan Danho,

Joseph Fogarty, Julie MacCurtain,

Matt O'Leary

Pack 22:

Webelos:

Den Leaders: Rob Strano & Matt O'Leary

James Ballard, Sean Donovan, Maria

Lange, Emmitt Lee, Luke O'Leary, Fin-

negan Slattery, Lucas Strano

Bears:

Den Leader: Julie MacCurtain

Oliver Esmond, Remy Hypolite, Camden

Kou, Zoe Lis, Sean MacCurtain, Connor

Miley, Timothy Ritzau, Emmett Savage

Wolves:

Den Leader: Joseph Fogarty

Theo Burk, Oscar Fogarty,

Vera Jackson, Abigail Strano

Tigers:

Den Leader: Jonathan Danho

Rory Coté, Westin Li, Theo Leahy,

Mason Auner, Liam Richards,

Andrew Danho

Lions:

Den Leaders: Heather DiLorenzo &

Benjamin Cohen

Oliver Cohen, Kaden Marriott, Gabriel

Turco, Michael Maher, Jackson Kelble,

Maxwell DiLorenzo, Elliot Esmond,

Hudson Kou, Theodore Hypolite,

Asher Pierce

Den Chiefs: Max Gersht, Landon Quirk,

Michael Donatiello, Cameron Mark,

Aditya Tatikonda, Ryan O'Leary



The First Congregational Church of Braintree United Church of Christ



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.

**Join us for worship every Sunday @ 9:30
in person or streaming live at www.firstchurchbraintree.com**

First Church Braintree Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, February 8 @ 9:30 am in the Sanctuary - Scout Sunday.

Luncheon follows in Lower Parish Hall

Sunday, February 15 @ 11:00am in the Chapel - Combined Leadership & Prudential

Thursday, February 19 @ 7pm - Book Discussion Group

Bible Study on Revelation

Upcoming sessions:

Thursdays February 12 & 26 @ 10am

in the Chapel and on Zoom (contact Karen or Deb for the link)



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18 @ 6pm



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE YOUTH GROUP

Join us for Youth Group at First Church Braintree!

Who we are:

Our small but mighty youth group meets every Sunday during the school year and every other Sunday in the summer. Although we are a Christian establishment, our group is open to all middle and high school students of any faith. Every meet begins with "Highs and Lows" where each member shares one positive and one negative thing from the past week. We have at least one game or activity planned and our regular meetings always have a discussion. This is one of the most rewarding pieces of Youth Group, and most of the youth's favorite part. We discuss important current events, our faith/belief differences and similarities, issues that are heavy on their hearts, and sometimes silly/nonsense topics. It is a great chance to not only share thoughts, but also a safe space to challenge each other and see other perspectives. Besides our regular meeting days, every season also comes with at least one service project and at least one outing plus parties to celebrate holidays as well as attend camp through SSCYC

Who our adults are:

First Church Braintree's Youth Group is run by Mattie Gietman (Director of Youth and Children's Ministries) and Rachel Holton. We meet and plan throughout the year to keep our meetings fresh and to keep our group members engaged and excited to be here. With the advent of social media, it can be daunting to be a teenager and we work very hard to create a safe and rewarding environment where everyone's feelings, beliefs, personalities, and opinions are respected. Since our numbers are small, we are lucky enough to really get to know each and every youth grouper, what their personal interests and goals are, and what we can do to help them be the best version of themselves. The joy we have from getting to watch these kids turn into adults is unmatched and we hope to be able to continue to do this work for years to come. Any adult working with the youth are CORI-checked and trained in safe practices.

If you would like to be added to our weekly email (includes photos of the previous week, any updates to the calendar, and details around upcoming events and activities), please email Mattie at Mattie@FirstChurchBraintree.com



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>

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.



What does our logo say about us?

- ♦ The stem and leaves symbolize new life and renewal.
- ♦ The stem and leaves are growing out of strands of grass reminiscent of pages in an open Bible,
- ♦ the foundation for a vibrant Christian faith.
- ♦ At the center of the image is the cross, indicating that we hold Christ to be the center of all life and growth.
- ♦ The green palette symbolizes nature, life and growth.
- ♦ The image itself is contained in an oval, which is representative of our gathering in a community
- ♦ and our fellowship with one another.
- ♦ Overall the design is intended to be fresh and modern, with a simple elegance.



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