

All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2024

Prelude

Nenad Iovic

Welcome

Rev. Susan Murtha

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,

People: We praise you, O God.

Leader: For all the saints who live beside us, whose weakness and strengths are woven with our own,

People: We praise you, O God.

Leader: For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,

People: We praise you, O God.

Kids Church Children are welcome to meet in the entrance area of the sanctuary
for Kids Church in the Parish House.

Nicole Giannetta
& Anna Haep

***Gathering Hymn** *For All the Saints* Red Hymnal # 306

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest!

[Refrain] Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *[Refrain]*

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. *[Refrain]*

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *[Refrain]*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *[Refrain]* Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture *1 Peter 2:1-9* (pg. 1058 in your pew Bible)

Reflection *A Holy Nation*

Service of Prayer

Joys and Concerns / Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts)

***Communion Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Red Hymnal # 288

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

[Refrain] When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees. *[Refrain]*

Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees. *[Refrain]*

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the bread and cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Call to Offering

Choir Anthem *Remember Me* by Aaron Adams

Faye Chen & Choir

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; (or) Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise God for all that love has done;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

*Prayer of Dedication & Blessing of Pledges

*Closing Hymn *Amazing Grace* Black Hymnal # 547

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures,
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

HURRICANE HELENE APPEAL

As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, please consider a gift to the Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal.

Your gifts matter.



FCCW is encouraging donations for hurricane relief efforts. These funds will be sent on to the United Church of Christ Disasters Ministries. The national UCC has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster and their plight fades from the headlines. Together with the 570 churches in the Southern New England Conference and the 4,603 churches in the country, we can make a difference.

Thank you for your support.

Checks can be made out to the church with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo.

*****For the month of November, there will be a hurricane offering set up at Sunday Coffee Hour*****

**GIVING THANKS TOGETHER:
MUSIC & FUN**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2024
1:30 TO 3:00 PM**

**SINGING THANKS with MICHELE & PUPPET JEFFREY
SAYING THANKS with SUSAN
CRAFTS & GAMES of GRATITUDE**

**PARISH HOUSE
5 MEETINGHOUSE LANE
WOODBRIDGE**

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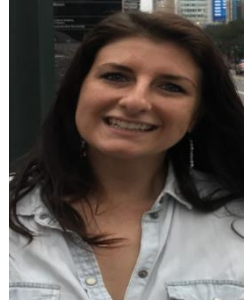
**COME MEET
JACKSON**

Dear members and friends of First Church Woodbridge,

We are delighted to share the news that we have hired a gifted and experienced Co-Coordinator of Children's Ministry for FCCW – Nicole Giannetta. Nicole will be focused on Kids Church, bringing our children into a deeper level of faith formation, connection and community. Anna will assist in Kids Church and also continue to work with me on every family event.

Below is an introductory letter from Nicole. Please take time to read it and to welcome her at the church. Nicole began on Thursday October 10; her first Sunday was October 12!

Blessings,
Susan



Hello First Church of Christ, Woodbridge,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share a little about my family.

My name is Nicole Giannetta and I am a full-time mom to three children who are my world. I am a part-time caretaker for a girl with special needs who I absolutely adore, and I find myself constantly being inspired by!

My daughter recently turned 16 and I have two sons who are 13 and 7. We are a very active family, almost always on the go. My sons are very active in sports and scouts, and my daughter has grown up on the back of a horse and is active in her 4H clubs with our dog, goats and is now venturing into cows! What brings us together best though is a hike in the woods, preferably exploring new spots we stumble upon.

My approach to life is very organic, from the food we eat, my plight against screens and just how and where we choose to spend our time. I am very intentional with my parenting, and I work diligently to bring my gifts to my children and all the relationships they develop. We moved to Seymour a year ago and my daughter attends the Agri-science program at Nonnewaug High School, while my middle son attends Slate School in North Haven and my youngest does a combination of a private school co-op and wilderness school through Two Coyotes. I place an immense value on my children being in the best environment that speaks to and supports who they are as individuals.

Prior to Seymour we lived in Branford for a few years, and I had the privilege of being a part of the Trinity Episcopal Church community. I worked to develop the position of Director of Children and Families Programs, and I take a lot of pride in knowing I helped to create a space of organic creativity that the families and parish grew to value very much. It is a strong belief of mine that life begins when we leave our comfort zone and that is the impact I strive to have with my own children and any children I have the privilege of developing relationships with.

While at Trinity, I ran nature-based Sunday school classes over the summer that we called "class on the grass". I planned outreach and volunteer opportunities for our youth, many of which involved time at local nursing homes, whether it was singing, or game days, trick or treating, ice cream socials and even our first- ever talent show. We developed a kid's choir, and a read-a-thon that helped plant trees, as well as multi-generational speed convo evenings where the kids could further develop their conversation skills with the older members of the parish. We also took part in the Tree of Hope fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House each year and then brought it full circle by making a meal at the Ronald McDonald House. We routinely helped serve dinner at our community center and made dog treats in their kitchen for our local animal shelter. I also took every opportunity I could to get everyone outside; we made garden beds, went on group hikes each season, and did farm chores at a local farm. I love nothing more than getting to see children experience something that is new to them, especially if it involves animals and the outdoors, and watching a spark ignite in them.

In addition to my position with Trinity, I have also worked in the capacity of a substitute Kindergarten teacher as well as room mom in many of my children's classrooms. I hope to add great value to the wonderful environment that is First Church of Christ Woodbridge, and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your families!

Warm regards,
Nicole