



Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Parish House)
10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns
10:10 am– Worship begins
January 12, 2025 Baptism Sunday

No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "I Am Thine, O Lord" Mary McDonald

Introit "Gloria" #758 NCH Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Darlene Davis

One: Come, all who seek a deeper understanding of God's presence in our world.

Many: We come with open hearts, seeking the Spirit that moves among us.

One: As Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, He stood alongside all humanity.

Many: Let us seek to live lives of compassion, justice and love.

One: Let us worship the God of love, who calls us all beloved. Let us pray:

Many: Gracious God, we come before You. We come to sit awhile at Your feet. We come just as we are, knowing that we can open our hearts, longing for the One who brings new life. Loving God, as You baptize with the Holy Spirit, renew us in this time and help us to see the light of our Savior more clearly and to follow in His way more closely. Fill us with Your Spirit, empowering us to live as Your beloved children now and always: 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.

***Opening Hymn** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (Mit Freuden Zart) Pilgrim #20

[In addition to the hymnal, words to the hymns can be found on the announcements page.]

[During the hymn, those attending in person are invited to come forward and to light one of the votive candles at the front of the sanctuary. Those on Zoom/YouTube may light a candle and keep it close by during the service.]

Psalm Ps 29 p. 504 Carol Booth

Scripture Luke 3:15-22 p. 60

Message “Remember Your Baptism!”

Anthem “A Time for All Things” Douglas Wagner Choir

Mission Moment

Offering (for those who attend worship in person, you may come forward during the offertory, to place your offering in one of the offering plates or you may place your offering and/or form in the plate near the door as you depart after worship)

Offertory: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” Lloyd Larson

***Doxology** (Pilgrim #515)

You may sing the traditional version or the inclusive language version:

Trad: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Inclusive: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn** “Jesus Loves Me” (Jesus Loves Me) NCH #327
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (Ar Hyd Y Nos) NCH #82
Go, My Children, with my blessing, never alone: Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;

*In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

Postlude “Postlude in D” Austin North

***Please stand, if you are able**

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship/Invocation adapted from the Church of Scotland website.
Image at the top of the bulletin is from Google Images.

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 1/12/25

Welcome to Worship at Old South! We're glad you are here!

OFFICE HOURS—Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 - Noon.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, Jan 12:
 9:00 Choir
 10:00 Worship
 After Worship, New Member meeting
Wed, Jan 15
 Choir
Sunday, Jan 19:
 9:00 Choir
 10:00 Worship

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION:

Annual Reports due: January 12, **TODAY**
Annual Meeting (with potluck lunch), after worship, Feb 2 (snow date: Feb 9)

The Quarter Fund. If you come to worship in person and have some extra quarters weighing down your pocket or purse, you can put them in the tray on the communion/Bible/candle table. The quarters will help a couple of people who could use some assistance with laundry.

NEWS&NOTES– Are you receiving the church email that's sent out on Tuesdays & Thursdays? If not, send an email to the church office. We'll add you to the list!

OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach Fund Focus/January: Bread of Life Homeless Shelter

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– The next one is 2/4/25. The Sign up has been posted.

SUPPORT the Ministry of Old South:

1. Checks may be sent to the church PO Box 508, Hallowell, ME 04347
2. Online giving (credit card) is available through the Maine Conference. Please find the link on our webpage: <https://oldsouthhallowell.org/>

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: Today, January 12. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Mit Freuden Zart) Pilgrim #20

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory;
All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Public Domain Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

(Jesus Loves Me)

NCH #327

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.” *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way.
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. *Refrain*

Public Domain Hymn

Benediction response:

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (AR HYD Y NOS) NCH #82
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