



**Welcome to Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine**

Hybrid Worship (in person: parish house)

10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns 10:10 am– Worship begins

January 25, 2026

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "By the Grace of God" Anthony Giamanco

Introit "I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes" Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Ron Bansmer

One: Gather us in, Holy and Merciful God,

Many: Guide us and inspire Us,

One: To be Your faithful people,

Many: Today and always.

One: Help us to trust and remain focused on our faith,

Many: That we may be unified,

One: To be the people You call us to be. Let us pray:

Many: Holy God, there are so many things that compete for our time and attention. In this time of worship, strengthen us anew, Loving God, to keep our priorities in order. Bless us with an openness that allows us to reconnect with the movement of Your Spirit among us, that when this time of worship is over, we will go from this place with courage and grace to share Your love with others: 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.

***Hymn & Lighting of Candles** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (CWM Rhondda) NCH #436
(words 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 may light a candle and keep it close by during the service.]

First Reading Psalm 27:1, 4-9 p.503 Bonnie Dufty

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 p.166

Message “Epiphany People #2”

Anthem “O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge” J.S.Bach/arr. Hal Hopson 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)

Offertory: “Jesus, I Come” G.C. Stebbins/Tedd Smith

***Doxology** (Pilgrim #515)

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

Traditional: 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.

Time of Prayer Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Response

***Hymn** “Be Thou My Vision” (Slane) Pilgrim #391
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Benediction Response** “Go My Children, with My Blessing” NCH #82

1 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 “In Thee Is Gladness” G. Gastoldi/arr. Terry Osman

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top of the bulletin from Google Images.

The Call to Worship and Invocation: written by Susan Reisert.

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 1/25/2026

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday— NO Bible Bunch

Wednesday

4:00 Choir (new members welcome!)

Thursday

10:00 - Noon Drop In Hours for Conversation and Prayer

BIBLE BUNCH— will meet again on Feb. 10. And, then our Lenten dates will be: 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24.

QUARTER FUND— you may have noticed the “Quarter Tray” next to the offering plate near the kitchen. We gather quarters to help out a couple of people in the congregation who require quarters to do their laundry.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 17— Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:00 - 6:30

Wednesday, February 18— Ash Wednesday. The parish house will be open for a self-guided time of meditation and reflection, Noon - 4:00.

February 22— the Occasional Book Group will meet after worship to discuss North Woods by Daniel Mason.

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/>

OUTREACH FUND FOR January: Heating Assistance

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: February 15

TODAY'S HYMNS

God of Grace and God of Glory (CWM Rhondda) NCH #436

Public Domain Hymn

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;

Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's ways,

From the fears that long have bound us—free our hearts of faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control.

Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole, make our broken spirits whole.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be

Armoured with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.

5 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Be Thou My Vision (Slane)

Pilgrim #391

Public Domain Hymn

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Nought be all else to me save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or my night,

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

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