

*First Congregational Church of River Edge
River Edge, New Jersey*

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
All Saints' Sunday**

November 6, 2011

10:00 am

**Those who are able please stand*

SILENCE *God of our ancestors, be our God today as we gather in sincerity and faithfulness to honor you. Declare your Word to us so we may be inspired. Make your dwelling place with us here. Amen.*

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

“Family Promise”

Missy Simpson

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ronnell Kearns

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

During the Prelude, we invite you to take time to quiet your heart and discover anew God's presence in your life.

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Michael Phillips, alto saxophone

arr. Robert G. Farrell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: There are many who have gone before us, showing us the Way with their lives.

People: We come to give thanks for them and their vision.

Pastor: As they have answered God's call, so we are called to answer, living as Jesus did. We come asking for courage.

People: Let us worship God.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated)

Forgiving God, we come before you to confess our sin. We have not loved you with all our heart, our soul, our strength, our mind. We have ignored those who would remind us of your voice, letting the details of living become our call. We have not thanked you, nor been your ministers, nor prayed as we should. Yet you do not give up on us. So fill us with your Spirit that we may live anew as forgiven people who can be your saints. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Prayer for Mercy (Kyrie)
The Chancel Choir

Russian Orthodox Tradition

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE (standing)

**Glory to the Creator,
the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three – in – One;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen. Amen.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: As we are forgiven in Jesus Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us extend to one another the peace of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ruth Tschudin

(Church School children, youth and staff may leave for their classes.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Karnig Thomasian, *Lay Reader*

Hebrews: 11:1,2,32-40; 12:1-2

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Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Race of Faith

The Rev. Charles F. Holm

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight...and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

ORGAN RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING OUR TITHES, OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

Here, O My Lord

Russell Schulz-Widmar

The Chancel Choir

*Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication (standing)

As the saints of old brought the first fruits, their orchards and their flocks, so we bring the first portion of that which we have received. The times have changed, but the meaning is the same: we place you, O God, first in our lives. Amen.

*HYMN

O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be

(insert)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Remembrances of those members who have died:

Ronald D. Patterson, November 22, 2010

Raymond D. Kuenzler, January 15, 2011

Dale Cimiotti, Jr., January 25, 2011

Ruth Davis, February 22, 2011

Marcia N. Archibald, April 13, 2011

Robert W. Zick, June 14, 2011

Jean Lavenberg, June 24, 2011

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

SHARING THE MEAL

We partake of the bread as soon as we are served, as a symbol of our personal relationship to God. We drink of the cup together, once all have been served, as a symbol of our unity in Christ.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

For All the Saints
(stanzas 1,2,3,4)

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*BENEDICTION

This is a time for reflection and prayer, and we invite you to remain seated in silence until the postlude is ended.

*POSTLUDE

O Lord, We Praise You

Charles W. Ore

DEACON /USHERS: ☩ Robert Owens, Robert Albrecht, Inge Reist, June Seilheimer, Ronald Seilheimer, John Hamilton

☩ Head Usher

COUNTERS: Art Caughlan, Robert Egner, Don Huggett, Barry Arena

GREETER: Amy, Marie and Don Herrick

LAY READER: Frank Meeks

ALTAR GUILD: Carole Meeks and Adria Brown

CHILD CARE: Joan Kuharetz and Kelly Kobbe

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Stewardship Board

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Please turn off or silence all electronics before worship.

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WELCOME, if you are a guest or visitor with us this morning! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex, or fill out one of the visitor cards found in your pew. Cards can be placed in the plate as the offering is received.

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NURSERY AND CHILD CARE – is provided during Sunday worship for infants and toddlers in the Nursery on the lower level. Ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

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LARGE PRINT HYMNS may be obtained from an usher.

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PRAYER CHAIN – You are welcome to put the name of a loved one, friend or neighbor on the Prayer List weekly. Call the church office at 201-261-1712, if you would like to add someone to the list. The Prayer List can be found in the bulletin. A Prayer List request form can be found in the Narthex each Sunday morning. Prayers DO make a difference.

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DEVOTIONAL PAMPHLETS, “Care Notes,” and devotional guides, “The Upper Room,” are available in the church narthex. The rack is refreshed regularly. Please take these for your own use or for friends.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS which enrich our worship this morning are provided by the church’s Flower Fund.

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SECOND SUNDAY DONATIONS NEEDED – Donations for Second Sunday’s are needed. If you would like to help, please see Anna Lou Kuenzler during Fellowship Time. Second Sunday is our congregation’s ministry to our developmentally challenged friends of our church and community.

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS CONTINUE! All singers are invited to be part of the Cantata which will be presented at the 10:00 a.m. service of worship on Sunday, December 11. All ages are welcome, and a special invitation goes out to anyone who likes to sing, but cannot commit to being in the Choir all year long. Remaining rehearsals will be on Thursdays, 8:10 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall on November 10, November 17, December 1, and December 8. You may also support the Cantata monetarily. Gifts may be given in honor of, or in memory of someone. Checks should be made out to First Congregational Church, and marked CANTATA GIFT on the memo line. Acknowledgement of these gifts will be made in the December 11 Bulletin.

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2011 CHRISMON - This year's Chrismon is an *Angel*. These will be sold by the members of the Board of Christian Education at Fellowship Time on all Sundays leading up to Chrismon Sunday. The price for the Chrismon is \$3.00 each.

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COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE – The annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the River Dell Clergy Association, will be held on Sunday, November 20, 4:00 PM, at Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge. Faith communities taking part in the service will include Temple Avodat Shalom, First Congregational Church of River Edge, Grace Lutheran Church of River Edge, Central Unitarian Church of Paramus, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church of River Edge, and Church of the Annunciation (Episcopal), Oradell. Everyone is invited!

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PUMPKIN PATCH MINI BAKE SALE – If you missed purchasing any of the jars of honey, apple butter, chocolates, breads, cookies, etc. they will be available this Sunday, November 6 at Fellowship Time.

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ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TOY AND CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS – As you begin your Christmas shopping, please remember to purchase a winter clothing item or toy for a child/youth, infants through age 14. These NEW UNWRAPPED winter clothing items and toys will be placed under the sanctuary tree during the Chrismon Service to be held on Sunday, December 4, 4:00 PM. This year we are working with the Bergen County Community Action Partnership, which will pick up the clothing and toys from the church and distribute them to the children and youth of Bergen County's neediest families. Thank you!

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ALTAR FLOWERS - If you would like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please contact our Flower Coordinator, Carole Meeks at 201-262-3020. The donation for the flowers is \$25.00. Flowers can be taken home after the service or given to one of our shut-ins. The deadline for ordering altar flowers is the Sunday prior to their being placed on the Altar.

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CHAIR LIFT TO FELLOWSHIP HALL – The Chair Lift is located in the hallway at the exit by the pulpit. Please let one of the ushers know you will need assistance.

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HERE, O MY LORD

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but yours; nor do I need
another's arm save yours to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, indeed; my strength
is in your might, your might alone.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

text by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

The Life of Our Church This Week

Sunday, November 6, 2011

All Saints' Sunday

- 8:45 am – Adult Study
- 9:15 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am – Carol/Nowell Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am - Worship Service/Communion/ Church School/Child Care
- 10:00 am – Confirmation Class
- 11:00 am – Fellowship Time
- 11:30 am – Confirmation Class meets with Pastor (Library)
- 12:30 pm – Korean Baptist Church

Monday, November 7, 2011

December Congregator Deadline

- 12:00 Noon – Al-Anon
- 7:30 pm – Adult Study (Library)

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Election Day

- 7:00 pm – Christian Education Planning Team (Library)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

- 12:00 Noon – Adult Study (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm – AA
- 7:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Thursday, November 10, 2011

- 7:00 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm – Building Renovation Team
- 7:30 pm – River Edge Swim Club
- 8:10 pm – Cantata Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 11, 2011

- 7:00 pm – Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal

Saturday, November 12, 2011

- 8:30 am – KWIS
- 7:00 pm – AA

Sunday, November 13, 2011

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

- 8:45 am – Adult Study
- 9:15 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am – Carol/Nowell Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am - Worship Service/Church School/Child Care
- 11:00 am – Fellowship Time
- 12:30 pm – Korean Baptist Church
- 4:30 pm – Second Sunday

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIVER EDGE

Our Mission

Our mission is to worship God, care for one another, and witness to Jesus Christ in our community and the world.

Our Vision

We seek to be a dynamic community of faith committed to spiritual growth, following Christ's example and God's Word. Respecting our past and recognizing today's challenges, we move forward with diverse worship, education, mission and compassionate care for all

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CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

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