

Looking ahead at our November calendar:

Today, November 9 – Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship Hour.
Sermon, Joe Hackett. Children's Sunday School.
Special Music by Cindy Ovokaitys.

(Following the service, we will meet downstairs for our Annual Fall Meeting with a coffee hour and refreshments).

Sunday, November 16 - 10:00 am Worship Hour.

Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. Choir is singing.

The Church Council will meet after the service. (11:15 am)

Sunday, November 23 - 10:00 am Worship Hour.

Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. Children's Sunday School.

Special Music by Lora Gensler and Rose Seeger.

Following the service there will be a Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. Join us for some great food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass.

Sunday, November 30 – 10:00 am Worship Hour.

Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett.

Special Music by the Jubilee Band.

Prayer Concerns

Lori Haley, hospice

Daniel Hays

Torin, autism

Elizabeth Joseph

Morgan Haley

Viveca Persson, Agneta's sister

Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister

Morton Zimmerman

Cindy Ovokaitys

Allen Miles

Oscar, Brain tumor

Faith Community Church

The lost and wandering souls

Peace and Good Will on Earth

Those dealing with loss

God's Providence for Israel

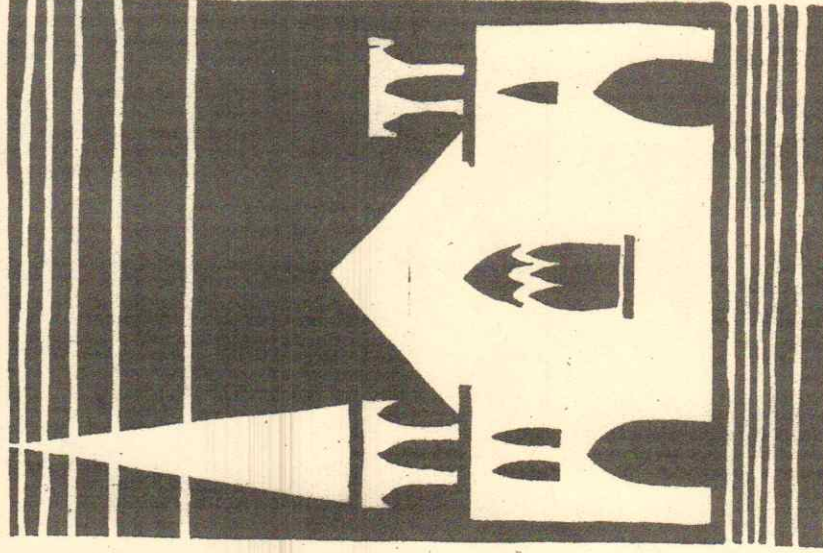
the Middle East

Our Church Covenant

We agree to maintain the institutions of the Gospel by giving of our service and our money in such ways shall seem to us most pleasing to our Lord and Master and will endeavor to the utmost to walk together in mutual helpfulness and brotherly love.

(Adopted at the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2000)

Welcome to the
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN**



Worship

Fellowship

Outreach

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
– Matthew 18:20

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Sunday Worship Time - 10:00 am

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
 ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
 November 9, 2025
 22nd Sunday of Pentecost / Communion

PRELUDE	MEDITATION*	CHURCH BELL
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator

INTROIT: Cindy Ovokaitys

*OPENING HYMN: # 25 "Sing a New Song"

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Many: We've come together as God's people, eager to offer our praise!

One: God's greatness is unsearchable.

Many: With one voice, we declare God's mighty acts:

One: Justice, kindness, saving grace – these mark God's every move.

**Many: Surrounded by this company of people who love God,
 let us worship the Lord our God!**

*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

God of grace,

You have given us eternal comfort and good hope.

You have shown us the glorious splendor of your majesty
 and the wonder of your works.

Join our work with your own, that by the grace in which we trust,
 we may be brought to the resurrection

in which we hope,

by the faithfulness of your wondrous love. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 250 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confessional Prayer

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too
 deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts
 can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of
 judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a
 future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more
 and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of
 the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 20:27-38

SERMON: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Cindy Ovokaitys

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:
 Thanksgivings
 Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Adoration

Community Prayer

**Loving God, we lift up all of these prayers to you, O God, knowing that
 you listen with love and care. We ask for your continued blessing, Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving

Doxology

Offering Prayer

**Living God, as we present these gifts to you, we say "thank you" for the
 ways Jesus modeled true stewardship, sharing all he had as he taught,
 healed and witnessed to your love. Now please accept our gifts as signs of
 our true identity as disciples/followers of Jesus. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

*CLOSING HYMN: # 64 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

*BENEDICTION:

God of the living, send us out as one people, seeing and seeking signs of you
 in us and amongst us.

Send your Spirit to lead us on, so that we might be strengthened in faith
 and turn again to you, following in the way of Jesus, the way of life and love.
 Amen.

POSTLUDE:

* Denotes that all who are able should stand