

# *the first church in chestnut hill*

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[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



*September 2022*

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Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, *Minister*

## VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

Was there ever a day on which you thought the world changed? It could have been a day in your life, like graduating from school or having a child. It could have been a momentous occasion, like the day the Berlin Wall came down or the war ended in Vietnam. Was there ever such a day for you?

Looking back across history, there were many such days. Sometimes they could be events considered to be positive and other times negative. And how that feeling is assessed might vary on one's perspective—one side might win a war, while the other does not. Of course, the change might be more subtle than a win and a loss. In Christian thought, Jesus' death upon the cross is a tragedy and yet it is also a new beginning, a promise of new life to come.

This fall I will be giving a series of sermons on such momentous days throughout history. October 31, 1517, may not be lodged in anyone's short term memory, but that is the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg and ushered in the Protestant Reformation. Conversely, a few of you might vividly remember where you were and what you were doing on July 16, 1969, the day human beings first landed on the moon.

Change is said to be the only certainty in life. Some days merely bring the ordinary fluctuations accumulating across our years. And a few days shake the world. They divert the flow of history, they upend our ways of thinking. They make us think about the past or the future in new ways. As we consider these days of change across the centuries, may such innovations of thought spark within us hope for the days to come even as they stoke recollection of years gone by.

God bless,  
*Mark*

## HOMECOMING COOKOUT



We have had a couple of lean years of gatherings, so we have decided to hold a celebration of the new church year at **noon on Sunday, September 18** (rain date on Sunday, September 25). We will gather outside on the lawn and we hope that even those who cannot make to church in the morning might join us for lunch in the sunny (hopefully) afternoon.

The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks and we ask others to bring salads, desserts, and summer favorites.

Kindly send your RSVP to Lisa Piel ([26suffolk@gmail.com](mailto:26suffolk@gmail.com)) by September 12, 2022 to let us know what you are bringing, along with the number of people attending.

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

*September 11:* September 11, 2001

*September 18:* October 31, 1517

*September 25:* July 16, 1969

## OUR SCRIPTURES FOR THIS SEASON

*September 11:* Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 137

*September 18:* Luke 16:1-13, Psalm 113

*September 25:* Luke 16:19-31, Psalm 146

## SCRIPTURE READERS

*September 11:* Bert Dane

*September 18:* Lisle Baker

*September 25:* Joe Hicks

## USHERS

*September 11:* G. West Saltonstall

*September 18:* Mark Chadbourne

*September 25:* David Brooks

## COFFEE HOUR

*September 11:* Sally and Bert Dane

*September 18:* Homecoming Cookout (Sally and Lisle Baker)

*September 25:* Carol and Werner Lohe

## SEPTEMBER FLOWERS

*September 11:* The flowers are given in loving memory of  
Barbara Morss Marshall by the Drayton family.

*September 18:* The flowers are given in loving memory of  
Louise Baker Seiler by Sally and Lisle Baker.

*September 25:* The flowers are given in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Thomas by their family.

## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23 at the church, followed by a luncheon. More information will follow. The warrant may be reviewed below.

### Warrant of the Annual Meeting of the First Church in Chestnut Hill

The business of the meeting will be:

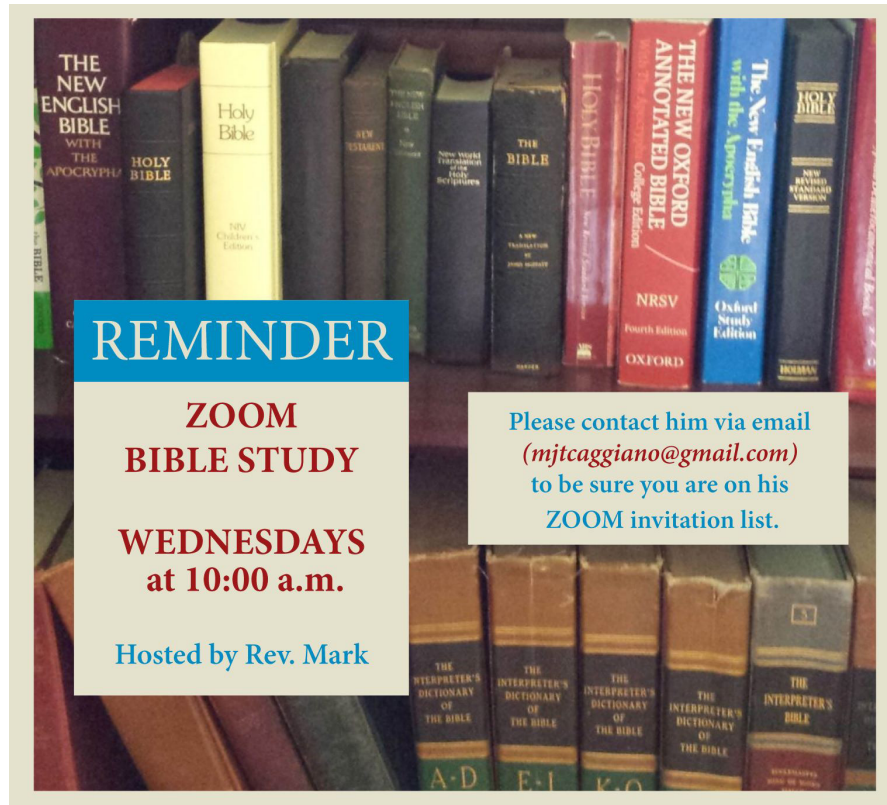
- To elect a moderator for the coming year.
- To review and act upon reports of the treasurer, the minister, and several committees of the church.
- To elect a treasurer and a clerk for the coming year.
- To elect two members of the Standing Committee for three years.
- To discuss and approve the budget for the coming year.\*
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
- There will be a short meeting of the new Standing Committee at the end of the Annual Meeting.

*\*Those wishing to view the budget may do so by contacting Lisa Piel (26suffolk@gmail.com).*

*Those wishing to view and/or print the bylaws may do so by visiting the Church History page on our website: (www.firstchurchchestnuthill.org)*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

.....	grow spiritually
<b>to</b>	foster community
.....	serve others



**Please note: Our first Bible Study meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 via ZOOM.**

## BOOK GROUP

We'll be meeting in person at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22 at Molly's (303 Goddard Avenue, Brookline) to discuss *The Devil in the White City* by Eric Larsen. All are welcome. Please contact Molly Batchelder ([m.batchelder@comcast.net](mailto:m.batchelder@comcast.net); 617-232-6213) with any questions.

## DONATIONS

Collection will return to its traditional format during the service. If you wish, you may also make your donation via Zelle or mail a check to the church, Attention: Treasurer, 26 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity.

## TRANSITIONS

Lisa Piel will be retiring soon, so we have begun searching for a new administrator to fill her position. Our hope is to welcome the new person aboard early this fall, so they can be trained and familiarized with the office and communications needs of the church by the time Lisa leaves.

Our website is also in transition, and we ask for your patience as we move from the older site to the new, improved version.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Our current procedure asks that you be in touch with Dana Flynn to coordinate the delivery of flowers, either from your chosen florist or your own garden. Please contact him (617-680-0702) once your plans have been made, as early in the week as possible. He will meet the florist (or you) at the church on the Saturday prior to your date.

If these options are not practical for you, we have tasteful silk arrangements which can easily be placed on the altar. Again, just let Dana know if this is your preference.

**There are currently three “open” dates for anyone who would like to donate flowers: November 13, 2022, January 29, 2023, and April 30, 2023. Please contact Lisa Piel ([26suffolk@gmail.com](mailto:26suffolk@gmail.com)) if you are interested.**

# Welcome Back!

## SEPTEMBER MUSIC

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September 11, 2022

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Prelude:	<i>2 Miniatures</i>	Peeters
Anthem:	<i>Sound the Cymbal</i>	Schubert
Response:	<i>O Hear, My God, My Pray'r</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>Come, Redeemer of Mankind</i>	Walther
Choral Amen:	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude:	<i>Miniature</i>	Peeters

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September 18, 2022

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Prelude:	<i>Toccata</i>	Frescobaldi
Anthem:	<i>O Be Joyful in the Lord</i>	Purcell
Response:	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>De Profundis</i>	Mozart
Choral Amen:	<i>Sevenfold Amen</i>	Stainer
Postlude	<i>Toccata</i>	Buxtehude

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September 25, 2022

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Prelude:	<i>Adagio</i>	Marcello
Anthem:	<i>O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day</i>	Whyte
Response:	<i>Draw Us to Thee</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>Almighty God Who has brought</i>	Ford
Choral Amen:	<i>Twofold Amen</i>	Persichetti
Postlude:	<i>Toccata</i>	Sweelink

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### Program Notes

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Robert Whyte (1538-1574) was an English composer whose liturgical music to Latin texts is considered particularly fine.

## WELCOME, CHRISTOPHER



We extend a warm welcome to Christopher Humbert, Jr., who will be joining the First Church Quartet this month. He brings numerous credits in opera, musical theatre, oratorio and concert works. Most recently, Humbert has debuted in principal roles with companies like Florida Grand Opera, Palm Beach Opera, Annapolis Opera, and others around the United States. Christopher holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and is currently pursuing a Master of Music degree at Boston Conservatory.



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**FOR THOSE IN NEED  
THIS MONTH**

Please contact the  
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