

## In the Church

**Special Offering Music.** Anyone wishing to provide special music during the offering should sign up on the calendar in Fellowship Hall or speak with Sharon Keith, our Music Director.

**Choir.** We welcome all voices to join our choir! Under the direction of Sharon Keith, the choir will meet at 9:00 AM every other Sunday morning to rehearse for their piece during the service. Speak with Sharon if you'd like more details.

**Sunday School.** All youth are invited to join in Sunday School, starting today during church services. We're thankful for Crystal Armitage's leadership in creating disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

**Coffee Hour Hosts.** Coffee Hour is a perfect time to catch up with friends and make new ones, and we're so grateful to all who have hosted us with coffee and refreshments. The host list is posted through December; if something comes up and you're not able to host, please see if you can swap with someone. Thank you!

**Gifts of Flowers.** Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones. If you'd like to provide flowers on any given Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board heading into the Fellowship Hall so we can plan ahead. Thank you!

**Liturgist Sign Up.** Do you feel called to share God's Word with us on Sunday mornings? Would you like to be a part of the worship service? There is an opportunity each week to share your voice with us by reading the scripture passage during Church. Sign up on the bulletin board heading into the Fellowship Hall, and Pastor Christy will give you a call on Monday with the coming week's scripture passage.

**Pastor Christy's Office Hours.** In an effort for Pastor Christy to get to know the community, she will be available at the Merriam-Gilbert Library here in town each week on Mondays from 1 PM to 3 PM. She will also have evening hours on Wednesdays from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Dunkin' Donuts on Main Street in West Brookfield. Feel free to join her! Note that these hours will shift on Monday Holiday Weeks and Meeting Weeks, but if you would like to schedule a different time to get together, please email or call Pastor Christy to set up an appointment.

**Communion Sunday Dedication.** In response to the needs of our local community, the first Sunday of the month will be dedicated to food donations for the Sharing Cupboard here in town. For September's offering, the Sharing Pantry has asked we provide bags of ground coffee, both caffeinated and decaf. Thank you for sharing!

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West Brookfield, MA || 9:30 AM



*Ambient Love*

September 8, 2019

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Christy Wright, Pastor || Sharon Keith, Music Director  
Heidi Jeldres, Lay Leader

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PRELUDE *Lead me to Calvary* Kirkpatrick

\*LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*PROCESSIONAL *Spirit of God (x2)* UMH #393

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE *Amazing Grace* UMH #378  
(Fuel Fund for those wishing to contribute)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

**All: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.**

One: In God's great love, the Holy One knows us and sustains us.

**All: In God's amazing grace, the Creator restores us and recreates our lives.**

One: Even before we were formed, our Maker was before us and behind us, surrounding us with Divine Love.

**All: With every thought, prayer, and song, we come with praise for the wonderful works of God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. ∞**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Special Music* Nancy Collins

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

SERMON *Ambient Love*

\*HYMN *Spirit of Faith Come Down* UMH #332

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Take Up Your Cross* Talbot

\*Please stand as you are able

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# Special Announcements

**Technology Request.** We are pleased to be able to bring back the PowerPoint presentation on Sunday mornings to aid the Pastor with visuals throughout the sermon. We are currently using the church's projector and Sharon Collins' personal laptop from home. She would prefer not to use her own computer, so if you feel led to donate toward a new laptop for the church or if you currently have one that could be used weekly, it would be greatly appreciated. We can probably get one for around \$300 or less. Please pray on this and let the Holy Spirit guide you in the process. Many thanks from Sharon Collins.

**September Meetings.** We held our September SPRC Meeting on 9/4 at 6:30 PM at the parsonage this past week, and the Admin Council will be meeting at 7:00 PM on 9/10, also at the parsonage.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> Prayer Vigil.** As we come to the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 3 PM. Stop in to light a candle and pray for our country and all those affected by mass violence and terrorism.

**Spring 2020 Town Construction.** We recently learned of town construction along our roadway and sidewalks that may affect our Sunday morning services. The Trustees and Pastor Christy are in conversation with the Town to mitigate possible disruptions to parking and access. If you'd like more information, please contact Mike Cox or Pastor Christy. We will keep you updated with developments as they arise.

**Ham & Bean Supper Fundraiser.** Be sure to join us for a fantastic gathering with great food and friends on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Special thanks to Jane Dolan for organizing and for all those who are cooking, hosting, and cleaning up! Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 per person and includes ham, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls, and plenty of desserts. All proceeds will benefit the mission and ministry of George Whitefield UMC.

**Community Acts of Kindness.** Since starting her appointment on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Christy has received numerous calls from folks in West Brookfield requesting financial help. While the church has a minimal budget for such requests, the needs exceed our budget. If you would like to donate gift cards in \$20 denominations for CVS, Hannaford, or gas cards, we would gladly receive your donations and pass them onto folks who need them most while also providing ways to engage in more sustainable solutions. Please see Pastor Christy if you'd like to make a donation. Thank you!

**In Our Prayers.** Arnold, Betty, Bob, the Chisholm family, Dell, Ed, Edacia, Elsie, Emily, Evelyn, Heidi, John, Judy, the Keith family, Linda, Lisa's Dad, Margarita, Millie, Nicole, Priscilla, the Reim family, Richard, Russ & Joy, Sage, the Smith family, Tomassa, those who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity, mass violence victims – especially those in Odessa and Midland, TX this week, those who are in the path of Hurricane Dorian, environmental concerns surrounding the Amazon fires, our nation and world, our political leaders.