



Brookline Community Church

February 4, 2024

* Opening Flag Ceremony

Call To Worship

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them, for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

All: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding, for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

All: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who have a home where family members live together in love, for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

All: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth, for they shall use what they learn to help others.

All: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God, for they will find God early and will walk with God through life.

All: Blessed are the Scouts.

All: Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts, O God. Teach us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and so to live after your will. Amen.

* Please stand in body or Spirit.

Shoveling Miss Cole's Driveway, Part 1:

Hymn: #376 *We Gather Together*

A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:

Let us recite the Lord's Prayer together:

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

[For next week, please feel free to send me your joys & concerns and I'll include them in our prayers: minister@bccnh.org or call/text (857) 259-7269.]

Shoveling Miss Cole's Driveway, Part 2:

Hymn: #297 *Spirit of the Living God*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (The Message)

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in* on it!

[RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen \(Danish\)](#)

Shoveling Miss Cole's Driveway, Part 3:

Hymn: #358 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MINISTRY OF SHARING

***DOXOLOGY: #809 "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."**

***Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given:**

**We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving,
making melody to you with our praise.**

**Use these gifts to spread your peace near and far,
for the sake of all those who need your love and your help. Amen**

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Scoutmaster's Reflection

Announcements

*** Scoutmaster's Benediction**

Postlude:

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.

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PRAYER LIST (2/4/24)

- Friends & family of Morris Nicholson, Eddy Razzaboni, Flora Kenyon, Polly Foley, Ken Perrin.
- For Dave Joki, member of the Brookline Fire Department, fighting cancer
- For Paul, John's friend, who's in a tough fight with cancer.
- For Kim, Donna's relative, whose liver transplant had a setback
- For Brandon, Jill & Kevin's friend, on the heart transplant list.
- For Kevin, Kevin's dad, who's facing some medical issues
- For a friend, figuring out a way to pay her rent
- For a family in transition
- For John Lee's step-mother diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- For Wicznadine, leaving the Compassion International program
- For Terry, Kym's friend, recovering from a double lung transplant as well as post-surgical complications
- For Ken, Ann's dad, facing complicated diagnosis and treatment
- For John, recovering from foot surgery
- For Susan, John Nicholson's mom, home after a stay in the hospital, but heading back there for more procedures.
- For Emmy, Barbara's granddaughter, who's recovering from Covid, and gymnastics, and has a lot on her plate
- For the friends and family of Jon Kibby, Russel's high school classmate
- For the friends and family of Bobby, Jill's uncle, may they know the love that surrounds them
- For the friends and family of Keith Thompson's brother, may they know the love that surrounds them
- For Natalie, Marjorie's sister-in-law, recovering from her third heart attack.
- For the friends and family of Clayton, Marjorie's nephew and Natalie's son. May they know the love that surrounds them.
- For Alison, Susan's friend, whose breast cancer has returned at Stage 4.
- For Kim, Amy's friend, recovering from a liver transplant
- For the friends and family of Lucy, Candy's dear friend's mother-in-law
- The friends and family of Alice Krom, may they know the love that surrounds them
- For the friends and family of Dave Flannery, member of the Brookline Fire Department, may they know the love that surrounds them
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, may they find a way forward
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For the people of Taiwan, searching for peace in the face of hostility
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

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Household Prayer: Morning¹

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God, bless me with a sense of purpose. As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Everlasting God, you have been here from the foundations of the earth. I give to you this day now ending, with all its gifts and failings. As I rest through the night, renew my strength and, in my dreams, lift me up on the wings of eagles. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

What does Paul mean when he says that he became all things to all people so that he could save some (1 Cor. 9:22)?

Daily Awareness Reflection²

At the end of the day, I've been asking myself the following questions. I jot down the answers and ask them again the next evening. I've found it helps me to remain centered as well as increasing my awareness of God in my life. It takes about 10 minutes.

1. Slow down. Stop. Prepare yourself to pray by becoming aware of the love with which God looks on you ...
2. Note the gifts God has given you today. Give thanks to God for them ...
3. Ask God that this be a time of special grace and revelation ...
4. With God, review the day. Look at the stirrings of your heart, your thoughts, and your choices as the day progressed. Which have been of God? Which have not? What does God want to say to you about both? ...
5. Ask for forgiveness for failures/omissions, for healing from their effects ...
6. Look forward to the following day, and plan concretely with God how to live it according to God's desire for your life ...

¹ The Morning & Evening Prayer and Question for Reflection are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*. Copyright 2014.

² Elizabeth Liebert, *The Soul of Discernment* (Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2015), 31.

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Announcements

Faith Formation: Deepen Your Connection with God: Feb 4, 8:30a

We will be offering faith formation sessions once a month. In addition to the activities designed for the kids, we'll be offering a separate track of reflections on Christian Faith Practices for the adults.

We meet at 8:30am on Sunday mornings: 2/4, 3/3, 4/14 (moving from 4/7 because I usually take the Sunday after Easter off), 5/5, 6/2

Shaking Hands in Worship starting Feb. 11

We've had some requests to start shaking hands again in worship. We plan to start on February 11. Let Rev. Cath know if you have any concerns.

NH Has a New Emergency Notification System

NH Alerts is a great free way to receive local notifications, including weather, community and emergency alerts. You'll need to download the free Genasys Protect smartphone app to continue to receive alerts after January 1. For the full announcement from the Town of Brookline, [click here](#).

Gently Used Winter Clothes can find a good next home

If you have any gently used winter clothes, let Amy (arazz3914@gmail.com) know. She'll find a good home for them.

Email Scams may appear to come from the church!

You may get an email that appears to come from the church or Rev. Cath asking for money or gift cards. We won't ever do that, so you can ignore them.

Unfortunately, mean people make it difficult for all of us.

There's a task list in the Social Hall if you could help with a church project

Some are bigger than others; some will require supplies that the church will provide. If you have a few hours and would be willing to take on a task, we would appreciate the help!

The Church has 12 Covid Test Kits, Take & Replace!

NH made Covid supplies available to certain non-profits. We took advantage of the program to snag 12 Covid test kits. If they become hard to find again, feel free to grab one (Candy secretary@bccnh.org can help) and replace it later.

Brookline Food Pantry

The Brookline food pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page](#) has updates. And there's now [a long, robust Google doc](#) that shows what they need.

If there's anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Amy know.

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Help Lines

You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255 (or 988)
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233

The church's financial obligations continue.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
December	\$126,015	\$98,071	\$27,944

There are several ways to send your offering.

1. Text "GIVE" to 603-506-4455 for your first time. Click "Sign In" then "Register for an Account"
2. Scan the QR code
3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.



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