Order of Worship

November 8, 2026

Gathering Call
Preparing our hearts and minds for worship

Announcements
Hearing news of the church

Song of Worship, Hymn #631, *Fill My Cup, Lord**
Receiving the ministry of music

Scripture Reading, Matthew 25: 1-13
Hearing the word of God

Song of Worship, Hymn #446, *Blessed Assurance**
Receiving the ministry of music

Offering, Music by the Revere Handbell Trio
Giving to God as an act of trust and worship

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.
*Doxology**

Blessing & Dismissal of Our Kids
One generation blessing the next

Congregational Prayer
Praying together in the Presence of the Holy Spirit

Our Father who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Sermon, "Keeping Watch," Spencer Bogle, Guest Preacher
Drawing closer to God through His word

Respond and Reflect
Making room for God to speak to our hearts

Song of Worship, Hymn #491, *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
Responding to God in praise

Benediction*
Receiving a blessing as we leave to be a blessing to the world

Spencer Bogle, Guest Preacher
Joy Hutchins, Service Facilitator
Skip Stanger, Lay Reader
Mark Hardy, Prayer Leader
Nick Kleinschmidt, Organist

Prayers

Requests we have received

- Praise that Rosie's ankle injury, sustained at last weekend's youth outing, is healing, and that he is back to work.
- Praise that (the Hardys' friend) Pete Schmitz has improved greatly and is now able sit up and also to speak again. Chances of his healing are greatly enhanced, and he is now out of the ICU.
- For all of those who have experienced unanticipated sadness in recent weeks.
- Dick Baughman, who has been sick this week.
- Cathy Cook (friend of Jane Patch), who is having eye surgery on Monday.
- Lillian in Florida (friend of Jane Patch) who may be needing eye surgery.
- Florence Patten, who is suffering with facial swelling and waiting for a medical appointment for diagnosis and treatment.
- Mark and Tracy Tobey, as they plan and prepare to come to Etna

Announcements and Coming Events

For more information, check out our events calendar at
www.etnahanovercenterchurch.org/events

Today's Message: We welcome back Spencer Bogle, the director of a non-profit based in Concord, New Hampshire, called the Water Project (https://thewaterproject.org). The organization partners with locally registered non-government organizations in Kenya, Uganda, and Sierra Leone to provide reliable, safe water for rural communities, schools, and healthcare facilities. Spencer lives in Henniker, NH.

Looking Toward Christmas: We have had lovely presentations of creches in our sanctuary the last couple of years, and we will present creches again this year the week of Dec. 6-12. The schedule is:

Sunday, Dec. 6 11:30 - 12:30 Set up in sanctuary
Tuesday, Dec. 8 noon-6:00 p.m. Receive creches
Wed., Dec. 9 noon - 4:00 p.m. Receive creches
Thurs., Dec. 10 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 1 - 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3 - 7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 12 - 9-11 a.m. Pack up and clean up Sanctuary

Refreshments: We jocularly refer to our time of refreshments after every Sunday morning worship service as our Second Service. Coffee is provided for us, as are other beverages, but we do depend on volunteers to provide snacks for our fellowship time. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board located in the entrance area for Trumbull Hall. If you have any questions, just ask Becky LaHaye.

Coming Events at Hanover Center Church:
Wednesday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve service - 6:00 pm
Sunday, December 6 – 3rd annual Christmas tree lighting - 5:00 pm

The Church Care Team welcomes knowing of anyone in our church community who might need a visit or phone call from one of its members. Contacts are below. We encourage your involvement, as well. Thank you for being a caring community.

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