

Southport Congregational Church

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Julie Center, Student Minister

SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 21, 2021, at ten o'clock

Thanksgiving Sunday

PRELUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God” *Johann Crüger*

“My Spirit Be Joyful” *J.S. Bach*

Air from “Rinaldo” *G.F. Handel*

“Rigaudon” *Andre Campra*

Steven Perrett ~ Trumpet Gretchen Perrett ~ Trumpet Meredith Moore ~ French Horn

Tyler Miller ~ Euphonium Anthony DeQuattro ~ Timpani

(The Brass & Timpani play through the generosity of our Ministry of Music Fund)

* HYMN

“We Gather Together”

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP - *from Psalm 100*

Rev. Paul Whitmore

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: *Let us serve the Lord with gladness, and come into God's presence with singing!*

Leader: Know that the Lord is good!

People: *It is God who made us, and we are his; we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

Leader: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People: *Give thanks to God, bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

*THE INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

SONG “Count On Me” *Cherub, Junior and Teen Choirs*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY
Rev. Laura Whitmore

CHILDRENS SERMON *Julie Center*

*HYMN ““Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (*vv. 1-3*) *(page 8)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a plate donation, please text as follows:

Text: 860-854-1995

\$___Pledge

\$___Plate

To give **online**, please visit our website at southportucc.org

To **mail** us your offering or pledge, please send a check to:
Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

Thank you!

OFFERTORY

“To God Let Us Sing Our Praises” *Charpentier*

Senior Choir and Trumpets

To God Let us sing our praises, rejoice in our salvation;
with thanks let us praise the Father, and sing aloud to him with psalms.

For the Lord our God is a great God, a great King above all other gods;
he made the earth, the sea is his, and his hands prepared the land.

O come, let us worship him, kneel before the Lord our God;
he is our maker and our shepherd, we are his and he is ours.

Let us worship God in holiness, all nations stand in awe of him;
he comes, He comes to judge the world and the people with his truth.

To God Let us sing our praises, rejoice in our salvation;
with thanks let us praise the Father, and sing aloud to him with psalms.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all blessings, we lovingly share our gifts – because our Thanksgiving is a way of life and faith, and not just a holiday. Our giving is our joyful expression of gratitude and joy. With this spirit, may you accept our gifts of love and thanks, and make them a gift of your love and blessings for the benefit of others. With our love, this we give. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

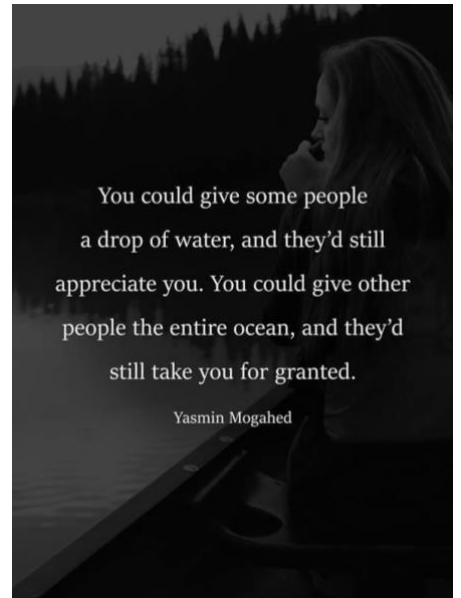
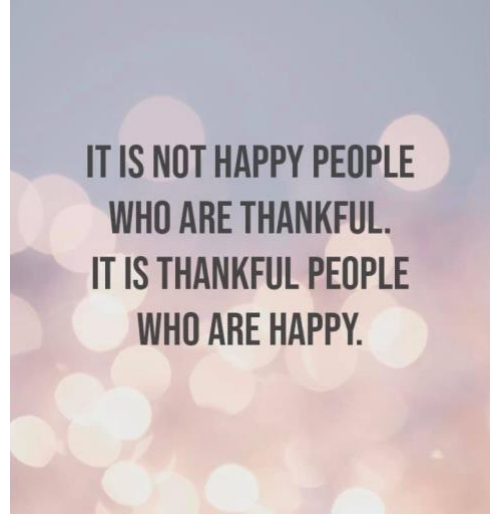
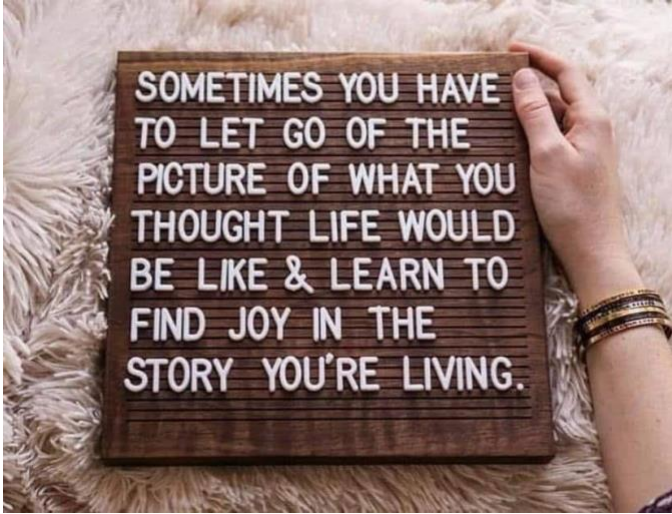
Luke 17:11-19

When Jesus was making his way to Jerusalem...he went into a certain village and was confronted by ten men who had leprosy. And they stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." And when Jesus saw them, he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed!

And then one of them, a Samaritan, when he saw that he was healed, he turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God! And then he fell down on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks.

And Jesus said, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Did no one return to give praise to God except this one?"

Then he said to the man, "Rise, and go on your way. Your faith has made you well."



*HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Alleluia”

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POSTLUDE

“The Heavens Declare The Glory of God” Psalm 19 *Benedetto Marcello Brass and Timpani*

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## We Gather Together

*Netherlands Folk Song**Tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934*

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*Netherlands Folk Song, 1626**Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914*

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing, He chas - tens and  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, Or - dain - ing, main -  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant, And pray that thou

has - tens his will to make known; The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -  
 tain - ing his king - dom di - vine, So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were  
 still our de - fend - er wilt be. Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u -

gress - ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 win - ning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine.  
 la - tion. Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free! A - men.

# 717 Let All Things Now Living

*Unison*

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the  
 God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the  
 made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, by guid - ing us on to the  
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

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MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

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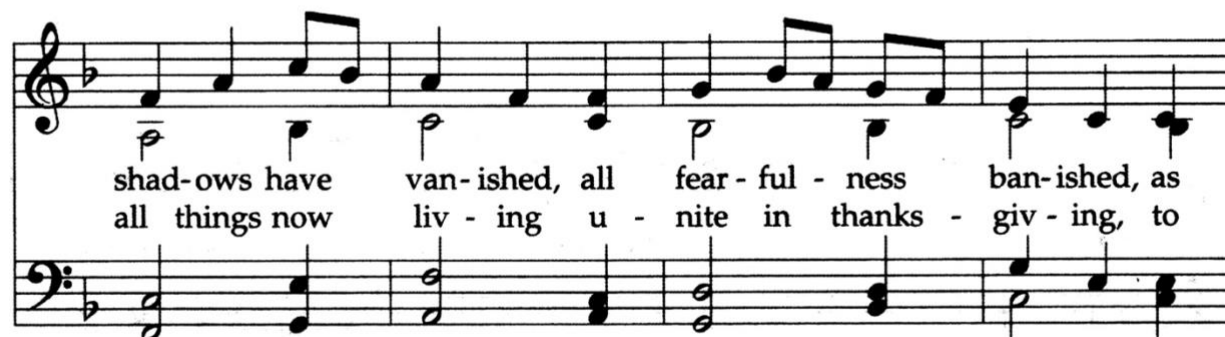
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end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -  
claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic-ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night: till  
joic-ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till



shad-ows have van-ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ished, as  
all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to



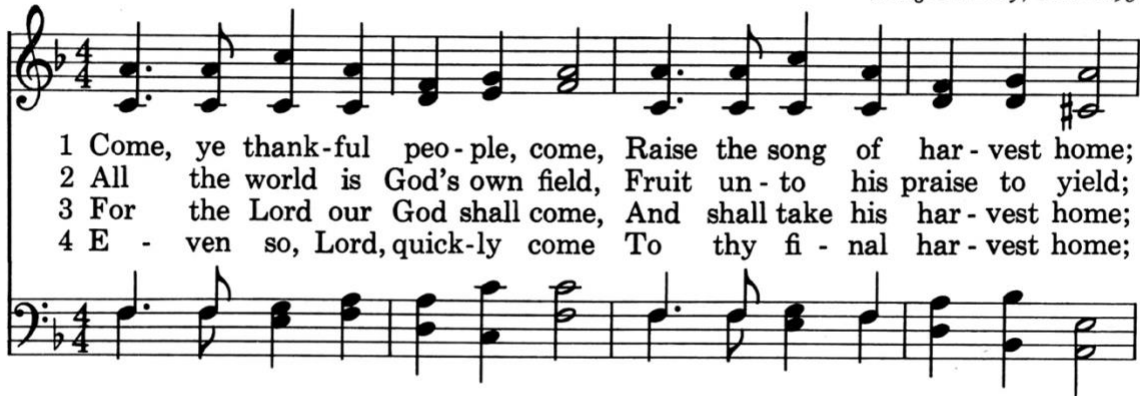
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

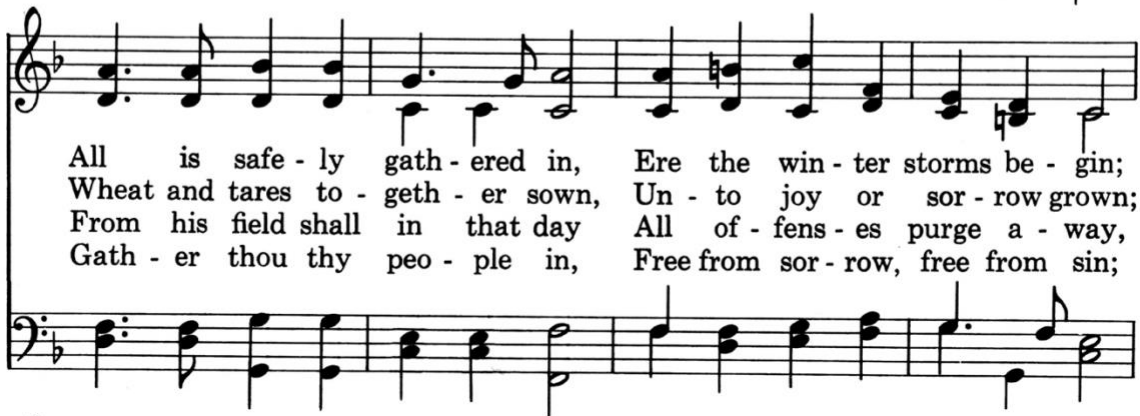
Henry Alford, 1810-1871

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.D.

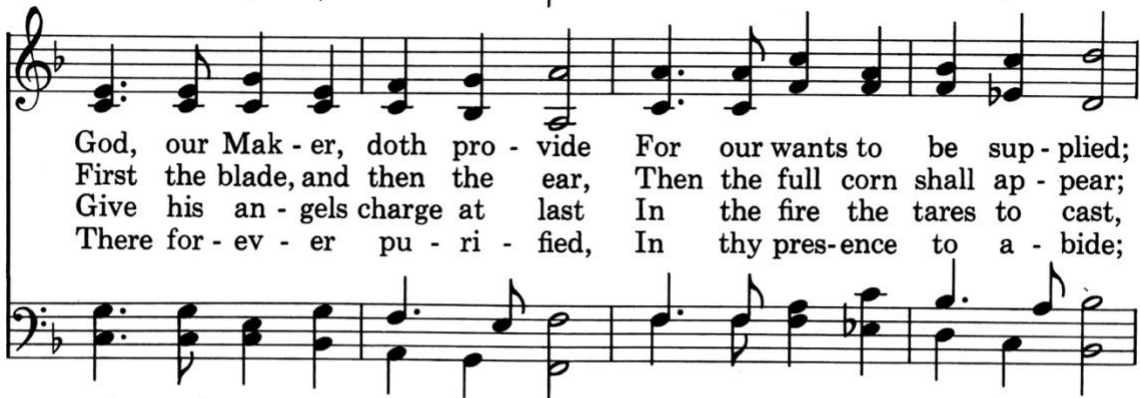
George J. Elvey, 1816-1893



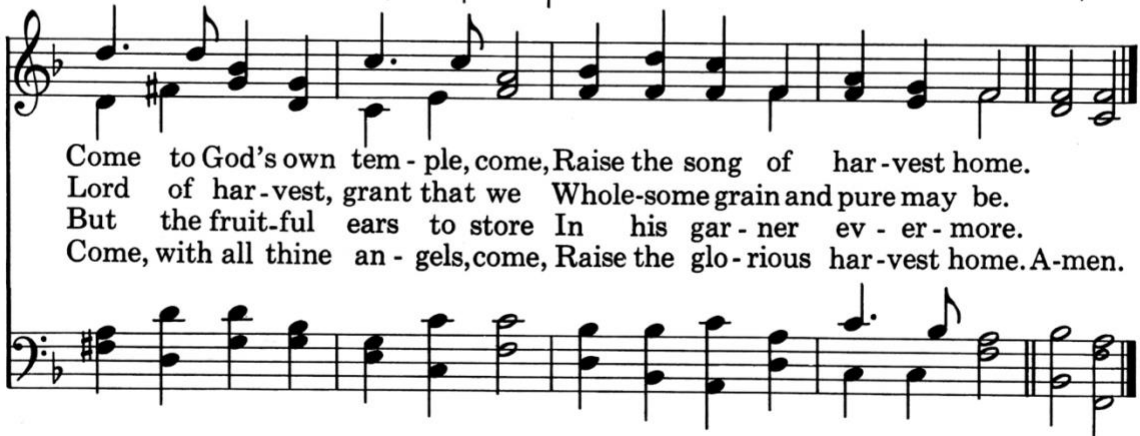
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home;  
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his har-vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All is safe - ly gath - er - ed in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
 From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied;  
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;  
 Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In thy pres - ence to a - bid;



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home. A - men.



# Alleluia!

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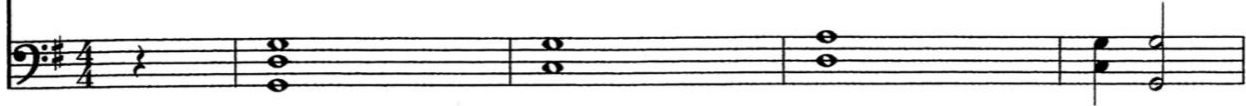
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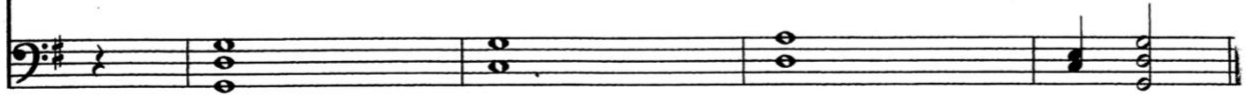
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS** Thank you to all who donated so generously to our Thanksgiving Food Baskets! Immediately following worship, join the Mission Outreach Board in the Barn to assemble 22 baskets for Emerge, Inc. Alpha Home and The Kennedy Autism Center. **THANK YOU** for doing what you can to help!

**PIE FUN-RAISING EVENT!** Immediately following worship, join us for a fun-filled time in support our High School Youth Group and their commitment to make “Welcome To America” bags for recent refugee teens arriving at the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI). You can support our Youth in three ways:

1. Enter your children and teens in our **pie eating contest** (\$10/child)
2. **Buy a homemade pie** (\$20/pie)
3. Or **throw a whipped cream pie at one of our clergy!**

**It costs \$250 to throw a pie at Julie, \$500 for Laura and \$1000 for Paul.** You can make a contribution at one of these levels and be guaranteed to throw the pie, or add to the collection and win the opportunity to throw a pie once the pie throwing threshold is met. **This is going to be FUN!**

**LET'S DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!** It's the most wonderful time of the year...and there is nothing more beautiful than our Sanctuary and the rest of the church all decked out for Christmas! Elves of all ages are invited to join Laura Whitmore **tonight at 7:00 p.m.** to set up and decorate trees, windows, and all the nooks and crannies of the Church!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS** To make a contribution towards the decorations, or to purchase a poinsettia (\$15), please look at your donation options on page 12. **THANK YOU** - your donation of poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones will add beauty and meaning to the holiday!

**THE ADVENT WORKSHOP - NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28** join us in Fellowship Hall **at 11:15 a.m.** and begin your Christmas season! Create your own live Advent Wreath, hear our traditional Christmas Poem, make a paper chain and another crafts! A daily worship guide will be included to help you journey through Advent. Each family will be given their own table and a pizza, drinks and cookies to share for lunch. Cost is \$30/family. Click [HERE](#) to register online or Text: 860-854-1995 \$30Advent. Or, call the office (203) 255-1594. **Please RSVP by Monday, November 22!**

**THE GIVING TREE** will be in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, November 28. Please take a tag for a gift recipient at Emerge, Inc., The Adam J. Lewis Academy or the Kennedy Autism Center. The tag specifies what gift is needed. All wrapped and tagged gifts must be returned to the church office by December 12.

***WE THANK TODAY'S SENIOR CHOIR SOLISTS*** Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle and Leslie Uhl for their beautiful singing, along with our Cherub, Junior and Teen Choirs. We are also grateful to have the additional joy of our **Brass and Timpani** instrumentalists, Steven Perrett, Gretchen Perrett, Meredith Moore, Tyler Miller and Anthony DeQuattro joining us today.

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Jeff Provost and Jeffrey Earls under the direction of Deacon Leah Davis.

***COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS - A THANKSGIVING PREVIEW*** - is hosted by the Fellowship Committee today in Fellowship Hall.

***OUR THANKSGIVING CORNUCOPIA*** on the altar is given in thanksgiving to God by the Flower Committee and beautifully arranged by Alisa Ryan.

***THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM"*** Tech **Torin Schott** and Director **Parker Whitmore**.

***CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY*** Grades K-8 will meet with Phillip Bettencourt in the Chapel for the Pageant rehearsal! Children not participating in the Pageant can meet with Julie for a special activity. Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Alyssa Santa and Alina Bogatikova.

***MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP*** does not meet this week, but will meet on Tuesday, November 30, **from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Student Minister Julie Center invites all Middle Schoolers to join in the fun!

***CONFIRMATION CLASS*** will meet next on Tuesday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m., in the Youth Room, with dinner provided by Scott Conopask and family.

***SENIOR CHOIR*** rehearses in Sanctuary on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., and in the Music Room at 11:15 a.m. ***THE HANDBELL CHOIR*** rehearses on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room. ***THE CHERUB CHOIR*** rehearses on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel, and ***THE JUNIOR CHOIR*** in Room 6, also at 9 a.m. ***THE TEEN CHOIR*** rehearses at 11:30 a.m. in Room 6.

***THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP GIVING CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN!*** Packets are being mailed so be on the lookout for yours!



## Christmas Decorations and Poinsettias



### Please Help Us Beautify Our Church For The Christmas season!

Your contributions for our Sanctuary Christmas tree and other decorations, or your donation of poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones, will add beauty and meaning to the holiday.

Please return this form or call the church office or email us at [office@southportucc.org](mailto:office@southportucc.org) by **Sunday, December 12.**

There will be a listing of donors in the church bulletins on December 19 and 24.

Please share with us the following information:

Name of the donor, the name of the person being honored or memorialized,  
and the number of plants you would like.

**Each plant is \$15.**

You may take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service ends at 11 p.m.,  
or on Friday, December 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Remaining plants will be shared with members of the Congregation.

Please bring cash or send a check for the correct amount, made payable to  
Southport Congregational Church  
to the church office or mail it to  
Southport Congregational Church, P.O. Box 366,

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of poinsettias at \$15.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution for tree/altar decorations

You can choose from several payment options.

- **Venmo @southport\_congregational.** Please include the name of the person being honored or memorialized, and the number of plants you would like.
- **Pay by text:** Text to (860) 854-1995 and write \$\_\_\_\_Decor, then send an email to [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) with the name of the person being honored or memorialized, and the number of plants you would like.
- **Pay online - click [HERE](#).** In the drop-down menu select 'Give to Decor'. In the comments field include the name of the person being honored or memorialized, and the number of plants you would like.
- **Cash** – pay at the office and provide form
- **Check** – drop it off at the office or mail to Southport Congregational Church, P.O. Box 366, Southport, CT 06890. Please include the form

Whichever way you choose, your purchase is due by **Sunday, December 12.** A listing of donors will be included the church bulletins on December 19 and 24.