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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2010

Morning Worship Services—9:00 & 10:30

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach, D. Min.

Just in Time

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

Calendar for Sunday, November 28, 2010

- 9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
- 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
- 10:30 am Church School Classes
- 10:30 am Confirmation Class (Fireside Room)
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)
- 12 n Jr. Choir Rehearsal
- 12 n Advent Workshop

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of Barbara Brown by Stephen, Brendon, and Sarah Hildreth. The flowers on the right will be given in loving memory of Laura Jean Sabatula from her mom and dad and her sister Linda.

Greeter: Winston “Bud” Thomas. **Minister’s Reception Line Volunteer:** Kathryn Millheim. **Fellowship Hour Hosts:** the Gray Family. **Ushers:** James Fosnock, Alwyn Van Cor, Philip Gindi, William Watt, Richard Pratt, Leeila Given and Herold Doherty (captain).



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

Morning Worship Services —9:00 & 10:30

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach, D. Min.

Ruin to Rescue

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21

Calendar for Sunday, December 5, 2010

- 9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
- 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
- 10:30 am Church School Classes
- 10:30 am Confirmation Class
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour
- 12 n Jr. Choir Rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of their parents Robert H. and Margaret M. Gardner by their family; those on the right will be given in loving memory of Richard Sackett by Leith, Janice, Lillian and Leith Jones.

Minister’s Reception Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim. **Fellowship Hour Hosts:** the Bacci Family. **Greeter:** Claire Atwater. **Ushers:** Thomas Martin, James Fosnock, Heather Hulse, Dexter Wheeler, Eric Atwater, Leith Jones and Philip Gindi (captain).

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT
CHURCH HERALD**

Thursday, November 18, 2010
(will cover dates of
November 28-December 11, 2010)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
Sunday, October 24	25	174	199
Sunday, October 31	25	142	167

Church School

Sunday, October 24	42
Sunday, October 17	54

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is now actively recruiting members for all committees. We strive to elect qualified individuals to fill the vacancies and seek to involve new members, young adults, and veteran church members.

It is a privilege to serve our Lord by serving on a church committee, working together for the good of First Parish Congregational Church. If you are interested in learning more about these committees or serving on any particular committee, please leave a note in our mailbox in the vestry or contact committee members as indicated below.

Remember that “God does not intend for his people to be sitting in the stands. He wants them down in the arena.”

Committees:

Antiques Show Committee	House
Committee	
*Advisory Committee on Trust Funds	Library
Committee	
*Christian Education Comm.	*Music
Committee	
*Church Council Member at Large	
*Nominating Committee	
Church Fair Committee	*Outreach
Committee	
*Church Delegate	*Personnel
Committee	
*Diaconate	Scholarship
Committee	
Flower Committee	*Board of
Trustees	
Hospitality	Ushers
	*must be a church member

Nominating Committee Members

Joanne Peavey	Scott Mitchell
Nancy Sleger	Richard Bardet
Joan Toler	Linda D’Agostino

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Time Value



Our sanctuary will again be beautified on Christmas Sunday, December 19, due to the generosity of our church family who gives donations to purchase these beautiful flowers in memory of loved ones. Contributions will be received through December 12. After that date, any names received cannot be listed in the worship bulletin. The plants will be distributed by the Flower Committee and members of our Diaconate to those who are ill, shut-in, or bereaved. They are not to be removed from the sanctuary.

I/We wish to contribute to the memorial poinsettias in memory of:

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Donor: _____

Please enclose \$3 for each name (Mr. & Mrs. count as two names). Make check payable to "First Parish Congregational Church." Checks may be mailed to: PO Box M, Wakefield, MA 01880-0301 or left in the church office. Linda D'Agostino will also be in the vestry after church on December 5 and 12 to take your contributions.

RAW MATERIAL

Just the Right Time

We are all familiar with the story of the first Thanksgiving, but I wonder how many of you know the story behind the story.

An American Indian named Tisquantum (Squanto for short) had come to England via the slave trade. In 1605 Captain George Weymouth captured Squanto and took him to England, where he learned English. Spending nine years in England before returning to his people, the Patuxets on Cape Cod, he traveled home in 1614 on Captain John Smith's vessel. He was not home long before Captain Thomas Hunt, part of Smith's expedition, lured Squanto and twenty-six other unsuspecting Indians aboard his vessel under the pretext of trading with them. Once the Indians were onboard, Hunt's crew clamped them in irons and took them to Spain, where they were sold into slavery. Many never returned to their homeland. Squanto was delivered into the hands of local friars, who introduced him to the Christian faith.

Squanto did not remain long with the Spanish monks. Making his way to England he managed to get passage on the American-bound ship of Captain Dermer in 1619. When Squanto arrived back on Cape Cod, he learned that every single person in his tribe had died. In 1617 smallpox had ravaged his people, and no one had survived.

In early November 1620, the Pilgrims reached the shores of Cape Cod. They had been members of that Separatist congregation of Scrooby, England, that refused to conform to the Church of England and as a result, had fled to Holland. Twelve years later, they set sail for America to build a new life, fearing their children would lose their English identity. They settled in a place they called Plymouth, named after the town in England where they started their voyage.

The settlers soon discovered that Indians had cleared the land at Plymouth but had not farmed it for some time. One March day, after a devastating winter of hardship and sickness, an English-speaking Indian named Samoset walked into Plymouth. He had learned English from fishermen he had met along the Maine coast. From Samoset the Pilgrims learned that they had settled on the homeland of the Patuxets, the tribe that disease had wiped out four years earlier. Samoset informed the Pilgrims that the Patuxets had been a large, hostile tribe that viciously murdered any white man who encroached upon their shores. After the death of the Patuxets, no other Indians had inhabited the land for fear of the death curse that might fall on any who settled there. So it came about that God led the Pilgrims to perhaps the one plot of uninhabited land on the East Coast, the very land where Squanto had grown up.

Samoset introduced the Pilgrims to Squanto on **March 22, 1621**. Squanto brought news that the great Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag and leader of most of the surrounding tribes, was coming to visit the settlers that very day. When Massasoit arrived, Squanto helped the Pilgrims agree to a peace treaty with Massasoit that would last for decades.

When Squanto arrived in Plymouth, the Pilgrims were in desperate straits. Nearly half had died during the previous winter, lacking the skills for survival in their new land. Squanto showed the Pilgrims how to fertilize and protect the corn they planted, how to catch fish from the streams, and how to harvest the food the land provided. If God had not sent Squanto, the Pilgrims would never have survived. One of the Pilgrim leaders called him "a special instrument sent of God for our good, beyond our expectation."*

Let us all not fail to thank our faithful God for His provision of Squanto, who arrived at just the right time.

So Abraham called that place Jehovah-Jireh (God will provide). –Genesis 22:14

**The One Year Book of Christian History*, E. Michael and Sharon Rusten, Tyndale House, 2003, pg 164-5.