First Congregational Church, U.C.C.
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Pastor – The Reverend Peter Stilla
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WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

Worship services & past events can be accessed on Facebook and YouTube.

CHRISTIAN ED
Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

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The ***Rooster Crows***

February, 2026

Dear First Church Family,

February is here, which means we're already through the first two months of winter, and as my dear sister always says, it's a short month too! In our faith lives, perhaps most significantly, it is when the season of Lent begins. Ash Wednesday is February 18th this year.

Winter has already been a bear. A huge snowstorm caused the cancellation of our January 25 service, and very cold weather is supposed to stick around for a while. It is usually in February when winter weariness seems to weigh us down the most. We've been through two months of it and our spirits seem to cry "enough already!" But nature's schedule is not ours, so let's instead focus on the growing daylight. The sun is now setting after 5:00 and it's getting later every day. God is taking us in the right direction!

On February 8th, First Church will hold its Annual Meeting, and this year's meeting is the most important one the church has held in a long time. Decisions will be made that will greatly impact the direction of First Church in the months and years to come, so your presence and participation at this meeting is crucial. Let your voice be heard so that First Church can be what you would like it to be in 2026 and beyond. God bless you!

In Christ,
Pastor Peter

WINTER STORM INFORMATION

In the event of severe weather, you will receive an email blast announcing the cancellation of worship. Additionally, all cancellations will be posted on the church's Facebook page and Channel 22 News and Western Mass News weather cancellation pages. You may also call Lisa West 413-695-4943 or Bob Andersen 413-687-3121.

Call to attend an Installation

Members of the Hampshire Association, UCC are invited to attend the installation of

Larry Picard
as
Lay Pastor

North Hadley Congregational Church
243 River Drive
Hadley, MA 01035

Sunday, February 22, 2026
3PM

A church is represented by clergy and four delegates.
Visitors are welcome.

FEBRUARY

1	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED
		3:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop Meeting
2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
3	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
		7:00 p.m.	PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP
5	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	CHOIR
7	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Take & Eat
8	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED
		11:00 a.m.	ANNUAL MEETING
10	Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Hampshire Association Clergy Lunch
		6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
12	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	CHOIR
15	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED
17	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
19	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	CHOIR
22	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED
24	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
26	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	CHOIR

Events listed in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS are church-related events.