

BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

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Sabbatical Reflection; Rev. Laura; April 2025

“Wintering” became a sabbatical theme for me, never having taken time to BE still amongst the cold winds and icy pathways of wintertime. Discovering my home as a center for healing, along with my local beach and woods, was a welcome revelation. Fortunately, I have a working fireplace that was roaring for my spiritual times of reading and writing.

Rest, rejuvenation, and renewal were precisely what I needed. The first three weeks were uncomfortable; I felt a yearning to be busy. But I deliberately “let go.” At the beginning of week 4, I was able to *be still and allow myself to be with God*.

I joined a women’s choir in Portsmouth called “Voices of the Heart,” to sing each week with 168 other women. I am finally learning to harmonize. (Don’t test me please) I also have been engaged in a weekly Bible Study with my father and his retired colleagues. Their wisdom is good for my soul.

Spiritual leadership, ministry, preaching, pastoral care, accompanying people who are grieving or hurting, growing with you in the Spirit of Christ, and preparing Sunday worship, continue to be some of my greatest joys as an ordained minister. I am blessed, in many ways, to be Settled at Brookside. Our 7th year together begins in June. During these years, we have navigated unprecedented waters together. I am deeply committed to our ministries and to our spiritual journey moving forward.

Thank you for the gift of this time.

Please join me, Christina, and Amber Nicole for Palm Sunday this week. We will begin with our traditional song “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord.” The Youth Troupe will lead us in a spirited rendition of this song from “Godspell.” After a brief message from me, they will go to Spiritual Art and we will begin our journey to the Cross. I truly look forward to seeing everyone!



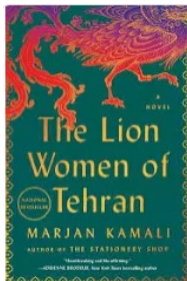
Maundy Thursday Service

Please join us for a time of peace and quiet reflection as we remember the Last Supper, the supper right before Jesus was crucified. In our Tenebrae dramatic reading, you will meet some of the people who followed Jesus in the shadows as he took his journey to the cross. Bring your friends and neighbors on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. (The service will also be live-streamed)



Easter Sunday - April 20 at 10:00 am

Easter begins in the garden at the empty tomb. This year the Nottingham Brass will join our Chancel Choir to lead Easter music and hymns. Children will remain in worship. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow for children in fourth grade and under.



Rev. Laura's Spring Book Group - Save the Date

On **Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 pm** the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Lion Women of Tehran". Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. To register please send your name and email to the [office](#). The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants the week of the book group.



Horton Center Summer Camp Scholarships Available

Scholarship are available for Brookside members who are registered to attend The Horton Center Summer Camp. Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the number of requests received. If you would like to request a scholarship, please email Sarah Peterson, Christian Formation Chair, at sarita201@gmail.com. The deadline for requests is April 30th.



After Worship Fellowship

Please join us after Sunday worship for Fellowship! Following indoor worship, we meet in Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to get to learn more about the happenings at Brookside and build relationships with your fellow Brooksidiers. All are welcome!



Send In Your Prayer Requests

Please remember to send in your prayers for our Sunday service. (joys and concerns) Email your request to admin@brooksidecc.org or call the office at 669-2807.

Gals On The Go

Join us for an informal fellowship for members and friends of Brookside on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11:45 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, and discussion.



No Green Bananas

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance, to enjoy breakfast and discussion.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Please consider a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund so that Rev. Laura can assist our members and friends facing critical financial needs.

Supporting Brookside Congregational Church

Offerings and pledges can be mailed to the Church office at the address below. If you would like to give online, please click on the button below.

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Do You Need Medical Equipment?

Did you know that Brookside has a Medical Equipment Closet? There are crutches, canes, shower chairs, and more, available for use by anyone who needs them. Borrow for short-term or long-term use, keep as long as you need to. Contact the office (**603-669-2807**) for more information.

*****Currently we are not accepting donations.**

BROOKSIDE CALENDAR

Sunday, April 13th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Maundy
Thursday Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,

Tuesday, April 15th
8:00 am Staff Meeting,
Rev. Laura's Office
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via
Zoom

Thursday, April 17th
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Service, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday, April 20th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 22nd
8:00 am Staff Meeting,
Rev. Laura's Office

Sunday, April 27th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

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