

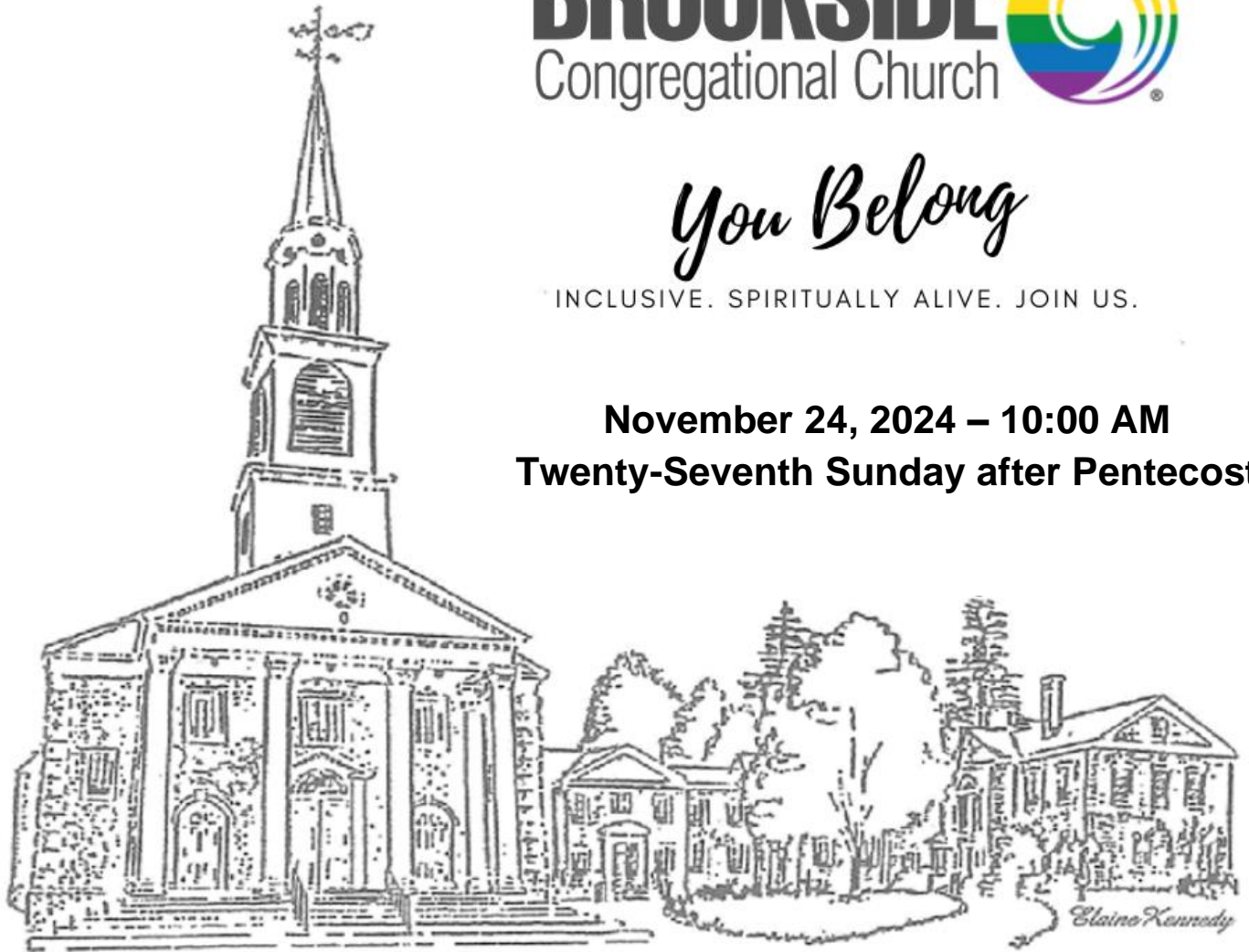
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

November 24, 2024 – 10:00 AM
Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister
Jordan Gravel, Music Leader
Christina Alvarez & Amber Nicole Cannan, Youth Troupe Leaders
Louise Popp, Church Administrator

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*Please Stand

GREETING

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Kathleen Foley Holmes by Judy Foley and in loving memory of Tom Cleary by the Cleary Family.

PRELUDE *Don't Worry Be Happy; McFerrin*

WELCOME Jaelani Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP Spiritual Art

Leader: May this congregation, this community, be a safe comforting space to say "Welcome."

People: Everyone is welcome at Brookside Congregational Church, and we hope everyone knows that.

Leader: May today's service play out, not perfectly but in a way everyone enjoys.

People: Our community builds up like each brick on a building, all different colors, shapes, and sizes.

Leader: Let us all have an enjoyable Thanksgiving break!

People: Though everyone here has different thoughts, we are all a community. And the most important part is all the kids.

Leader: Enjoy this worship service that we have worked hard to prepare for today.

OPENING PRAYER Megan Trecartin

God of abundance and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the opportunities to be of service to others. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. AMEN.

*HYMN *We Gather Together (vs 1-3)* N 421

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6: 25-33

Colby and Payton Collins-Barrett

That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear? These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

MESSAGE Don't Worry Christina Alvarez

MUSICAL MEDITATION *For Good; Schwartz*
Lydia Taylor & Christina Alvarez

PRAYERS

OFFERTORY *God Is So Good ; Makari; Arr.; C. Alvarez*
Youth Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY Jordan Gravel

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS Keegan Trecartin

*HYMN

BENEDICTION *May God Give You* Lila Alvarez

Dancers; Amy Tanuma, Zoey Schneider

POSTLUDE *Here Comes the Sun; Harrison* Jordan Gravel

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor

Spirit Squad: Karen Content and Julie Worthington

Technology: Matt Burch

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church
Anne Lachance
Donna Leavell
Bob Nenni

Anna O'Donnell
Rachel
Stacy

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Ryan Pierre
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~



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Brookside Church.

Envelopes for special Mission donations can be found at the church entrances.

Advent Bible Study

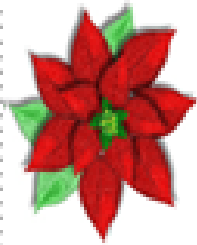
Rev Laura will be leading her traditional Advent Bible Study on Thursdays, **December 5, 12, and 19** on Zoom. Our theme this year will be glimmers of light in the darkness. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office. admin@brooksideecc.org

Neighbors In Need

Throughout the month of November, all of us at Brookside have the opportunity to participate in the 2024 UCC Neighbors in Need offering. The 2024 UCC Neighbors in Need theme “Mental Health Justice for All: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right” provides us with an opportunity to re-ignite our efforts to build a more justice world for all, dismantling the shame and stigma of mental health challenges.

The UCC invites us to be part of God's work of mental health justice, join the WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) movement for mental health in our congregation and support the Neighbors in Need offering. .

Donations for this special offering may be made via the DONATE button at [Brooksideecc.org/donate](https://brooksideecc.org/donate) or through Special offering envelopes located in the Narthex.



Deadline to Order Poinsettias for Christmas is December 3
The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for Worship on:

December 15, 22, and December 24. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please submit the completed form to the church office by **Tuesday, December 3**. The cost is **\$15.00** each.

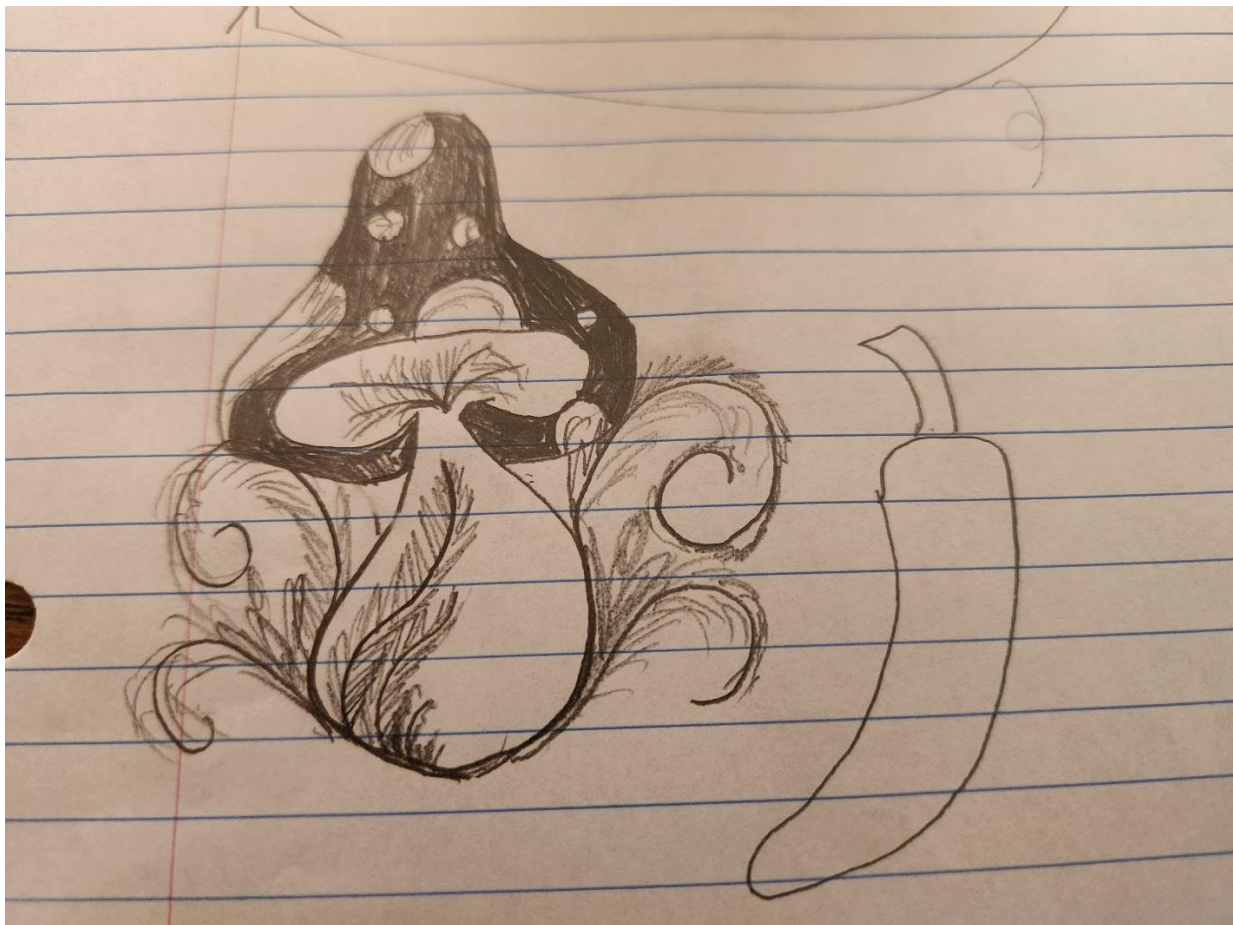
I/We _____ wish to donate

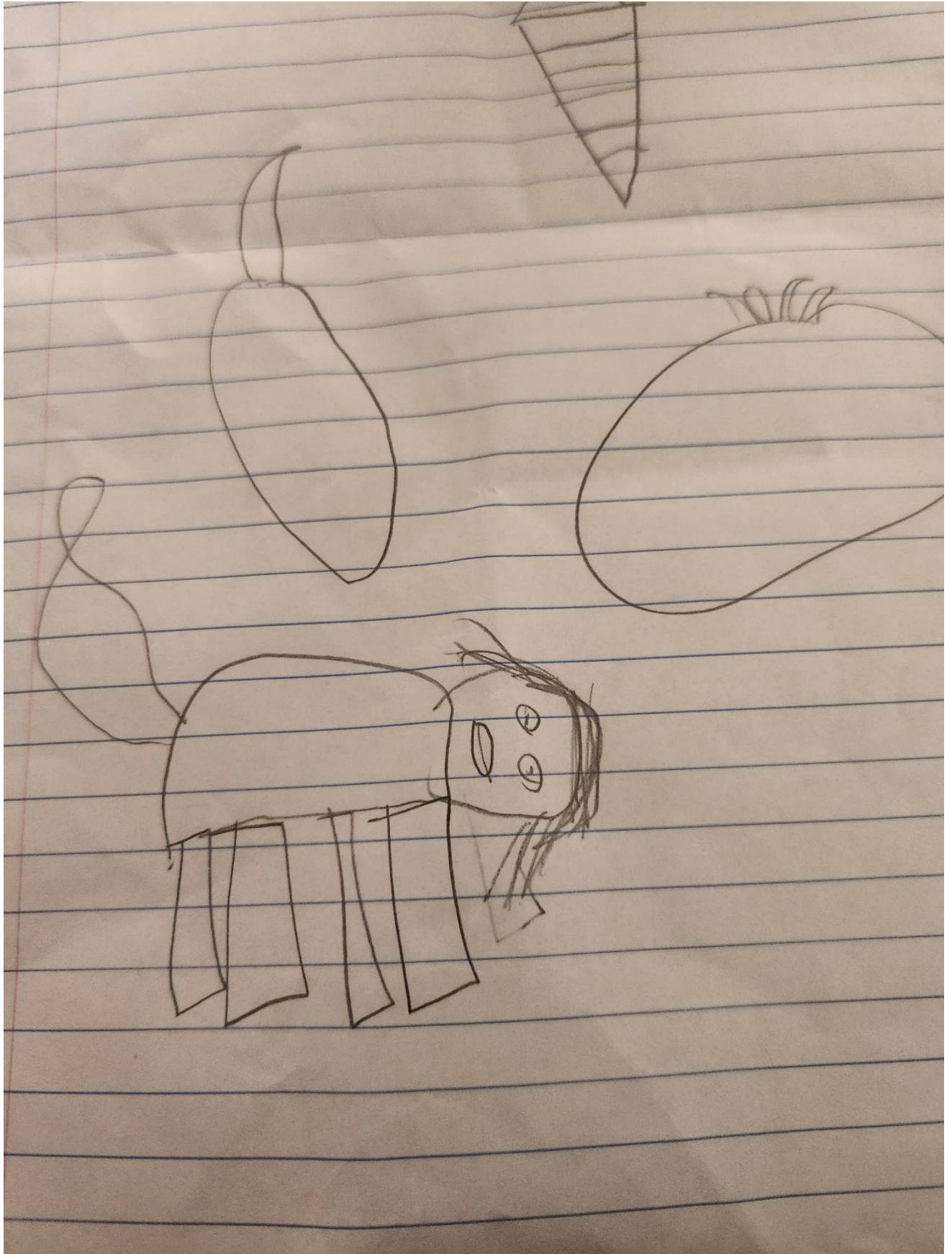
_____ poinsettia(s) in memory of _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (made payable to Brookside Congregational Church).

Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

Youth Art





CHRISTMAS BROOK

CRAFT FAIR

Local Crafters & Artisans

Saturday, December 7, 10AM - 7PM

BROOKSIDE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Live Music, Nativity Animals, Food, Family Fun

Saturday, December 7, 5- 7 PM

GRANITE STATE RINGERS CONCERT

Saturday, December 7, 7 PM

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Remembering Loved Ones in Candlelight,
Music & Prayer

Monday, December 23, 7 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24, 5 PM

Scan to
Sign Up to
Volunteer

or call Lisa Brock at
215-378-5644



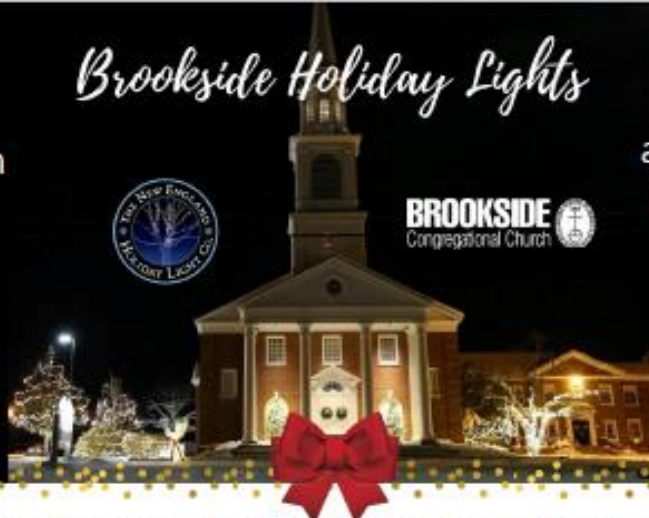
Brookside Holiday Lights

"The light shines in
the darkness..."



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and the darkness can
never extinguish it."
John 1:5



Donate Lights in Honor or Memory At Brookside Church

Brookside Church, partnering with New England Holiday Light Company, invites everyone to participate in our holiday tradition of a community light display. You can donate a strand or strands of lights - or a Christmas Star for a group or family, in honor or memory of loved ones, those we've lost, those we pray for, or adore. Let your lights shine and come and enjoy the warmth and glow of the community display throughout the month of December at Brookside Church located at 2013 Elm St. in Manchester. Names of those honored or remembered will be a part of the display and on our website through December. **The Holiday Light Night is Dec. 7 from 5 - 7 pm.** Gift acknowledgment cards are also available and make great holiday gifts. You can order online at <https://www.brooksideholidaylights.com/>.



1 Christmas Star \$100

Family/Group 4 or More Names

Quantity:



1 Strand of Lights \$25

1 Name Per Strand

Quantity:

Name(s) in Honor/Memory:

**Total Amount
Enclosed:** _____

Checks payable to:

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