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Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost — Nov. 16, 2008
Service of the Word I — 9:30 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude		Enter quietly to Worship
*The Confession of Sins		p. 56
#*The Entrance Hymn	(4)	# 561
*The Greeting	(5)	p. 57
*The Kyrie	(6)	p. 57
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*The Prayer of the Day	(8)	p. 29

#Latecomers may be seated

The Word

The First Lesson	(9)	Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
The Psalm 90: 12-17		p. 258
The Second Lesson		I Thessalonians 5: 1-11
*The Alleluia	(14)	p. 62
*The Holy Gospel	(15,16)	Matthew 25: 14-30
The Sermon		Pastor Phyles

The Response to the Word

*The Hymn of the Day	(19)	(sts. 1-4)	# 410
*The Apostles' Creed	(21)		p. 65
The Offering and Offertory			p. 75
*The Pastoral Prayer	(47)		p. 76
*The Lord's Prayer (either version)			p. 76
*The Benediction	(48)		p. 78
*The Departure Hymn		(sts. 1-4)	# 424
A Moment of Reflection			
*The Postlude		Depart joyfully to serve	

Congregation Standing

Lay Assistant: Steve Gemma
Lector: Linda Phyles **Acolyte:** Michael Winsor
Ushers: Carole Grayson & Judy Othote
Nursery: Heather & Kristin

Please disable all cellphones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you.

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented to the glory of God by Jayne Petitto, in loving memory of family loved ones, and by Carole Grayson, in loving memory of Sormunen family loved ones.

We extend a warm welcome to all who are gathered for worship, particularly you who may be visitors among us. St. John is a fellowship of God's people worshipping and serving in the Reformation tradition. We invite you to worship with us again and to join with us in our ministry here on the North Shore. Please sign our Guest book before you leave, and please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and light refreshments.

The Bible study will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. here at the church. All are welcome.

The Youth Group will meet next Sunday afternoon from 12:30 to 2:30. The group will engage in loving conflict at Laser Quest in Danvers. Please see Mrs. Dancewicz for details and please bring $12.00 for admission.

The Coat Drive is now underway. Please bring any unneeded clean and wearable winter clothing - coats, hats, mittens, and scarves, especially for women and children - here to the church during this month. A large box awaits downstairs for your donations. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

We ask you your continued support of the pantry at Haven from Hunger. Please bring any canned and/or dry food goods here to the church and place them in the large carton on the side shelf downstairs. Your gifts will help feed the hungry between the evening meals served at the Haven.

We are asking, admittedly on short notice, your support of Pat Bade and her ministry to the Penobscot tribe in Maine. After the service, Chip Bott will have the names of ten Penobscot children and toy or clothing items they need. Please select a name and shop in kind for needed items or give Chip a cash donation to shop for needed items. Regrettably, the deadline for this appeal for support is next Sunday, November 23. Please respond as you are able in this short time. Thank you.

We are in need of new servers for the coffee hour each Sunday. Please consider taking on this role singly or in partnership with someone else. We all enjoy the coffee hour each week. The more hands, the lighter the work. Please help.

Items that are suitable for stocking stuffers this Christmas are available downstairs for purchase. They include tree ornaments from our anniversary celebration, church notes and envelopes and congregational cookbooks. These are displayed downstairs and are favorably priced and in ample supply.

Please continue to use the blue offering envelopes to repay ourselves for the painting and steeple work recently completed.

We ask your prayers and concern for those members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.

Ellen Hepburn	Sylvia Moynihan	David Fredricksen
Dorothy Fender	Gary Garaputo	George Winsor