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## Bulletin Announcements October 11, 2020

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**  
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Cambridge, Massachusetts

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## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

### Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

These past months have brought home to all of us the vital importance of working together to slow and limit the spread of Coronavirus. We know we are called to be a community of faith, not fear. We also know we are called to care for the most vulnerable in our midst, to be good stewards of our staff and resources, and to be good citizens of the wider community.

Under normal circumstances, people of faith would care for each other by drawing close together. It's what we do. It's who we are. In times of loss or threat, we respond by coming together to pray and to sing, to hug and hold each other tight.

Pandemics are different. During an outbreak such as the one we are facing now, we are called to care for each other by moving farther apart, creating a holy buffer of social distance. We do this not only for our own safety and the safety of the people around us, but in loving stewardship to our wider world.

Even when apart, we are not alone. God is with us, in every heartbeat, every breath: strengthening, comforting, and upholding us. Christ is with us, walking beside us, sharing our trials, speaking peace to our fears. The Spirit is with us, uniting us one to another across the barrier of physical distance.

These are temporary measures only. They won't last forever. We will rejoice and celebrate all the more when we are able to come back together, to share stories of what it was like, to laugh, to cry, and to share hugs and handshakes again. Until then, day by day, let's hold one another in prayer.

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

October 11, 2020

Preaching Today

Henry Schoenfield

#### Assisting in Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister  
Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate  
Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate  
Sarah Higginbotham,  
Director of Creative Worship & Arts

Peter Sykes, Director of Music  
Ariel Ackermann  
Mary Martha Thiel  
Alice Kidder

**Please find the link to pre-recorded worship [here](#).  
The liturgy is provided within the video.**

*The photograph on the bulletin cover is by Gaylen Morgan.*

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For Henry Schoenfield, FCC member and our preacher today, as he prepares to begin his interim ministry at Christ Church United in Lowell on November 1.
- For Dean Eaton and Abby Shuman, as Dean continues to recover from a recent surgery.
- For Annika Johnson and her daughter Freja, who are grieving the unexpected loss of Annika's husband and Freja's father, Brian Johnson.
- For Moana Bentin's sister Katie, who is receiving a new round of cancer treatment in India.
- For Margaret Gooch, with blessings for safe travels and a smooth transition to her new Hattiesburg, MS home, where she expects to keep virtually connected to First Church.
- For the Korn family as they grieve the loss of Karen's 22-year-old nephew Benjamin Hunter Placella, a beloved cousin to Giselle, Allison, and Christina.
- For Mary Martha Thiel, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- For all impacted by the three-alarm residential fire that happened early this past Wednesday morning a few blocks from the church. We pray especially for loved ones of the woman who died in the fire and for the three firefighters who were injured.
- For all those on the West Coast who have been displaced by the recent wildfires, and for the safety and health of farmworkers working amid the triple threat of heat, wildfire smoke, and COVID-19.
- For all those impacted by recent unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan.
- For all those grieving the loss of family or friends to police violence. We pray for those rallying for reform and for a new birth of racial justice and healing across our land.
- The COVID-19 death toll has reached 1 million worldwide. We pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones; for all those who are ill and their families; and for all of us who are navigating this strange new world, that we may receive God's comfort, strength, and peace.
- For all who are in treatment for cancer: Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New's sister-in-law; Becky Collet, Karen Anne Zee's daughter; Stewart Bailey, Karen Anne Zee's son-in-law; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and former First Church member Nancy Sanders.
- For the 14 men who are finding care in our First Church Shelter and for the guests of the Friday Café, who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in this time of disruption.
- For those who seek sanctuary in houses of worship around the country, including our partner University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square. We pray for tranquility for immigrants who live in constant fear and anxiety. And we pray for all who are working for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- For God's strength as we combat the realities of the climate crisis. May God empower us and our leaders to take bold steps, personally and politically, to care for God's creation and for the poor around the world who are most affected by our inaction.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ADULT FORMATION HOUR: PLYMOUTH’S PILGRIMS PART 3 Today, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom** Join hosts Dave Dyer and Hilary Hopkins at the 9:30 Hour for “They Were Colonists; They Were Colonizers,” an exploration of the Pilgrims’ relations with the Native Americans they encountered. Even the most godly may have difficulty seeing The Other clearly; is that still true today? If you would like to do some brief reading ahead of time, find the material at: [congregationallibrary.org/PlymouthsPilgrims](https://congregationallibrary.org/PlymouthsPilgrims).  
[Click here to join directly](#) or go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and “join a meeting” using the following information:  
Meeting ID: 869 6902 6288  
Passcode: 372484  
Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

**REMOTE CHURCH SCHOOL: READ-ALOUDS FROM THE CHILDREN’S BOOK CORNER Today, 9:30 a.m., via YouTube premiere** Go to First Church’s YouTube channel at 9:30 to watch three FCC members read picture books chosen from our Book Corner in the Sanctuary.  
[Click here to watch the YouTube premiere.](#)

**COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATIONS TODAY, 12:15 p.m., via Zoom** Join us for our monthly Zoom Coffee Hour, where we can catch up with each other, meet new friends, and share news from our lives. In addition to the big zoom room, we’ll have two special breakout rooms available:  
**Newcomers’ Gathering** Are you feeling new to First Church? Want to meet other newcomers and learn more about who we are? Join Sarah Higginbotham and a few members of the Welcoming Team in a coffee hour breakout room. Those who are thinking about joining First Church in covenant on our next Joining Sunday, October 25, are especially encouraged to stop by the breakout room to learn more about that.

**A Conversation about the Puritans** Building on our Adult Formation series, Henry Gates will lead a discussion on how the history of the Puritans relates to our faith and the history of the church.  
[Click here to join Zoom Coffee Hour directly](#), or go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and “join a meeting with the following instructions:  
Meeting ID: 876 6474 8993 Password: coffee

**NEW TO FIRST CHURCH?** Have you just begun joining us for online worship? Please consider filling out this [“virtual visitor card”](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community. Questions? Contact Sarah Higginbotham.

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

### **FIRST CHURCH VOTER FORUM Sunday, October 18, 12:30 pm, via Zoom**

For our third Sunday Racial Justice Zoom Coffee Hour, we'll be hosting a conversation about issues related to our upcoming election. We will review the [UCC Creation Care Voter Pledge](#) and also be joined by a representative of the [Ranked Choice Voting Campaign](#), who will share about the racial and social justice implications of Ballot Question 2 and answer any questions you may have.



**“A CALL TO RETURN: SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE” RECORDINGS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE** Check out our new Racial Justice Ministries playlist on our YouTube Channel every week for new recordings of the Wednesday evening sessions, as well as any Sunday afternoon town hall meetings. [Find new videos here](#) or on our Facebook page every Friday!

**STROLLING FOR SOLACE PART 2 Saturday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, October 18, 3:00 p.m.** The Deacons would like to invite you to a second round of strolling. This time we will have two different walks on two different days - feel free to come to one or both! As before, no need to sign up - just come and walk! If the weather does not cooperate, we will reschedule to the following weekend, October 24-25. We look forward to seeing you!

**Saturday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Danehy Park, Cambridge**

Enter and park at 99 Sherman Street. We will meet in the parking lot there. Moana Bentin's cell phone number is 857-208-9970 if you need assistance.

**Sunday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm - Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge**

You can park in the lot just to the left of the entrance, or on Mt. Auburn St. We will meet at the chapel just in front of the entrance. Beth Spaulding's cell phone number is 781-724-7549.

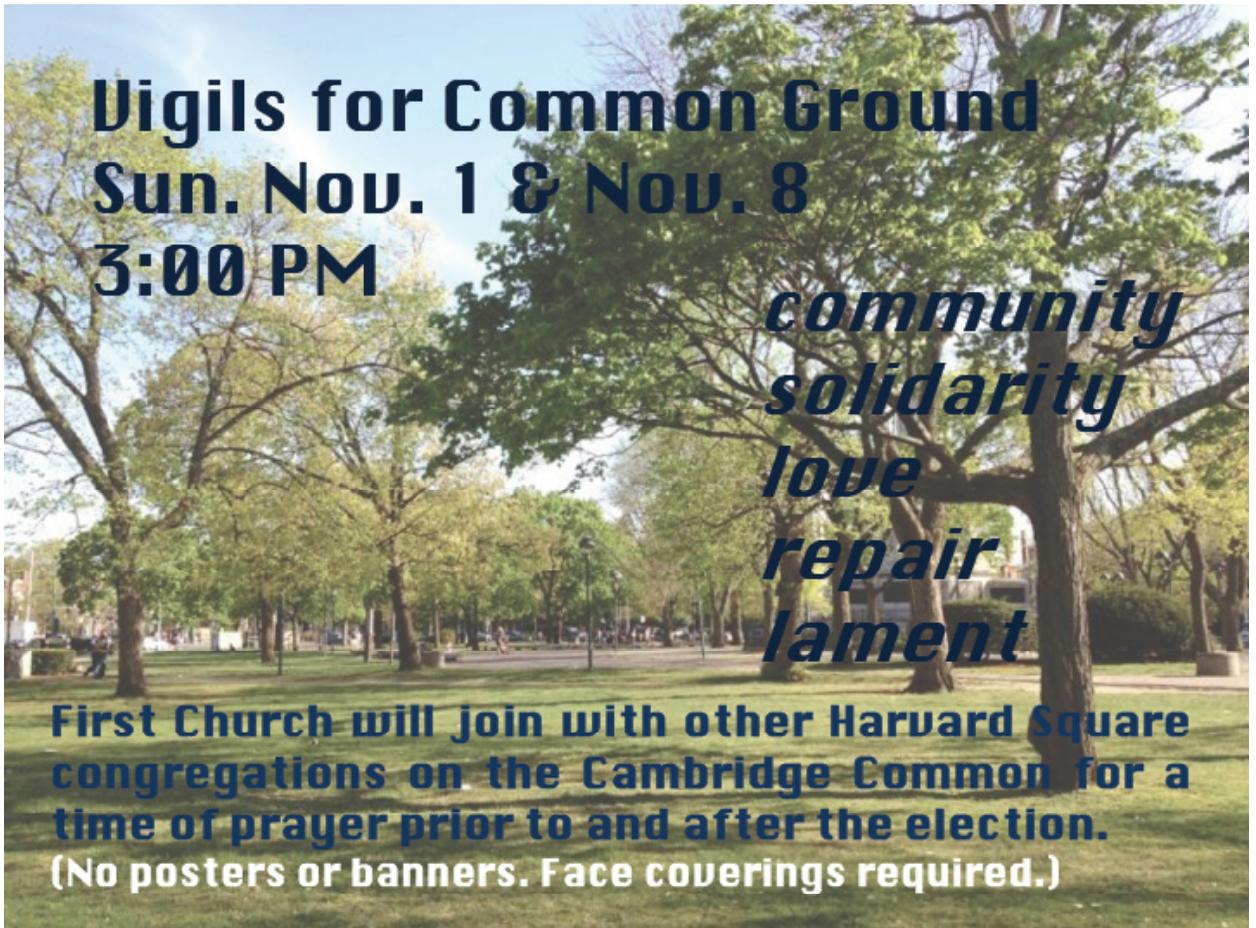
**CALL FOR PICTURE BOOK READERS** Do you enjoy reading picture books aloud? Sarah Higginbotham is looking for volunteers to video-record themselves reading aloud a book from our Children's Book Corner. On each second Sunday of the month, several "read-aloud" videos will premiere on our YouTube channel for our children to watch during the 9:30 Formation Hour. Sarah will deliver books to your door and talk you through the recording and uploading process. Please contact Sarah to offer your reading gifts to our Church School.

**BIPOC SPACE, TIME, AND COMMUNITY** If you are a Black, Indigenous or Person of Color (BI-POC) member of First Church, please consider joining an upcoming Zoom meeting designed as an active listening session to reflect, heal, support one another, and build community. Please contact Moana Bentin ([moana.bentin@gmail.com](mailto:moana.bentin@gmail.com)) with questions or to receive a Zoom invitation to participate. This group is by BIPOC for BIPOC.

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

**ONLINE WORSHIP LITURGISTS** All are welcome to participate as leaders in worship via video; [click here to access the signup sheet](#). Put your name and contact information next to the piece of the service you want to lead, and you will receive an email with instructions on how to contribute! Thank you for making online church feel like church! Questions? Contact Lexi Boudreaux: [lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**FIRST CHURCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL** Did you know that our YouTube channel has 95 subscribers, 11 separate playlists, and over 60 videos?! Subscribe now to help us get to 100, as well as to be sure you don't miss new offerings of music, formational programs, worship, sermons, and more. The link to the channel is: <https://tinyurl.com/ryac3av>



**Digils for Common Ground**  
**Sun. Nov. 1 & Nov. 8**  
**3:00 PM**

*community*  
*solidarity*  
*love*  
*repair*  
*lament*

**First Church will join with other Harvard Square congregations on the Cambridge Common for a time of prayer prior to and after the election. (No posters or banners. Face coverings required.)**

First Church Shelter invites you to...

# THE DORIS BEAUVAIS BANQUET AND THE 2020 MITCH SNYDER LECTURE & AWARDS



## **2020 Snyder Lecturer**

Beverly Gage  
Yale University

Please join us online!

Sunday, October 25th  
12:30pm

Zoom ID: 870 8280 8388  
Passcode: AfterCh

## **2020 Snyder Award Recipients**



Claude Alix-Jacob  
Cambridge DPH



Cherry Sullivan  
Hampshire Hope



Rev. Thomas Hathaway  
Outdoor Church



Abigail Kim  
Cambridge, MA



Marc O'Brien &  
Sarah Fujiwara  
First Church Cambridge

To support the work of the shelter, please text  
(844) 996-0982 with the format of "\$25 Shelter"

## HOMELESS MINISTRIES

**MAKE ROOM FOR NEW BOOKS!** With so much to read and learn about, bookshelf space can be a challenge. Why not donate a few old titles to the Friday Café? With libraries closed, many guests are reading-deprived right now. You can help by dropping books off on a Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; or reach out to Kate Layzer to arrange a pickup.

**SIGN UP TO MAKE BAG LUNCHESES FOR THE FRIDAY CAFÉ!** Each week, we hand out 100+ bag lunches to neighbors in need. Each contains a sandwich, a piece of fruit, a snack, and something to drink. This is an especially fun activity to do with kids: collecting the ingredients, decorating the bags, making sandwiches, and assembling the lunches. Visit <https://signup.com/go/rfHdKHr> to claim your spot in the schedule. Thanks!

**VOLUNTEER TO BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR OUR EVENING MEAL PROGRAM** First Church serves 500 meals a week to help feed hungry neighbors! If you would like to make a few dozen sweet treats to hand out at one of our evening meals on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday, please visit <https://signup.com/go/DCsUUei> to sign up. Treats can be dropped off at the Tower Room door at 4:30 on any of those nights. Thank you!

## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

**REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY** for which donations continue to be welcomed and needed. Proteins, fruits/veggies, cereals. Nothing already open or in glass, please. Leave at any time in boxes on Hilary's porch at 30 Winslow St., Cambridge, .25 mile up Garden St. Winslow is just off Sherman past the firehouse, on the left. Provide a lifeline for your neighbors in need.

*Have an announcement for the bulletin?  
Please send information about church or wider community events to Sarah Higginbotham  
([shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org)) by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays  
to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin.*

## MEDITATIVE MUSIC FOR YOUR WEEK

**LINKS TO CHANT WORKS PROVIDED BY NIGHT SONG** Looking for meditative chant music during your time at home? Night Song Director Daryl Bichel offers the following suggestions:

### **St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle Compline, 27 September 2020**

<https://complinepodcast.org/?p=1868>

This compline liturgy from St. Mark's Cathedral observes the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. The first hymn, Now the Day is Over, is lovely. While the text is familiar, I wasn't acquainted with this beautiful hymn tune by M. Searle Wright. The anthem alternates plainchant sections with polyphony by Palestrina.

### **St. John Cantius Catholic Church, Chicago High Mass, 04 October 2020**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX2iVO\\_B4BA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX2iVO_B4BA)

I checked to see what the music program at St. John Cantius is offering now. They have a full choir at this high mass. The plainchant is more robust and full with the tenors and basses all singing. The sections of the ordinary of the mass are now choral rather than chant. I'm not sure how having a choir on site is safe, but they must be following the guidelines set by their diocese.

### **Feast of the Sacred Heart, Solemn High Mass Flavigny, France, 1999**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=enWiFcsBqIE>

I recently discovered this traditional Latin mass filmed on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in the small chapel of the International Seminary of Saint Cure d'Ars, Flavigny, France, in 1999. It presents the ceremonies of Solemn High Mass with Gregorian chant and polyphonic motets.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, October 11**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Plymouth's Pilgrims Part III, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Read-Alouds from the Children's Book Corner, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. YouTube-Premiere Morning Worship,  
Rev. Henry Schoenfield, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Zoom Coffee Hour with Newcomers' and Puritans Discussion Breakouts
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

### **Monday, October 12 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY - Church Office & Building Closed**

- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

### **Tuesday, October 13**

- 6:00 p.m. "Book of Longings" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. "Relational God" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom

### **Wednesday, October 14**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 5:30 p.m. "A Call to Return: Spiritual Reflections on Racial Justice"  
with Carlyle Stewart, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Formation Committee, via Zoom

### **Thursday, October 15**

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Call, via Zoom

### **Friday, October 16**

*Deadline for contributions to the Nov/Dec EVENT newsletter*

- 12:00 p.m. "Dancing with God" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room

### **Saturday, October 17**

- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, October 18**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Plymouth's Pilgrims Part IV, via Zoom  
9:30 a.m. Church School Classes (preK-8th grade), via YouTube & Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Live-stream Morning Worship  
Dan Smith, preaching, Issa Bibbins and Laurie Williams, leading music  
12:15 p.m. Voter Forum Zoom Coffee Hour  
2:00 p.m. Youth Group, meet at DeCordova Museum, weather permitting

***Zoom invitations to many of our week's programs  
are in the all-church email that was sent this morning.***

***Committee Chairs and Faith & Life Group Leaders  
have sent Zoom invitations to registered participants.***

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