



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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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 25, 2020

Preaching Today

Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate

Assisting in Worship

Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts

Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach

Claire Hunt, liturgist and new member

Casey Marsh, liturgist and new member

Holly Marple, First Church member

Peter Sykes, Music Director

Joe Welker, technical support

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GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Duo sur les tierces

Pierre Du Mage

*HYMN 4

Come, Living God, When Least Expected

(see page 5)

*GREETING

Claire Hunt

L: Siblings in the Spirit, wherever you are, hear God's call to come in and come back!

C: Come into the warmth of this community of healing and justice.

L: Come into this shared space of solace and hope!

C: Come in and be in the presence of God who loves you no matter what.

L: Return to the gifts of wisdom and Sabbath rest.

C: Return to awareness of your God-given beauty and the beauty of all creation.

L: Return to this table set by God, where there is room and hope and life for us all!

C: Friends, gather in this place of grounding, growing and acting!

All: And let us worship God!

WORDS OF WELCOME

CANDLELIGHTING

ANTHEM

Of Hospitality

Jane Marshall

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Casey Marsh

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray for healing, pardon and peace:

**All: Loving God, forgive us when we lose our way,
and lead us back to yours.**

**Lead us from separation to connection, from guilt to responsibility,
from judgment to wonder, from anger to compassion,
from sorrow to joy, from fear to love,
from the unreal to the real, from death to new life!**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GREETING OF PEACE

JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS IN COVENANT

INVITATION

Sarah Higginbotham

ADDRESS

PROMISES

Kate Layzer

L: Do you profess Jesus Christ as the center of your faith?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you promise to follow Christ's path,
offering compassion and working for justice?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you promise to grow with this congregation in faith,
and further with us Jesus' mission in the world?

Candidates: I do.

ADDRESS TO NEW MEMBERS

*COVENANT OF FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

**All: We who are now brought together
and united into one Church
under the Lord Jesus Christ, our Head,
in such sort as becometh
all those whom he hath redeemed
and sanctified to himself,
do solemnly and religiously,
as in his most holy presence,
promise and bind ourselves to walk in all his ways
according to the rule of the Gospel,
and in all sincere conformity to his holy ordinances,
and in mutual love and respect each to other,
so near as God shall give us grace.**

*WELCOME

CONCLUDING PRAYER

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 90: 13-17

- L: Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
- C: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**
- L: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- C: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**
- L: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
- All: O prosper the work of our hands!**

READING

Matthew 22:34 - 46

SERMON

Jaz Buchanan

*HYMN

We Who Are Now Brought Together

(see page 6)

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

- L: God be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- L: Let us pray... *(silence, intercessions, and the Lord's Prayer)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray this prayer in words most meaningful to your heart.)

- All: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Holly Marple

You may give online from your bank account [at our website](#) or by text from your debit/credit card by texting the amount to 844-996-0982.

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, the source of life and birth,
Praise God, the Word who came to earth,
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame,
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH

***HYMN 224**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (v. 1, 4 & 5)

(see page 7)

***BENEDICTION**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue sur la Trompette

Pierre Du Mage

OPENING HYMN

Come, Living God, When Least Expected

1. Come, liv - ing God, when least ex - spect - ed, when minds are
 2. Come now, as once you came to Mo - ses with - in the
 3. Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us as viv - id

dull and hearts are cold, through sharp -'ning word and warm af - fec - tion
 bush a - live with flame; or to E - li - jah on the moun - tain,
 truth and liv - ing Lord, ex - plod - ing doubt and dis - il - lu - sion

re - veal - ing truth as yet un - told. Break from the tomb in which we
 by si - lence press - ing home your claim. So, let our minds be sharp to
 to scat - ter hope and joy a - broad. And we will share his ra - diant

hide you to speak a - gain in start - ling ways; break through the
 read you in sight or sound or print - ed page, and let us
 bright - ness, and, blaz - ing through the dread of night, il - lu - mi -

words in which we bind you to res - ur - rect our life - less praise.
 greet you in our neigh - bors, in ar - dent youth or mel - low age.
 nate by love and rea - son, for those in dark - ness, faith's de - light.

WORDS: Alan Gaunt, 1991

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, *Cinquante psaumes en françois*, 1543, rev. 1551

The tune is from the 1543 Geneva Psalter, the earliest of psalters prepared by Louis Bourgeois for reformer John Calvin.

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SERMON HYMN

We who are now brought together

Mary Luti

Peter Sykes

We who are now brought to - geth - er, e - ven we,
We who are now brought to - geth - er, Spi - rit - led,
We who are now joined to - geth - er in God's sight
We who are now joined to - geth - er in all ways

drawn by the love of our Sa - vior, ev - en he,
called and made ho - ly by Je - sus, hum - ble Head,
so near as grace may be giv - en day and night,
of - fer to you, O Cre - a - tor, praise on praise

pro - mise to walk on his path - way, faith - ful, free.
pro - mise to live by the gos - pel, as he said.
pro - mise to love one an - oth - er, God's de - light.
grate - ful - ly: one con - gre - ga - tion, all our days.

CLOSING HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

verses 1, 4, and 5

→ 1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
→ 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
→ 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, our true Light?
→ 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
→ 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

warm it with hope, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
All, all thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear:
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies,
I see thy cross, my bea - con in the night;
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove.

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For the loved ones of Albert Puell, former First Church volunteer, homeless advocate, and longtime member of First Church, who died on October 10 due to multiple chronic health issues.
- For Kerry Maloney's husband, Jim Roche, who has been having health struggles and who has a heart procedure scheduled for this week.
- For Peter Sykes, who is having a heart procedure this week.
- For George Williams, whose aunt Mattie Greer died recently of Covid-related complications.
- For Carrie Armsby and her family, including Sarah, Emmett, and Auggie Neill, as they mourn the recent loss of Carrie's mother Marcella Campbell, who died unexpectedly.
- 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 Mary Martha Thiel, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- For all those on the West Coast and now in Colorado 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 our nation as we approach Election Day amidst dangerous misinformation campaigns, extreme polarization, and concerns for our democratic process.
- In celebration of Pope Francis's support of civil unions for same-sex couples.
- For all those impacted by recent unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan and who are living in war-torn regions or amidst political violence.
- 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.
- As the COVID-19 death toll continues to climb, 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; Katie, Moana Bentin's sister; 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.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING TODAY

Claire Hunt is a social worker/therapist with a practice right here in Cambridge. In her free time, she enjoys reading as many books as she can get her hands on, exploring nature, and playing with her happy pup, Marley! She is passionate about social and racial justice issues, and she is striving to make a difference wherever she can. By joining, she is looking forward to connecting more with God and with the First Church community.

Casey Marsh moved to Somerville from Connecticut and started attending First Church in the fall of 2017 while completing graduate work at Lesley University as a music therapist. She has found great friendship and support at First Church, while being actively involved the past year with Godly Play, the GBIO core team, and the Young Adults group. When she's not singing around the house you may still catch her riding her bike or watching the sailboats on the Charles. She greatly looks forward to seeing everyone in 3-D again.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

MULTIGENERATIONAL GODLY PLAY AT REMOTE CHURCH SCHOOL Today, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom and YouTube Premiere Adults are invited to join our Godly Play students (preschoolers through 4th graders) to hear the story of "The 10 Best Ways" and to wonder about it together. Our 5th/6th graders and 7th/8th graders will meet separately in their Bible 101 and Faith & Social Justice classes. Everyone should join the Church School Zoom, where Sarah will greet you and send you to the appropriate breakout room.

[Click here to join directly](#) or go to zoom.us and "join a meeting" using the following information:
Meeting ID: 897 8647 6898

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

Multigenerational Godly Play - [click here](#) to watch "The 10 Best Ways" at 9:45 a.m.

Bible 101 - [click here](#) to watch your mini-lesson at 9:45 a.m.

SHELTER LECTURE AND AWARDS Today, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom See the following page for all the details of today's event lifting up the work of the First Church Shelter and of those in the world championing the rights and dignity of unhoused people

[Click here to join directly](#) or go to zoom.us and click "join a meeting" with the following info:

Meeting ID: 870 8280 8388

Passcode: AfterCh

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

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.

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"

FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR OUR ELECTION As our nation anticipates this momentous election, we offer several times to come together to share our hearts, our hopes, our fears, and our prayers. From now through the election (at least), First Church staff and lay leaders will be hosting thrice-weekly prayers calls over zoom to help center us, settle us, and ground us in God's presence and love. We know that many of us are working as hard as we can in voter turnout and other civic engagement efforts to ensure a just election in which every vote counts. We hope this will be a time that offers us grace and courage "for the facing of this hour." The 30-minute calls will be held on Mondays at 8:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays at noon through election week.

[Monday 8:00 a.m. Prayer Call](#)

(Meeting ID: 825 0796 0058 Passcode: election)

[Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Prayer Call](#)

(Meeting ID: 874 7316 7735 Passcode: election)

[Wednesday noon Prayer Call](#)

(Meeting ID: 895 5332 7974 Passcode: election)

SIGN ON TO THE CREATION CARE PLEDGE

The United Church of Christ, our denomination, has partnered with the Environmental Voter Project to urge UCC church members to take the Creation Care Pledge. First Church in Cambridge is seeking to inspire 75% of those worshipping with us to sign on; have you signed yet? Prioritize caring for God's creation in how you vote, and vote your values! Your witness will inspire others to make the same commitment. [Click here to read and sign the pledge.](#)



TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF WITH FIRST CHURCH Halloween is coming, and this year, UNICEF is going virtual with their Trick or Treat collection! [Click here to visit First Church in Cambridge's Virtual Trick-or-Treat UNICEF Box page](#); learn how you can donate online and share the link with friends and family. Play online games to add more coins to our box! All the funds we raise will help children around the world; how much can First Church raise together?

DIY SAINT PUPPET KIT DISTRIBUTION Saturday, October 31, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Church Playground Come on by the First Church playground on Halloween morning to pick up supplies to make your own saint puppet in our All Saints creative arts workshop the next day. All ages are welcome to participate; no need to have a child in the house to make a puppet! If you can't stop by during those hours, but would like to receive supplies (and you're local), please let Sarah know so she can plan to deliver them to you.

FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY November 1 Join us for our annual celebration of all the saints. You can begin the morning in our Multigenerational Creative Arts Workshop, where we will learn about First Church's saint puppets and make our own. Then, at 11:00 a.m., tune into our livestream to see our larger-than-life puppet saints and see First Church friends lifting up the names of all those we have known and loved and who have died in the past year. Our usual Communion-in-the-Round circle in the chancel will be much wider this year, extending to include you and all the saints, wherever you and they may be, on earth and in heaven!

STEWARDSHIP 2021 - THE CALL TO GIVE Our Stewardship Committee is launching its first [multi-media campaign!](#) As part of the campaign, we are sending weekly emails beginning Tuesday, October 20, theologically reflecting on our individual callings and on our calling as a church community to give. Rather than mailing a stewardship booklet and pledge card to be returned on Pledge Sunday, this year we are encouraging our church community to review the weekly emails and to pledge early (and vote early)! On **Sunday, November 22**, we will consecrate our pledges and our gifts during our livestream service. The Fall Congregational Meeting will follow worship on that day, where we will review and vote on the 2021 church budget.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS: A series brought to you by our Stewardship & Finance Teams, Sundays, November 1 & 8, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Sunday, November 1 Join the Stewardship and Finance committees on All Saints' Day as we take a moment to reflect on all the sacred Saints in our lives. How do they inspire our work as a church? Together, we will celebrate our many ministries' work this past year, and we will also look ahead to the future to plan and to dream with God and our Saints, as we review our 2021 proposed budget. This year took many scary, uncertain, and puzzling turns, and yet, we, as a church, continue to lean more deeply into God's vision of love and justice.

Sunday, November 8 Join the Stewardship team as we ground our call to give in our spiritual and prayerful decisions. In this hour, we will explore how we steward ourselves and our church community in the process. We will share examples of how we know how much to pledge, review how to pledge online, and note the accumulating progress toward our stewardship goal.

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 (BIPOC) member of First Church, please consider joining our periodic Zoom meetings designed as active listening sessions to reflect, heal, support one another, and build community. Please contact Moana Bentin (moana.bentin@gmail.com) with questions or to receive a Zoom invitation to participate. This group is by BIPOC for BIPOC.

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

FIRST CHURCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL Our channel now has over 100 subscribers! Check out our 13 separate playlists and over 60 videos. Listen to sermons, play music, watch Godly Play stories, enjoy children's picturebooks, or tune in to conversations on racial justice. Subscribe now so you don't miss anything! The link to the channel is: <https://tinyurl.com/ryac3av>

RACIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

First Church members and friends are actively working for racial justice and equity, while also learning how to frame anti-racism as central to our Christian faith.

A CALL TO RETURN: SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE As we seek to sustain and grow the work of remembrance, repentance and reparations, we need an ever-deeper reliance on God and on the hoped-filled resources of faith tradition. Community Minister for Racial Justice Carlyle Stewart hosts a series of town hall meetings and weekly sessions that address how our activism for racial justice and equity is grounded in our faith. Check our 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.

FAITH AND LIFE GROUPS Current Faith & Life groups focused on race and racism include “Feeling Newer To Conversations About Race?,” “*Stamped* - Multigenerational Re-Mix,” and a “Reparations Accountability Group,” which has been exploring a practice of reparations for individuals and institutions and holding one another accountable for personal commitments to repair.

CALLS TO ACTION First Church is a member of the **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)**, whose mission is “to build power by developing local leaders so we can act together on issues that matter to our communities.” GBIO currently supports legislation in the Massachusetts legislature to promote more police accountability. [Visit GBIO’s website here](#). First Church staff and members are also active in the **Poor People’s Campaign**, a national grassroots movement that calls for activism to fight systemic racism, as part of its “Declaration of Fundamental Rights and Poor People’s Moral Agenda.” [Visit the Poor People’s Campaign website here](#).

SHORT TAKES ON ANTI-RACISM: Suggestions by First Church’s Beloved Community Group

[THE LIE THAT INVENTED RACISM](#) A TEDx Talk by journalist and documentarian John Biewen, TEDx Charlottesville, November 2019.

National Public Radio Interview with [Historian Ibram X. Kendi of Boston University](#) on *How To Be An Antiracist*, NPR, October 30, 2019.

RACIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

HISTORYTHON: A WALKATHON TO SUPPORT EDUCATION ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

First Church member Deb Cunningham invites you to join Primary Source, a Watertown-based nonprofit that supports K-12 educators, in HistoryThon: a walkathon on your own schedule to help “pave the way to understanding.” ***Anytime between October 10 and November 11***, participate by exploring walks, trails, and sites of historical importance to the African American experience, selected from a list provided at registration. As you walk, you are invited to raise funds to support Primary Source’s work. The organization is trying to answer urgent calls from teachers for classroom-ready resources about African American history by digitally publishing their *Making Freedom: African Americans in U.S. History* sourcebook series. It’s an invaluable trove of curricular resources for teachers that explores the role and agency of African Americans in shaping our nation from 1600 through today. To register, please visit:

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 LUNCHES 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!

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.

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, 11 October 2020

<https://complinepodcast.org/?p=1874>

This compline liturgy from St. Mark's Cathedral includes choral pieces by M. Searle Wright and Orlando di Lasso. There are two settings of Psalm 23. One is plainchant, and the other is the beautiful and familiar hymn tune St. Columba.

Hildegard von Bingen - Canticles of Ecstasy: Sequentia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ei88J4IERbk&t=731s>

This lengthy ethereal recording is exquisite. At times the treble voices are unaccompanied, and at other times joined with bowed string instruments.

Evolving Chant into Organum to Florid Organum: A Tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMnv11O-qag>

There's no music for listening here. This is a brief tutorial explaining how chant evolved into organum, the first form of polyphony. At the end you will automatically be fed into the link given below for music of the Notre Dame School.

Have an announcement for the bulletin?

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

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 25

- 9:30 a.m. Multigenerational Godly Play, via YouTube & Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Bible 101 (5th/6th grade) and Faith & Social Justice (7th/8th grade), via You Tube & Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Morning Worship, Joining Sunday
Jaz Buchanan, preaching
- 12:30 p.m. First Church Shelter Mitch Snyder Lecture & Awards, via Zoom

Monday, October 26

- 8:00 a.m. Praying for our Elections, via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 5:00 p.m. Reparations Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council, via Zoom

Tuesday, October 27

- 4:30 p.m. Praying for our Elections, via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Braiding Sweetgrass Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Genealogy Faith & Life Group, via Zoom

Wednesday, October 28

- 8:30 a.m. "Stamped - Multigenerational Re-Mix" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Praying for our Elections, 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
- 6:00 p.m. Investments Committee, via Zoom

Thursday, October 29

- 3:00 p.m. Discernment and Formation Team, via Zoom
- 5:15 p.m. "Feeling Newer to Conversations on Race" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Call, via Zoom

Friday, October 30

- 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 31

- 10:00-12:00 DIY Saint Puppet Kit Distribution, Church Playground
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

Sunday, November 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY *(Daylight Saving Time ends. "Fall back" an hour!)*

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: "For All the Saints" Part I, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Multigenerational Creative Arts Project: DIY Puppet Saints, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Morning Worship, Lexi Boudreaux, preaching
- 12:15 pm Zoom Coffee Hour with Newcomers' Breakout
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group, via Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Vigil for Common Ground, Cambridge Common

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