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## Bulletin Announcements November 15, 2020

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**  
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United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
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

November 15, 2020

#### Preaching Today

Karen McArthur, Minister of Stewardship & Finance

#### Assisting in Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister  
Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate  
Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate  
Peter Sykes, Music Director  
Dave Dyer  
Dave Kidder  
Susie Longfield  
Robb Morgan  
Nancy O'Connell  
Stephen Weller  
Laurie Williams

Our worship is premiering on our [YouTube channel](#) at 11:00 a.m.  
The liturgy will be provided within the video.

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

## PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

- We pray for our Community Minister for Racial Justice Carlyle Stewart, who has tested positive for Covid-19 and is recovering at home.
- We pray for Karen Korn's mother, Mary Hunter, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.
- We pray for Susan Ohman, whose brother Carl died recently.
- We pray 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 and Jacqueline Collet, Karen Anne Zee's daughter and granddaughter; Stewart Bailey, Karen Anne Zee's son-in-law; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and former First Church member Nancy Sanders.
- We pray for our nation in the wake of the election, as it navigates extreme polarization, and concerns for our democratic process.
- As the death toll from COVID-19 continues to rise, we pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We pray for health care professionals and essential workers, that they may know they are supported and cared for. For all of us, we pray for a new infusion of strength and peace as we find a new way of being in our world, and that we may perceive the presence of God anew in our daily lives.
- We pray for all impacted by devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Eta in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, the Caribbean, and the Gulf Coast.
- We pray for all those grieving the loss of loved ones to police violence. We pray for strength for those working for reform and for a new birth of racial justice and healing.
- We pray for loved ones of those killed and all impacted by recent terrorism and violence in a church in Nice, France, in Vienna, Austria, at Kabul University, and in western Ethiopia.
- We pray for the roughly 150 migrants who died after the wooden boat they were traveling in was shipwrecked off the coast of Senegal recently.
- We pray for the 14 men who are finding warmth and sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter, and for the guests of the Friday Cafe, who are finding food and fellowship and listening ears. We pray for all who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in these uncertain times.
- We pray for those who seek sanctuary in houses of worship around the country, including our partner University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square. We pray for solace and security for immigrants and all those who live in constant fear and anxiety over their status in this country. We also pray for all who are working for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- We pray that God may grant us the strength to confront and combat the many realities of the climate crisis, and that we and our leaders may be empowered to take bold steps to care for God's creation. We pray especially for the poor, who are disproportionately affected by our inaction.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ADULT FORMATION: CAN WE CREATE A CHURCH CULTURE THAT ENHANCES OUR EFFORTS TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST, MULTICULTURAL CHURCH? Today and next Sunday, November 22, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom** What is our church culture? Is it welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds and experiences? Are there elements of white supremacy culture that hinder us from being the multicultural, anti-racist church that we say we want to be? Bring your curiosity to this Zoom conversation with Dan Smith and other leaders as we explore together how First Church embodies and is working to dismantle [Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture](#) within our own congregation.

[Click here to join the Adult Formation meeting 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

**CHILDREN’S FORMATION: REMOTE CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES Today, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom**

Our age-based classes will meet today. All classes should join the Church School Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Then, several classes will watch videos together on our YouTube channel. Please use the links below to participate:

[Click here to join the Church School Zoom directly](#), or go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and “join a meeting” using the following information:

Meeting ID: 897 8647 6898

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

**Godly Play Alpha** (preschool - 1st grade) - [click here](#) to watch your story.

**Godly Play Omega** (2nd - 4th grade) - [click here](#) to watch your story.

**Bible 101** (5th/6th grade) - [click here](#) to watch your mini-lesson.

**Faith & Social Justice** (7th/8th grade) - no video today; join via Zoom.

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR 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.

[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

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

**YOUNG ADULTS WALK Today, 2:00 p.m., meet at City Hall Plaza, Boston** Weather permitting, the Young Adults’ group will gather for a walk around the North End this afternoon, meeting at City Hall Plaza by the Government Center station. To join the mailing list for YA activities, talk to Phil Jones: [p.robbennolt.jones@gmail.com](mailto:p.robbennolt.jones@gmail.com)

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**“A CALL TO RETURN” WITH CARLYLE STEWART** We have reached the halfway point of our series, “A Call to Return: Spiritual Reflections on Racial Justice.” Thus far, we have taken a deep dive into the spiritual implications of institutional racism. We have explored the topics of repentance, and spiritual reorientation towards God. We have also sought to understand how the categories of race and theology have been intimately connected in American culture since the beginning. These sessions have become a time where folks are not only introduced to new concepts, but also access deeper parts of themselves. If you have missed any sessions, you are free to catch up on the First Church Youtube channel. ***The Town Hall meeting scheduled for today has been postponed. Community Minister for Racial Justice Carlyle Stewart continues to recover at home from Covid. We continue to lift up prayers of healing for Carlyle and for all those dealing with Covid symptoms.***

**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.

### **STEWARDSHIP 2021 — SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE BEFORE NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Our Stewardship Committee has launched its first multi-media campaign! As part of the campaign, we are sending [weekly emails](#) each Tuesday, 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!](#) **Next 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](#).



*Have you pledged yet for 2021?  
The first batch of thank-you boxes is in the mail!  
[Submit your pledge or gift for 2021 now!](#)*





STEWARDSHIP 2021  
 FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE  
**THE CALL TO GIVE**  
**PLEDGING & GIVING**



We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give to our 2021 year of mission and ministry for these extraordinary times.

This year, all communications are via Tuesday Stewardship e-mails and [on our website](#).

Our [online pledge "card"](#) is accessible below, and our [time and talents "card"](#) is linked here.



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Online 2021 Pledge

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**2021 Pledges**

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**2021 Pledge**

\*Pledges & Gifts:

**2021 Pledge Options:**

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**Pledge:**

- Auto-Debit from checking or savings account
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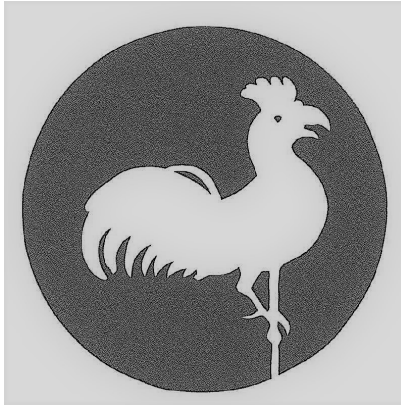
**Create Your Online Profile**

[Create Profile](#)

Please [submit your pledge or gift](#) by November 21st and watch us piece together our progress towards our collective goals. Thank you!

**CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m.**



Notice is hereby given that  
a Special Meeting of First Church in Cambridge,  
Congregational, United Church of Christ,  
will be held in its 384th year  
at 12:30 p.m., Sunday the 22nd of November, 2020,  
via Zoom.

1. To review and vote on the proposed 2021 annual budget of the Congregation as recommended by Executive Council.
2. To hear a report on efforts towards becoming an anti-racist church.

No other business may legally come before the meeting.

By direction of Executive Council,  
David Kidder, *clerk*

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

**ONE FINAL STROLLING FOR SOLACE FOR 2020 Sunday, November 22, 2:45 p.m., Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge** The Deacons invite you to join us next Sunday at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. We'll meet in front of the chapel as we have in the past. Arrive at 2:45; we will start walking at 3:00. Feel free to contact Deacon Beth Spaulding by text or phone call at 781-724-7549 if you are looking for our group, or if you have questions about the weather. Hope to see you there!

**UCC MENTAL HEALTH BLOG FEATURES JENNY STUART** Rev. Jenny Stuart is a Community Minister at First Church, a clinical social worker specializing in psychological trauma, a psychotherapist at the Danielsen Institute at Boston University, and an ordained UCC minister. Jenny recently contributed to the UCC Mental Health Network Blog. Don't miss her deep wisdom and gorgeous writing about these challenging times:

<https://www.mhn-ucc.org/2020/11/02/water-by-jennifer-stuart-mdiv-licsw/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, tune in to conversations on racial justice, or review our stewardship videos. Subscribe now so you don't miss anything! The link to the channel is: <https://tinyurl.com/ryac3av>

*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.*



## LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

### THE LIGHT THAT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS:

#### Spiritual Practices for Advent 2020

As the days grow shorter and the shadows of these immensely challenging times seem to lengthen all around us, please join our online worship, study and prayer this season as we wait and watch for the light of Christmas! John's Gospel reminds us that the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it! This is a good and needed word for these times—one to remember, ponder and pray. And yet, how does having only negative connotations of darkness relate to our current moment of racial reckoning? How do negative connotations of darkness shape our experience of the pandemic and post-election moment we will be living through in December! Can we find goodness and blessing in the dark and the light, in the knowledge that God created the day and the night and called them both good? In darkness and in light, how can we wait, and labor and prepare for the light and joy and new birth that come at Christmas? In looming darkness and dawning light, how can we hold the light of the Christ child, a Light unto the world?



#### ADVENT *LECTIO DIVINA*—HOLY READING Sundays, December 6, 13 & 20, 9:30 am, via Zoom

Join Dan, Lexi, and Jaz in a short conversation about reimagining advent themes of light and darkness and a time for spiritual practice called *lectio divina*, “holy reading.” In this ancient contemplative practice, we’ll read Advent scripture passages together and be invited to meditate on how God’s word intersects with our lives. Together, through word and silence, we’ll listen for God’s movement in our hearts, as we wait and labor and prepare to receive the light of the Christ child.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP & KIT PICKUP Sunday, December 6, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom; Kit pickup on Saturday, November 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Church Playground** As we reimagine the light and the dark this Advent, join us for our monthly Multigenerational Creative Arts Workshop, where we’ll complete some of our most beloved crafts of the season. On the day before Advent begins (Saturday, November 28), Sarah will be outside the church with Advent candle rings, candles, and a few supplies you will need for the workshop. We’ll provide a list of crafting tools and other supplies you will want to gather at home. Questions? Contact Sarah Higginbotham.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICE PARTNERS Sign up by Wednesday, November 25** In this time apart, are you looking to deepen your spiritual practices while also deepening your relationship with someone from church? This Advent, we will be focusing on how we can ground ourselves in the spiritual practices of our tradition, leaning into our connection with God and one another in these tumultuous times. What is a spiritual practice partner? It's a sacred experiment, committing to having a spiritual buddy in the congregation with whom you talk for 5–15 minutes each week from now through Christmas Eve. You might catch up on the phone and discuss reflection questions from one of our 9:30 Formation sessions. You might attend one of those sessions together on Zoom. You might go on a socially distanced walk together, pray for one another, read scripture with one another, or another practice entirely. Questions? Please contact Pastoral Associate Lexi Boudreaux: [lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org). To be matched with a partner, [fill out this google form](#). *The deadline to sign up is Wednesday November 25.*

**CANDLE-LIGHTING AND PRAYER TIME Sundays, December 6, 13 & 20, 4:00 p.m., Lindsay Chapel** This Advent we will be offering some time on Sunday afternoons for folks to pray and to light a candle in the Chapel. The capacity will be limited to four people at a time, and we ask that you come masked. In this time of reimagining what the symbols of light and dark mean to us, take some time to reconnect with the church building, spend some time in prayer, and give some light to the world.

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY: RECLAIMING MARY Saturday, December 12, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., via Zoom** The women of First Church will be gathering together on Zoom for a time of worship, spiritual practice, reflection, and fellowship to observe Advent. Come as you are to explore what Mary might mean to us as a spiritual ancestor, a matriarch within our sacred scriptures, and the one who clears a path for God to work in our world. This time together will be for connection and grounding in our faith. To let us know if you plan on coming, [please sign up here](#). Everyone who identifies as a woman is welcome to join!

**ADVENT MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH 2020** Traditionally, we have ornamented our Advent services with special music – a choral introit with congregational participation of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” – and a choral work with instruments on “Music Sunday” on the third week of the Advent season. This year we will not let the pandemic or isolation get in the way of that! The First Church Choir will produce some videos with layered tracks so that we may once again usher in the birth of Christ with appropriate pre-recorded music – the “O Come, O Come” on successive Sundays, and something special TBA for December 13. If you want to participate, please be in touch with Peter Sykes ([psykes@aol.com](mailto:psykes@aol.com)) as soon as possible!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

**CITY MISSION CHRISTMAS SHOP RECEIVING GIFTS AMIDST COVID** Gifts received at church from Nov 29 to Dec 6 For decades, the City Mission Christmas Shop has served as a catalyst for people of faith to reach out to others. Each year City Mission collects thousands of gifts – clothes, toys, books, and household goods – from churches, businesses, and other organizations which are gathered, sorted and distributed to families in need around greater Boston. The Christmas Shop brings hope and joy to those most in need during the holiday season. The gifts collected are made available to City Mission’s Homelessness Prevention clients and other community partners who distribute gifts to their own clients. Below is a list of requested gifts. City Mission accepts only NEW items. Please no food, household, or jewelry items. This year, please drop your City Mission gifts at the church anytime between November 29 and December 6 (before our services). Just call the sexton number on the glass 11 Garden Street door any day between 8 am and 7 pm; they can open the door so you can set your gifts inside the building. We will bless them in the service on December 6 and deliver them to the distribution centers. The City Mission list of needed items can be found in the current [EVENT newsletter](#).

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## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

**DONATE TO HELP HURRICANE ETA VICTIMS IN CENTRAL AMERICA** Hurricane Eta has hit Central America with devastating consequences. Our Community Minister in Latin America Monica Maher invites our help through the Friends Peace Teams Peacebuilding *en las Américas* program, of which she is a part. Partners in Honduras and Guatemala have been particularly affected. Bridges have fallen. Whole neighborhoods are under water. People line rooftops awaiting evacuation by boat. In many areas where houses have not flooded, there is no running water or electricity. Food is scarce and prices have gone up. The situation, already dire due to Covid, hunger and violence, is now much worse. Please consider supporting those impacted through fervent prayers for their safety and a donation to Peacebuilding *en las Américas*.

[Donate today.](#)

**BLACK LIVES MATTER-BOSTON SEEKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL STUDENTS** BLM Boston is supporting the emergency needs of the Boston-Area Youth Organizing Project (BYOP). These resources will be used for housing, food, and Covid-19 related needs. In addition, some students are in need of their own laptops to access online learning for school work. Those willing to assist may give directly via their [PayPal \(Phoenix Printemps\)](#) or you may donate via BLM Boston's official [Fiscal Sponsor Building Audacity via PayPal](#). You may also mail a check to: Building Audacity, Inc., 79 Allen Avenue, Lynn, MA 01902.

**UPDATE ON UCC MEDICAL DEBT FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN** First Church in Cambridge joined with 121 other churches to abolish \$26.2 million in medical debt for New Englanders and first responders. ***First Church in Cambridge contributed \$2,000 for the effort - canceling \$200,000 in debt - by donations made by members.*** Families in seven states plus first responders around the country will soon be receiving letters telling them that their medical debt has been forgiven. A yellow envelope bearing a UCC logo is on the way to each benefiting family, with a letter naming contributing congregations and organizations. It reads: "You may never enter the doors of one of our churches, but we are the United Church of Christ and we love you. ... Most importantly, you are beloved by God and your debt has been forgiven." At [an October 25 news conference](#), local, regional, and national UCC leaders announced that a Conference-wide fundraising campaign in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, birthed before the pandemic, along with a contribution from a national ministry of the UCC, raised over \$200,000. The gifts were sent to the New York-based nonprofit "RIP Medical Debt."

**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.

## HOMELESS MINISTRIES

**THE FRIDAY CAFÉ IS NOW RECEIVING DONATIONS** of men's and women's warm pants, shirts, jackets, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and sleeping bags. With a severe shortage of shelter beds across Massachusetts, unhoused neighbors will need to layer to survive this winter. Casual clothing only, please! "Shop" in your own home by going through your closet, or visit our Amazon wish list to ship essential items direct (<http://a.co/fkuiAGX>) Thank you for supporting vulnerable members of our community during the COVID crisis!

## 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, 01 November 2020**

<https://complinepodcast.org/?p=1880>

This compline liturgy from St. Mark's Cathedral, sung on the Feast of All Saints, is in memory of members of the compline choir who have died - including the founder, Peter Hallock. Choral pieces are by Harris and Victoria.

### **Women Who Spoke Up: Seraphim Singers**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmiq\\_wWorhw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmiq_wWorhw&feature=youtu.be)

No chant here, but two fine pieces, one by American Indian composer Shruthi Rajesekar and the other by Boston composer Richard Clark. The texts are unusual. One is the from the record of Senator Elizabeth Warren being shushed on the Senate floor by Republicans. The other is a poem by Chris Kinsley about the Biblical story of the Samaritan woman at the well, but turned around to offer the viewpoint of the woman herself. You hear her own inner voice of the fear of being judged, embarrassed and condemned. In Jesus she finds no judgment and condemnation, but rather acceptance and love. There is an introduction by the two composers and the music director of Seraphim, Jennifer Lester.

### **Matins of the Feast of the Holy Trinity, sung by Psallentes**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kK5AohCMX0U>

The piece is "Invitatorium: Deum Verum." The music alternates between medieval chant and organum. The ensemble Psallentes was founded in 2000 by singer and conductor Hendrik Vanden Abeele. The ensemble seeks out plainchant and associated polyphony from various historical periods. Particular attention is paid to plainchant of the late Middle Ages and Renaissance.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, November 15**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Becoming an Anti-Racist Church, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Remote Church School Classes, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Pre-Recorded Worship via YouTube Premiere  
Karen McArthur, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Zoom Coffee Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Young Adults' Walk, weather permitting, meet at City Hall Plaza, Boston
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

### **Monday, November 16**

- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, via Zoom

### **Tuesday, November 17**

- 4:00 p.m. FCC Caregivers' Call, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Shelter Oversight Committee, via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Genealogy Faith & Life Group, via Zoom

### **Wednesday, November 18**

- 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," via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Missions & Social Justice Committee, via Zoom

### **Thursday, November 19**

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

### **Friday, November 20**

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room



## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Saturday, November 21**

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

### **Sunday, November 22 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY AND PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Becoming an Anti-Racist Church, via Zoom

9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Remote Church School Classes, via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Live-Stream Morning Worship with Dedication of our Pledges  
Jaz Buchanan, preaching

12:30 p.m. Fall Congregational Meeting, via Zoom

2:45 p.m. Strolling for Solace with the Deacons, meet at Mt. Auburn Cemetery Chapel

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

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

***To join our all-church email list, [please sign up here](#).***

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

## THE STAFF AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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