



*From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of God is to be praised.*

Psalm 113:3

Season of Epiphany
February 5, 2023

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

Congregational 1633-1636
United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

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Preaching Today Leading Worship

Ahmaad Edmund, *Ministerial Intern*
Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*
Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*
Carla Carbajal, *Ministerial Intern*
Peter Sykes, *Music Director*
Nora Willcutts, *Deacon*
Lee Prouty, *tech support*

Bulletin Cover Image

Psalm 113 Collage by Audrey Bellinger
This and other Psalm collages can be viewed in Margaret Jewett Hall and in a [digital gallery](#) on our website.

Today's Programs and Events

- 9:30 a.m. A Gathering for Hilary, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday, MJH
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Hastings Common
- 12:15 p.m. GBIO Housing Justice Teach-In, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 1:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th graders, Sage Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class for 9/10th graders, Library
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Beverley Evans, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

New to First Church?

Have you just begun joining us for worship? Consider filling out a visitor card found on the small clipboard in the pews or this "[virtual visitor card](#)" so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

Give to First Church

You can give online: www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give or by texting "\$_" to: 1-844-996-0982.

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Find [contact information](#) for our ministerial, program, and building staff on our website. For general information and inquiries: info@firstchurchcambridge.org

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GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Adorn Thyself, O Soul, with Gladness

J. S. Bach

*HYMN

In the Garden

(see pg. 5)

*GREETING

Nora Willcutts

L: Sisters, brothers, siblings, come, let us gather in prayer and song.

C: Come, one and all, across screens and devices, across time and space.

L: Here, gathered together, may God's glory embolden us with strength and courage.

C: Here, may God's glory light the path towards healing and justice.

L: Here, may God's glory kindle sustaining hope and faith in each of our hearts,

C: as we glorify God and all of her holy mysteries and revelations.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Nora Willcutts and Dan Smith

ANTHEM

Jesu, dulcis memoria

Tomas Luis da Victoria

*Jesu dulcis memoria
dans vera cordis gaudia:
sed super mel et omnia
ejus dulcis praesentia.*

*The sweet memory of Jesus
Giving true joy to the heart:
But more than honey and all things
His sweet presence.*

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: God of Glory, you have given light to the world through Jesus Christ.

But seeking comfort in privilege and power,

distracting ourselves with wealth and possessions,

exploiting the earth and all of your sacred creation,

we are led away from you. Forgive us, and lead us to repent and return.

Help us to see with our hearts and our imaginations,

as we journey through holy darkness with you,

discovering your light in unexpected corners,

illuminating justice, righteousness, and peace. Amen.

**You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, hear this good news: God's love lights our way to a new dawn,
and God's mercy is working in our hearts even now.
The light of Christ and the peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you!

L: Let us share this good news and greet one another now
with a sign of Christ's peace.

*GREETING OF PEACE

We invite you to greet each other with a hug or handshake. If you prefer to maintain social distance, please put your hands together or fold your arms to share the peace.

*HYMN 364

This Little Light of Mine

Children up through 6th grade are now invited to Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday in Margaret Jewett Hall. Children will return to worship in time for Communion.

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

SERMON

Ahmaad Edmund

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*O sacrum convivium,
in quo Christus sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia!*

O Sacrum Convivium

*O sacred banquet,
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.
Alleluia!*

Thomas Pavlechko

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**To God, all glorious heav'nly light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God, the Spirit, now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise! Amen.**

SHARING THE FEAST

Carla Carbajal

*INVITATION

- L: Dear friends, come now to the Welcome Table!
C: Taste and see that God is good!
L: Drink together the Cup of Joy.
C: Filled to the brim with hope.
L: Jesus loves you. Come, eat the feast he has made for you.

*PRAYER OF PREPARATION

- L: How good it is to praise you, Holy One
Your beauty ushers in the dawn, and in your light—
**C: justice for the nations, mercy for the broken-hearted,
safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast,
strength for the weak, and forgiveness for the sinner.**
L: You reveal your love in joy and sorrow,
and we know your wonder even in the shadow of death.
**C: All your creatures behold your works
and testify to your faithfulness**
L: And so we too, fragile lamps in your holy house,
raise our hearts in praise.

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

Lexi Boudreaux

- L: Now, O God, with grateful joy, we remember Jesus,
his daring love, his open table.
(Silence)
L: We remember that he called us friends.
C: He told us everything you placed in his heart.
L: We remember that he gave us peace.
C: A peace no one else can give.
L: We remember that he did not leave us bereft.
C: He sent us a Helper – the Spirit who dwells in our hearts!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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.**

*SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All who seek to follow Jesus' way of justice, compassion and love to partake of this feast.
The cup is filled with grape juice and the bread is gluten-free. Please come forward and be
served in stations. Persons who, for any reason, are not able to come forward will be served in
the pews. Young and old alike are welcome to share in the gift of Holy Communion!*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, God, for the gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion --
oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies,
and the will to serve you all the days of our lives.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

GOING FORTH

*HYMN 80

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Thuma Mina

Hymn 344

1. (Send me, Lord.)
**Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.**
2. (Lead me, Lord.) **Lead me, Jesus...**
3. (Fill me, Lord.) **Fill me, Jesus...**
4. (Thuma mina.)
**Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, somandla.**

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

OPENING HYMN

In the Garden

C. AUSTIN MILES

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1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is still on the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a - round me be

ros - es, And the voice I hear, Fall - ing on my ear, The
sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy That He gave to me, With -
fall - ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His

Son of God dis - clos - es.
in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line follows the lyrics, with some notes marked with a 'y' for grace notes. The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano staff.

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This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine; (Oh ___)

(of mine) (Oh ___)

This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine; (Oh ___)

This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine;

(of mine)

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (oh, let it shine.)

2. This great joy I have, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
 3. Ev-ry-where I go I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
 4. All- through the night I'm gon-na let it shine . . .

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Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;
 6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 2. suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
 6. be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

ST. ANNE
 CM

Watts wrote this hymn, based on Psalm 90, while serving as pastor of Mark Lane Independent (Congregational) Church in London.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



GBIO Housing Justice Campaign Teach-In

Today, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)

Join members of First Church's Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) Core Team after worship today for a GBIO Housing Justice Campaign Teach-In, where we will learn more about how we and members of our community are affected by our region's housing crisis, and learn more about how we can support GBIO's work. A light lunch will be provided.



Memorial Service for Beverley Evans

Today at 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

Longtime First Church member Bev Evans died on Thursday, January 12, 2023, following a struggle with Alzheimer's. A reception will follow in Margaret Jewett Hall.

Youth Programs at First Church



Our Whole Lives for 7/8th graders

Today at 1:30 p.m., Sage Hall

Confirmation Class for 9/10th graders

Today at 1:30 p.m., Library



Night Song

Sundays, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m., Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

Night Song is a worship opportunity that offers stillness and sublime music in a darkened sanctuary for respite and reset.

[Read more about Night Song.](#)

First Church Land Acknowledgment

We, gathered here, acknowledge that we are meeting on land which has been the traditional ancestral homeland of the Massachusetts people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusetts, and to their close neighbors and relatives, the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples.

You can find a longer version of this acknowledgment [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the left.



SCAN ME

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for Peggy Bendroth and her family as they grieve the loss of Peggy's father, Robert Lamberts, who died last Wednesday
- We pray for Lisa DiNardo and her boyfriend Wayne Brunell as they grieve the loss of Wayne's father, Phil Brunell, who died last Sunday.
- We pray for Larry Evans and his family as they grieve the loss of his wife, long-time member Bev Evans, who died recently following a long struggle with Alzheimer's.
- We celebrate with Marc and Sally O'Brien upon the recent birth of their grandson Arden Obraar, born to Stephanie O'Brien and Matt Schaar.
- We pray for loved ones of John J. Williams III, a First Church Shelter guest who died recently, and we pray for Shelter staff and guests who are grieving.
- We pray for Poppy & Brent Coffin as they continue loving & living with Alzheimer's.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Anita Anger; Bridget Melle, Rich Goode's sister; Robin Williams, Kimel Williams's wife; Lyman Morrill, Ann Riker's brother; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones's mother; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Karen Anne Zee's daughter Becky Collet, and her sons-in-law, Denis Collet and Stewart Bailey; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and friend of Homeless Ministries Brian O'Donovan.
- We pray for all those affected by police violence, especially those grieving the loss of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, TN; Sayed Arif Faisal in Cambridge, MA; and many others killed by police across the country. We pray for all those protesting and working at the local, state, and federal level to end police brutality, which disproportionately impacts persons and communities of color.
- We pray for all impacted and grieving after a terrorist attack at a mosque in Peshawar, Pakistan, which killed 101 people and injured over 220.
- We pray for all affected by gun violence and by mass shootings that occur with too much frequency in our country. We pray especially for the families and loved ones of those killed or injured in recent incidents in Monterey Park, CA; Baton Rouge, LA; Shreveport, LA; Half Moon Bay, CA; and Holyoke and Mattapan, MA.
- We pray for our Jewish siblings as antisemitic expression continues to appear with alarming frequency in our communities and around our nation.
- We pray for people around the world facing natural disasters and intense weather due to the climate crisis.
- We pray for the people of Iran, Afghanistan, Haiti, and Peru, where anti-government protests have led to violence.
- We pray for our country and for those most affected by changes in reproductive rights: for all those struggling through the moral and political complexities of pregnancy and childbearing, and for the integrity of our legal and judicial institutions at a time of extreme political polarization.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of Ukraine and stand in hope and solidarity as they continue to resist unjust and unlawful Russian invasions. We pray for all soldiers and civilians in Ukraine, Russia, and surrounding areas, as well as all global regions impacted by the violence of war.
- We continue to pray for all who are affected by COVID-19, and we pray for healthcare professionals as they navigate caring for children and the elderly through a winter season with heavy rates of RSV and the flu, in addition to COVID-19.
- We pray for the 14 men who are finding sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter, and we pray for the guests of the Friday Café, who are finding food and listening ears.

[Join the First Church List](#) to see and offer up more community prayer requests.

EPIPHANY SEASON AT FIRST CHURCH

Collage Exhibit: *Reflecting on the Psalms* January - February, Margaret Jewett Hall

This Epiphany season, please come and behold *Reflecting on the Psalms*, an exhibit of 150 collages created by First Church artist Audrey Bellinger. Audrey joined our “Praying the Psalms” group led by Brent Coffin wherein participants were invited to enter into a spiritual practice of reading one psalm a day and then meeting weekly for small group discussion. *Reflecting on the Psalms* is Audrey’s response to these invitations. Her collages became a spiritual practice, and they now invite us to wonder anew at each psalm and, perhaps, to take on our own practice of daily reading. In addition to being on display through the end of February, the collages are available in [a digital gallery](#) on our website, along with some simple prompts for how you might engage with the psalms and the artwork.



Food Pantry Transition Plan: A Call for a Volunteer

We are very grateful to Hilary Hopkins for her longtime dedication to coordinating First Church’s donations to the Helping Hands Food Pantry at St. James Church in Porter Square. For now, please refrain from dropping items at 30 Winslow Street; we are seeking a new coordinator and drop-off location. If you are interested in being our new Food Pantry Coordinator, please contact [Dan Smith](#). Donations can still be brought to First Church on the first Sunday of each month.

EPIPHANY SEASON AT FIRST CHURCH

New Year, New Way to Contact You?

On Tuesday, January 24, all those in our database should have received an email from First Church providing you with the information we have for you on file. The message included instructions for accessing our online directory, where you can make changes to your profile and see your giving history to First Church. If you did not receive the email on Tuesday, please contact [Admin Assistant Bruce Dillenbeck](#) to provide your info for our database. We sincerely appreciate your help in keeping our records in order!



Adult Formation: The Life of Harriet A. Jacobs Sundays, February 12 & 19, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Harter Room & via Zoom

Join Ministerial Interns Carla Arevalo Carbajal and Ahmaad Edmund for a new series about the life of Harriet A. Jacobs, an African American woman enslaved in the U.S. who harnessed her spiritual power to navigate her way to freedom. The series aims to provide participants with a closer connection to the divine power found in unlikely circumstances. Antiracism and healing work is not an easy or simple journey; Romans 8:22-25 gives us a language where “the labor pains” of creation can reflect the labor pains experienced in social justice and healing. Harriet will become a guiding force that will encourage and teach us how, in our labor pains, to push for new life and healing. Stay tuned for a Faith & Life Group offering on Harriet Jacobs following in Lent.

Build-A-Book Opportunity

with Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries

Sunday, February 12, at Coffee Hour, 12:15 p.m.

Meet CMM Executive Director Sophia Bishop Rice and hear about an opportunity to buy a book for a prisoner and their child. This action for justice is open to all First Church adults. For more information, contact Alice Kidder at: flintkiddr@aol.com or 617-276-6227.



Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries

Faiths Uniting in Social Action Since 1966

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Call for Lenten Faith & Life Group Leaders by February 8

Are you interested in leading a small group over Zoom or in person during the Lenten season? Led by First Church members, Faith & Life Groups are designed to encourage meaningful connections through shared interests, whether exploring a spiritual practice, opening our eyes to the beauty around us, delving into a challenging social issue, or attending to significant life stages (parenting, aging, job transitions, etc.). Faith & Life Groups involve making a short-term commitment (a single session to several weeks, depending on the group). [Contact Lexi Boudreaux](#) to discuss your idea for leading a Faith & Life Group.

Deadline for proposals is this Wednesday, February 8.



Truth Tellers Documentary Screening

Sunday, February 19 at 12:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall and via Zoom

As we prepare for First Church's exhibit of [Americans Who Tell the Truth](#), we offer a hybrid screening of an hour-long 2021 documentary film: "[Truth Tellers: Robert Shetterly's journey to paint portraits of activists fighting for justice.](#)" The film "chronicles the lives of courageous Americans fighting for racial equity, climate justice and indigenous rights through the eyes of Robert Shetterly, a long time activist and artist. The film explores the intersection of these issues stressing the urgency of coming together to confront them and galvanizing our resolve to uphold our country's founding ideals." All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall

All are warmly invited to the return of our annual all-church pancake supper on Mardi Gras! Come celebrate with pancakes and maple syrup, a traditional sweet treat on the eve of the Lenten season. The children will decorate our “Alleluia” banner and bury it in the sanctuary, where it will await its unveiling on Easter morning. We’ll also hear a preview of our Lenten programs. Pancakes will be provided; please bring fruit or breakfast meats (ready for heating or serving) to share. RSVP to [Sarah Higginbotham](#) so she can plan the pancake production.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

On Ash Wednesday, we reflect on our origins in the dust, our brokenness, and our dependence on God. Through a liturgy of readings, song, and prayer, we will gather together in the Spirit to acknowledge ashes as a sign of creation, mortality, repentance, and the Cross. Join us in person for our evening service with the imposition of ashes or participate from home via our livestream. If you are participating from home, please plan to bring a small dish of soil mixed with olive oil or water for self-imposition.

First Church Community Read & Lenten Formation Series

Sundays, February 26 - March 19, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Harter Room and via Zoom

To be human in an aching world is to know our dignity and become people who safeguard the dignity of everything around us.

- Cole Arthur Riley

Join a Lenten season all-church community read of [This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation and the Stories that Make Us](#) by Cole Arthur Riley.

Written as stories about the author’s childhood and coming to self, *This Here Flesh* “boldly explores some of the most urgent questions of life and faith: How can spirituality not silence the body, but instead allow it to come alive? How do we honor, lament, and heal from the stories we inherit? How can we find peace in a world overtaken with dislocation, noise, and unrest? In this work of contemplative storytelling, Arthur Riley invites us to descend into our own stories, examine our capacity to rest, wonder, joy, rage, and repair, and find that our humanity is not an enemy to faith but evidence of it.” We’ll discuss the book in four hybrid Sunday morning sessions, but even if you can’t attend the conversation, all are encouraged to join in reading this work of truth telling, memory, and embodied contemplative spirituality.



LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT



Americans Who Tell The Truth

February 26 - April 11, 2023

Documentary Screening:

Sunday, February 19 at 12:30 p.m.

Exhibit Opening and

New Harriet Jacobs Portrait Unveiling:

Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 p.m.

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Americans Who Tell The Truth

Exhibit Opening

and Portrait Unveiling

Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 p.m.

Margaret Jewett Hall

First Church in Cambridge and portrait artist Robert Shetterly will co-host an exhibit opening of 11 works from his [Americans Who Tell the Truth](#) collection.

Robert will introduce the exhibit and unveil his latest work, a portrait of the writer and abolitionist Harriet Jacobs.

We will also hear remarks from Harvard Divinity School Associate Dean of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Dr. Melissa Wood Bartholomew, who teaches a course on Harriet Jacobs. We've invited

several of the living truth-tellers whose portraits will be featured to join us for this celebration!

[Read more about the exhibit here.](#)

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., [via Zoom](#)

The New Year and January brought a great discussion of *Hamnet*, and we are looking forward to our next gathering for which we will be reading [The Personal Librarian](#) by Heather Terrell and Victoria Christopher Murray. "*The Personal Librarian* is a fictionalized telling of the lifework of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal librarian to J. P. Morgan, as well as the first director of the Morgan Library & Museum." Next month's book will be Lauren Groff's [Matrix](#). Please join us, we'd love to have you!



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY

retreats, book groups, and
spiritual practice in community



WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cambridge NAACP MLK Brunch

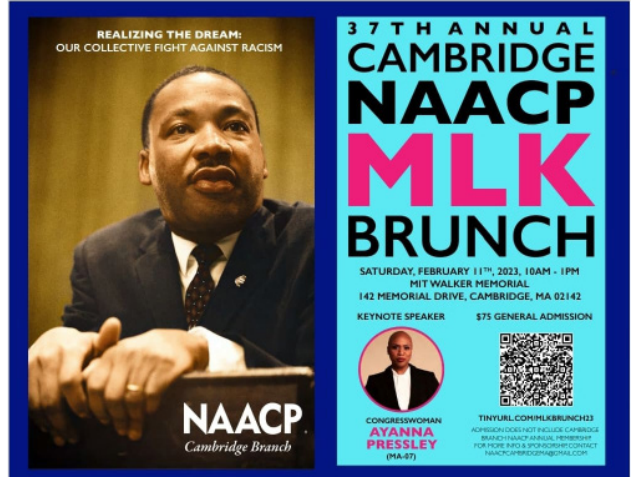
Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MIT Walker Memorial

142 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

First Church members and friends are warmly invited to the Cambridge NAACP's 37th Annual MLK Brunch. This year's theme is ***Realizing the Dream: Our Collective Fight Against Racism.***

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and our own Senior Minister Rev. Dan Smith will receive the Drum Major for Justice Award.



You may attend in person or online. [Please register here.](#) Tickets are \$75. Scholarships are available; if you need assistance, please email: operations@firstchurchcambridge.org



International Choral and Arts Festival

A Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Marsh Chapel, Boston University

735 Commonwealth Ave., Boston

Join Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries as we bring together powerful voices of international and local choirs, dancers, spoken word artists, and others for an unforgettable evening: ***Reclaiming Communities of Peace through Praise.*** Hosted in partnership with the Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium, this event has a mesmerizing line-up of international praise and worship performances.

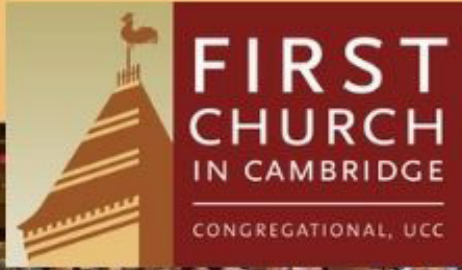
Gun violence has erupted in the City of Boston, erasing promising teen lives and countless others. These acts have called for community action. CMM provides anti-violence training to inner city youth, a "must" in these trying times. It also rehabs homes for low-income families to bring properties up to code. Your support is vital and very much appreciated!

If you cannot join us, please consider purchasing a sponsorship/ad for your business, organization, committee, or foundation, and donate to our cause. Help us carry the message to those who need it the most and let us carry it together in solidarity. "We denounce violence of any kind" is our resounding message. Show up for our slain Black fathers, brothers, and sons of Boston.

[Purchase tickets and/or sponsor the event here.](#)

THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, February 6

4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom

See our [Events Calendar](#) for Zoom links and details.

Tuesday, February 7

7:15 a.m. Reflective Conversations with Brent Coffin, via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, Harter Room

4:00 p.m. FCC Professional Caregivers' Call, via Zoom

Sign up [here](#) to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

Wednesday, February 8 - Lenten Faith & Life Group Proposals Due

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom

Thursday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Weekly Drop-In Bible Study, via Zoom

Friday, February 10

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH

Sunday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: The Life of Harriet A. Jacobs, Harter Room and via Zoom

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Ordination of Deacons, Sanctuary and via livestream

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1:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th graders, Sage Hall

1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class for 9/10th graders, Harter Room

7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

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