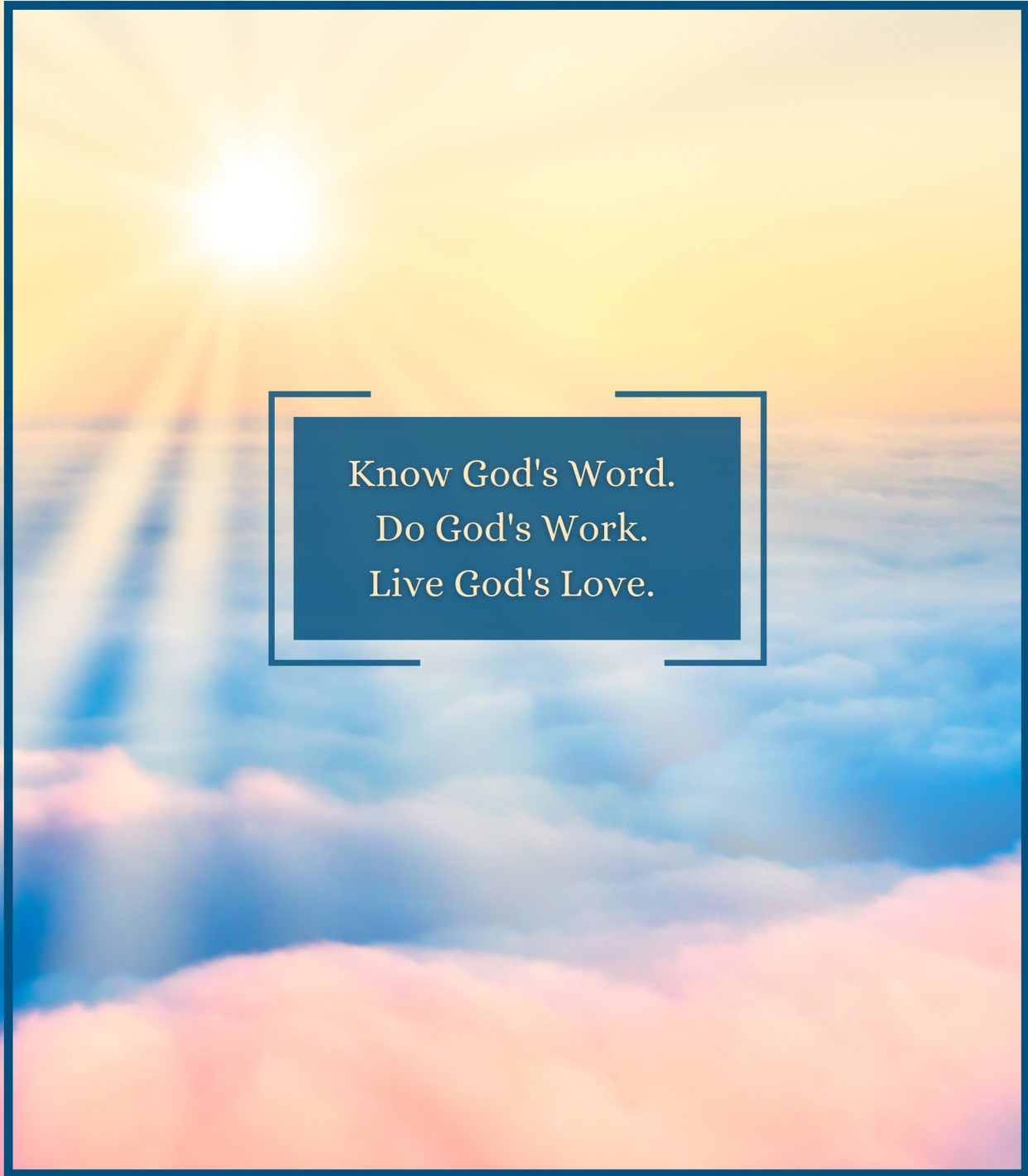


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— Let Us Dream God's Dream —



Sunday Worship & Annual Meeting • January 29, 2023

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Welcome!

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Restrooms are located down the hall on the main floor.

All Gender Restrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary
and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (which is accessible).

Changing tables are located in the Nursery on the main floor
and at the back of the sanctuary.

The Coffee Bar is available at the back of the sanctuary from 9:30-11:30.

***An asterisk** is an invitation to rise, in body or spirit.
Bolded text is an invitation for the congregation
to read or sing in unison.

**Thank you to those
serving this morning:**

Announcements - Rebecca Utz

Ushers - Mark & Owen Solomon

Zoom Coffee Hour Host - Jane Feagans-King

Worship January 29, 2023



Welcome & Announcements

Rebecca Utz

Prelude

"O Salutaris Hostia"

Alexandre Guilmont

*Call to the People

Leader: We see light, hope, and joy;

People: We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;

Leader: We share blessings and fears;

People: We bring faith and doubt.

Leader: With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

*Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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THE ASH GROVE

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Prayers of Petition & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother, Father, 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Passing of the Peace

Our public worship livestream will end with the Passing of the Peace.
The Annual Meeting will be streamed on a private YouTube link.

Liturgical resources used in this service:

Call to the People - <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

Prayer of Petition & Thanksgiving - Feasting on the Word Worship Companion:
Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1 © 2013

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Annual Meeting Agenda January 29, 2023

1. Opening Prayer (Rev. Mia White)
2. Appoint Bill Piper as parliamentarian by affirmation.
3. Record meeting minutes. (Bill Piper)
4. Online members should text their name to Bill Piper's cellphone to record their presence. Online members will vote by texting Bill's cellphone with their name and vote.
5. Establish quorum (40 members).
6. Vote to approve minutes of the 2022 annual meeting. (Ken Blumer)
7. Present, discuss and vote on the 2023 Council slate. (Linda Morice)
8. Present, discuss and vote on the 2023 budget. (Ken Blumer)
9. Treasurer's report. (Mike McKee)
10. Committee chair reports.
 - a. Valerie Jackson, *Worship & Education*
 - b. Bert Merrell, *Stewardship & Administration*
 - c. Adrienne Piston, *Mission & Outreach*
 - d. Chrissy Paterson, *Membership & Fellowship*
11. Moderator's remarks (Ken)
12. Lord's Prayer. (All)

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as we forgive those who sin 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.**

- Announcements -

Women's Book Group

Wednesday February 1, 1:00 PM

The Women's Book Group meets the first Wednesday of each month. The book for February 1 is More Than You'll Ever Know by Katie Gutierrez. Come to the church parlor at 1:00 to catch up and 1:30 for the discussion.

Faith & Fun Family Events

Save the dates for the upcoming Faith & Fun Family Events - February 17, April 21, and May 19. We have dinner and a family activity from 6-7:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Lombard Mediation Overview with Ward Klein

Sunday February 19, 11-12:30 PM

In 2017 FCC worked through a congregational mediation process with Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. On February 19 Ward Klein will lead a 90-minute session giving an overview of the Lombard church conflict mediation process and the basic principles leading to and underlining healthy church communication dynamics.

Save the Date - Pastor Mia's Installation

Sunday April 30, 3:00 PM

After serving as our senior minister for over two years, it's finally time to have Pastor Mia's installation service! The service will be Sunday April 30 at 3:00 PM in our sanctuary. Rev. Traci Blackmon will preach. An installation service occurs when a congregation calls a new pastor. It is a celebration of the covenantal relationship among the ordained minister, the local church, the Association, and the wider UCC.

This Week at FCC

Sunday January 29

10:00 AM - Worship Service
Annual Meeting
11:20 AM - Zoom Coffee Hour
Meeting ID: 314 721 5060
Passcode: coffee
7:30 PM - AA Meeting (Soc. Hall)

Monday January 30

Church Office Closed Mondays
(Staff Team day off)
6:00 PM - New Line Theatre
Rehearsal (Soc. Hall)

Tuesday January 31

10:00 AM - Sacred Studies &
Fellowship (Parlor)
6:00 PM - New Line Theatre
Rehearsal (Soc. Hall)
7:00 PM - Charis Chorus
Rehearsal (Fell. Hall)

Wednesday February 1

8:00 AM - Wydown Men's Club
(Social Hall)
12:00 PM - Staff Team Meeting
1:00 PM - Women's Book Group
(Parlor)

Thursday February 2

6:00 PM - New Line Theatre
(Social Hall)
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 3

6:00 PM - First Friday Fun (Tweens)

Sunday February 5

10:00 AM - Worship Service
11:20 AM - Zoom Coffee Hour
1:00 PM - Extraneous Commas
Rehearsal (Fell. Hall)
7:30 PM - AA Meeting (Soc. Hall)



First Congregational Church of St. Louis

First Hearts

DINNER & DANCE

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

Friday February 10
5:30 PM - Dinner
6:00 PM - Dancing



Spaghetti Dinner
Dance instruction by Michael Wooten with Effervescent Studios

\$10/person or \$40/family

Please RSVP to the church office.
office@firstcongregational.org | 314-721-5060
6501 Wydown Blvd. 63105

Join us Friday February 10 at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a spaghetti dinner and dancing to celebrate the love we have for our church and each other. We will have a dance instructor there to teach some line dances and keep the fun moving! This is an all-ages event so bring your family, bring your friends, and most importantly, bring your dancing shoes!

The cost of the event is \$10/person or \$40/family. Please RSVP to the church office.



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