

Sunday Worship

October 27, 2024 • 10:00 AM

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*



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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Adopted by the Council - 2020

The Guiding Principles of First Congregational Church of St. Louis describe the values that guide our church and its members throughout our faith journey. We will...

Practice Extravagant Welcome

- Invite and honor the contributions of every member, quirks and all.
- Be grateful for the gifts and time that each of us dedicate to FCC.

Demonstrate Faithful Leadership

- Value people and our faith community over money and material things.
- Share concerns with the appropriate person and keep discussions and comments of others confidential.
- Celebrate successes, own mistakes, and fail faithfully together and in community.

Engage in Inclusive Decision-Making

- Be thoughtful, respectful, and transparent in our decision making.
- Value building consensus and move forward faithfully once a decision is reached.
- Listen to one another and debate with respect; honor the contributions of every member.

Overall, we will be guided by FCC's mission to

**Know God's Word,
Do God's Work,
and Live God's Love.**

WELCOME

to First Congregational Church of St. Louis!

*an Open & Affirming congregation of
the United Church of Christ*



If you are visiting with us, we invite you to share your contact information on a Connect Card, found in each pew. You may give your card to an usher or place it in an offering box at either entrance to the sanctuary. You may also scan the QR code on the card to access the digital version.

Restrooms on the main level are located at the back of the sanctuary and in the office. An accessible restroom is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Offering Boxes are located at each sanctuary entrance.

Children are always welcome in worship, either in the pews or at the Playground at the front of the sanctuary. We have Sunday school each week for elementary-aged children downstairs in the Purple Room during worship. The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service.

***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.

Prelude

“Meditation on ‘Slane’”

arr. Charles Callahan

Introit

“Not My Brother, nor My Sister”

***Call to the People**

Leader: To know the warmth of love,

People: To have the assurance that someone cares,

Leader: To be confident of our worth,

People: To be bold to love in return,

Leader: To be washed over with grace,

People: To be accepted as we are:

Leader: This is to know a bit of God.

People: Then let us worship our God.

***Hymn**

#474 “I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”

New Century Hymnal

Tune: I’M SO GLAD

***Passing of the Peace**

Announcements

Robyn Wiens

Stewardship Moment

Paul Brady, *Acceptance and Belonging*

Anthem

“A Prayer for Peace”

Baker/Dennis

Andrew Ruben, Cello

*O God of love, true source of peace,
make wars throughout the world to cease.*

*The wrath of sinful hearts restrain:
give peace, O God, give peace again.*

*Remember, Lord, your works of old,
the wonders that our fathers told.
Remember not our sin’s deep stain;
give peace, O God, give peace again.*

*Whom shall we trust but you, O God?
Where rest but on your faithful word?
None ever called on you in vain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Reflection

Rev. Mia White

Prayers for the Community***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.**

Anthem**"When I Get to Heaven, I Will Sing"***James E. Clemens*

*Oh, when I get to heaven, I will sing.
Oh, when I get to heaven and see the glory there,
oh, when I get to heaven, I will sing.*

*Oh, when I meet my Savior, I will sing.
Oh, when I meet my Savior and see my heavenly home,
oh, when I meet my Savior, I will sing.*

I will sing hallelujah, hallelu.

*I will raise the golden trumpet when I'm there.
I will raise the golden trumpet to praise the Lord on high.
I will raise the golden trumpet when I'm there.*

*I will join the heavenly chorus when I'm there.
I will join the heavenly chorus and glorify my Lord.
I will join the heavenly chorus when I'm there.*

I will sing hallelujah, hallelu.

*Oh, when I get to heaven, I'll be free.
Oh, when I get to heaven, there will be no suffering there.
Oh, when I get to heaven, I'll be free.*

***Blessing**

Leader: On the horizon a light starts to glow.

People: Day is at hand!

Leader: Go now from this place of worship and out into the world.

People: We go to greet the new day.

We go to tell of the dawn that is breaking.

Leader: As you go, take heart. No matter how chaotic the world may seem,
God walks with you always. God, our help in ages past,
will comfort and support you.

People: Our hope for years to come! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“New Britain” (Amazing Grace) *arr. Charles Callahan*

As the postlude begins, we encourage you to continue enjoying fellowship with one another. You are welcome to gather, chat, and connect at your own pace. Let this time be a joyful extension of our worship and community.

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

Ushers: Ann Kittlaus, Ken Blumer

Announcements: Robyn Wiens

Scripture: Eve Wiens

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What's happening at **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**



Sunday October 27

10:00 AM - Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
10:00 AM - Compass Improv (*Fell. Hall*)
11:15 AM - CPR/AED Training (*Social Hall*)
7:30 PM - AA Meeting (*Social Hall*)

Monday October 28

Church Office Closed

7:00 PM - Alliance Philharmonia
Rehearsal (*Fell. Hall*)

Tuesday October 29

10:00 AM - Sacred Studies (*Gathering Space*)

Wednesday October 30

8:00 AM - Wydown Men's Club (*Social Hall*)

Thursday October 31

No Chancel Choir rehearsal. Happy Halloween!

Friday November 1

6:00 PM - Youth Group (*Social Hall*)

Saturday November 2

12:00 PM - Children's Ministry Activity (*Fell. Hall*)

Sunday November 3

All Saints Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
11:15 AM - FCC Staff Team Meeting (*Office*)
7:30 PM - AA Meeting (*Social Hall*)

CPR & AED Training **Today after Worship**

A Clayton firefighter will provide free CPR and AED training after worship today for up to twenty people. There is room for more people, so if you'd like to participate, you're welcome to join us. (*This training does not include official certification.*)

Youth Group Meeting **Friday November 1, 6:00 PM**

Our next youth meeting (for grades 8-12) is this Friday, November 1, from 6-10 PM upstairs in the Social Hall. Friends are always welcome! Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

Monthly Children's Activity

November 2, 12:00 PM

The next monthly children's ministry activity is on Saturday, November 2, from 12-2 PM downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be exploring gratitude - There are many reasons to be grateful when it comes to our health, relationships, nature, learning experiences, and creativity. We'll be exploring the advantages of gratefulness: feel happier, sleep better, make more friends, feel optimistic, focus better. Gratitude is not difficult to learn but like a muscle, it needs practice. Please let Joyce Haynes McCowan know if you plan to attend! The last activity of the year will be December 7: Karaoke, music, and games!

Guest Speaker - Leila Sadat

Sunday November 10 after Worship

On Sunday, November 10, FCC member Leila Sadat will speak to us about some of the human rights work she is doing around the world. Please join us in the sanctuary right after worship for one hour. Leila also asks for our church's prayers regarding the passing of Crimes Against Humanities legislation that she is sponsoring in the World Court and the United Nations.

Isaiah 58 Donations & Volunteering

November 23, 9:00 AM

Our Mission & Outreach Ministry Team invites us to bring donations of canned spinach for Isaiah 58 Ministries' Thanksgiving meal bags for their clients. We have committed to providing 150 cans, so please bring your donations to the church. Also sign up to join our volunteer team at Isaiah 58 - November 23 at 9:00 AM - when we'll help organize the Thanksgiving bags.



All current
sign-ups:



<https://bit.ly/FCCsignups>

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