



**Commemoration of
All the Saints**

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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November 4, 2012
COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE SAINTS

VOLUNTARY *Voluntary* Edward Elgar

*HYMN (*insert*) *Come, We that Love the Lord (We're Marching to Zion)*

*GREETING Lindsay Miller

L: Sisters and brothers, when the saints go marching in, we will greet and meet
and be welcomed by friends and family of courage and faith,

**C: When the saints go marching in, we will meet prophets and leaders
who have called us to walk with them in God's way.**

L: When the saints go marching in, we will meet the wise ones
who dwell in God's reign,

who are part of "great cloud of witnesses" that surround us even now!

**C: When the saints go marching in, let us join them in joyful procession.
Let us worship and praise our God!**

WORDS OF WELCOME Sarah Higginbotham

ANTHEM *How Calmly the Morning* Edward Elgar

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: God of the heavenly hosts, we confess that unlike your choicest saints
we are just average disciples, seldom very evil and seldom very loving.
We read of your saints, and we feel uplifted
and for a few hours, inspired to reach higher,
but too soon the indifference of the society in which we live
dampens our spirits and dissipates our energy.
We remember loved ones whose faithfulness once lit our path
and whose steadfast love warmed our hearts,
yet we admit that our own light flickers and our love becomes lukewarm.
We repent all that has compromised and sullied us and hurt those around us.**

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

**We repent and pray for the forgiveness which only you can offer,
and the renewal which only your Spirit can enact.
Through Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 378 *God, We Thank You for Our People*

All children from PreK to 7th grade are invited to leave at this time to make sandwiches for today's Outdoor Church offering. The children will make the sandwiches in Margaret Jewett Hall, and return to the service in time for the sandwiches to be blessed with the weekly offering.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Terry McKinney

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 24

One: The earth is God's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

All: for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the God? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

One: They will receive blessing from God,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**All: Such is the company of those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

READING

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

Reebee Girash

A PRAYER AFTER HURRICANE SANDY

*HYMN 318 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Carolyn White

OFFERTORY

I Heard a Voice From Heaven

John Goss

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land by every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*COMMUNION-IN-THE-ROUND

INVITATION

Brent Coffin

L: Dear friends, this is the feast of God's wonderful realm!

C: **God has prepared a place for us!**

L: All the saints surround us here!

C: **With saints in heaven and saints on earth
praise God's name at the Spirit's table!**

ANTHEM

Ipharadisi

South African (Nguni)
Freedom Song

*Ipharadisi, ikhaya labafile
Kulapho sophumla knona*

*Ipharadisi, where all the dead are living
May we one day join them all there*

COMMEMORATIONS

L: With all your holy ones we praise you, O God!
Thank you for receiving into your joy
these sisters and brothers who are dear to us:

Wilbur Buschmann

John Cole

Frank Dorman

Joao dos Santos

Walter John Farrell, Jr.

Sondra Friedman

Iris Haydu

Mary Hodes

Jimmy Jackson

Evelyn Bee Madsen

Kimball

Bill Leahy

Betsy Main

Phil Matthews

Ann Williamson Matthews

Marva McArthur

Richard McCann

Anne Folkes Miller

Elisha Moniz

Marlene Novak

Mary Louise Poole

Sam Rea

Dotty Rice

Jean Sawyer

Joseph H. Smith

Kevin Stimpson

Laura Tatum

Stewart Triehy

Christian Wanglund

George Walker

Robert Yu

L: We also recall with love and gratitude
many others who shared our lives,
set a good example for us,
and helped us on our way:

Here you may name (aloud or silently) people who have died, as well as other important people in your lives who are living. Children are encouraged to participate.

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

L: Let us remember and give thanks!

Silence

L: He gave us life!

C: He raised the dead and healed the sick.

L: He showed us mercy!

C: He welcomed sinners and turned no one away.

L: He was good and just!

C: He resisted evil, even to the end.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: Our 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 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 BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of compassion, justice and peace are welcome to this table. Please take a piece of bread as it is served to you, and dip it into one of the cups. Wine will be offered in a clear glass. Juice will be served in a ceramic chalice. 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!

THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!
**Thank you, God,
for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
for 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 splendor 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,
the will to serve you every day,
and life that never ends.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN (*insert*)

For All the Saints

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Today's bulletin cover is from a past All Saints Celebration here at First Church, and features two of the puppet saints. Photograph by Patricia Gnazzo-Pepper.

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

1. Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!

2. Oh, when the sun refuse to shine
Oh, when the sun refuse to shine
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!

3. And when the stars begin to shine
And when the stars begin to shine
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!

4. Oh, when the saints....

Marching to Zion

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join
2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God; but
3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets be -
4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry; we're

in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord
chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King, but chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King
fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields,
march - ing thru Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing thru Em - man - uel's ground

and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on; we're

march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Sine nomine

W. W. How, alt. A. Happe, 1981



For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 And when the task is hard, the labor long,
 The golden evening brightens in the west:
 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 From earth's wide bounds, to ocean's farthest coast,



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed Thy
 Thou, Lord, their Sa - vior through the long cold night;
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant har - vest song, And
 Soon, soon to faith - ful work - ers com - eth rest:
 The Saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray: The
 Through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest. Al -
 Thou in the dark - ness drear, their one true Light. Al -
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Al -
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong. Al -
 Sweet is the calm of Par - a - dise the blest. Al -
 Lamb in Glo - ry pass - es on the way. Al -
 Sing - ing to God: the Word and Ho - ly Ghost. Al -



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WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship.

Nursery care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

PREACHING TODAY IS Reebee Girash, Sabbatical Interim Minister. Assisting with worship are Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing, Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts and Brent Coffin, *Havruta* Scholar-in-Residence. Our liturgist is First Church deacon Lindsay Miller. Giving the Stewardship Testimony is First Church member Carolyn White. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Craig Ball is playing the clarinet, Rob Cooper is playing the trombone, and David Torrey is playing drums. The prayer of confession is adapted from one by Bruce Prewer.

The **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

PUPPET SAINTS Celebrating with us this morning are six Puppet Saints created in 2007 by members of First Church, as well as six new, smaller Puppet Saints created just last Sunday by children in the Church School. Each puppet was named and given a story by the children.

Big Puppet Saints

St. Lionel (robed in green print) loves lions. In fact, he was raised by lions and became a minister to lions after saving a lion from a poacher. St. Lionel believes that all of nature (especially lions!) is a sacred gift from God.

St. Michiro (robed in blue & white stripes) lives in Japan, where he teaches Japanese to monkeys. Like St. Lionel, St. Michiro celebrates the natural world as God's beautiful creation.

St. Maya (robed in pink) is a good listener and an artist who uses materials from nature in her artwork. When not creating pictures from nature, she studies rocks in Madagascar.

Middle Puppet Saints

St. Joann (robed in black & white flowers) is a world traveler who speaks many languages. She loves to sample the foods of different countries. St. Joann is known to help people of all sorts who come to her. She also visits hospitals and heals people who are sick.

St. Lelo (robed in green madras print) loves to sail. She sails around the world with her pet chameleon and pet chinchilla. She is able to speak to frogs and helps them survive in difficult climates.

St. Philip (robed in olive green) is a tae-kwon-do master who is "really close to God." He lives in Iraq, where he cares for the injured and dying, both Americans and Iraqis, who have been hurt by war. He also looks after animals in Iraq.

Small Puppet Saints

St. Lucy (robed in blue print) loves living in the country surrounded by cow pastures. She helps endangered chimpanzees survive, and she "helps people find their way." She also likes to send cards to people who are sick.

St. Rainbow (robed in green) is loving and compassionate. She helps people in need by finding houses for them and caring for them when they are sick. She can speak every language (!) and she teaches people to communicate peacefully with each other in different languages.

St. Valerie (robed in pink stripes) plants flower bulbs as well as seeds of vegetables and grains, so that all can be fed. She gives food away to people who need it.

St. Allie (robed in blue floral) is an artist who paints pictures. She is also an animal doctor who helps all animals, particularly helping animals not to bite people or each other.

St. Sarah (robed in brown stripes) lives in the Amazon. She makes food for animals, and she helps get food to people in war zones. She also helps people who have "owies."

St. Louis (robed in tan & black print) tends to the injured in places where there is war. At one battle, he saved 120 people! "Almost wherever he goes, people follow him."

A NOTE ABOUT ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Today we celebrate the lives, devotion, and example of members and friends of our congregation who died in the last year, as well as their immediate family members (parents, spouses, siblings). We also commemorate all God's holy ones, known and unknown to us, who "ran the good race" with persevering faith, hope and love, and have now entered God's joy.

Our tradition teaches that a saint is anyone who is called and gifted by the Spirit to carry out a ministry of grace and reconciliation in the world, and who is responding generously. And so we also give thanks today for the faithful lives of the living saints. This is, therefore, a day of praise to God for the whole church, the faithful on earth, and the faithful in heaven.

Today's celebration culminates in a service of communion with Christ, with each other, and with all the saints. We gather for communion in a large circle around the table. Everyone is welcome in this circle, even if you are here for the first time! If you use a wheelchair or a walker, a ramp on the north transept side will facilitate your joining the circle. Although we warmly welcome everyone to the circle, anyone who prefers to remain in the pews should also feel free to do so. We will serve communion to you wherever you are.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

LIVING THE QUESTIONS CAFÉ: STEWARDSHIP 10 O'CLOCK HOUR Today, Today and Sundays November 11, and 18 at 10 a.m., Hastings Room Our Living the Questions Café takes on a Stewardship theme through November 18. Members of the Stewardship Committee will share testimonies of church folks along with related Scripture passages. Then we'll ponder some deep questions about giving, abundance, generosity, and what we aspire to be and do as a congregation. Join us in the Hastings Room!

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM: BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY AT FIRST CHURCH Today, at 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room We invite you to a continuation of ongoing conversations we've been having over the past two years about race and culture in our own lives and in the life of First Church. Lunch will be provided. We will share our visions of what the beloved community might look like at First Church, as well as our ideas about ways to move toward a more multi-racial and multicultural faith community. Please join us!

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING! Today at 12:30 p.m., outside First Church First Church Young Adults are invited to gather for lunch and to attend the Boston New Sanctuary Movement's twice-yearly vigil for immigrant detainees at the Suffolk County House of Corrections today. We'll meet outside First Church at 12:30 p.m. and drive to the House of Corrections for a short conversation and pizza before the vigil begins at 2 p.m. Please email Julie Rogers at JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org to join the email list and to learn more!

MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your

faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

METROPOLITAN BOSTON ASSOCIATION (MBA) FALL MEETING - STORIES FROM THE CROSSROADS Today at 2:30 p.m., Newton Highlands Congregational Church Come hear stories from UCC churches engaging the power of assessment and reaching into their communities in new ways. You will hear testimony from church leaders engaged in the process of assessing towards the goal of a bold mission for the future. Join us at the MBA Fall Meeting at Newton Highlands Congregational Church. Get details from Dick Harter, Joanne Paul (rides available from Joanne), or Reebee Girash. All FCC members invited and encouraged to attend! Register at macucc.org or at the door.

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12! COMEDY IMPROV WORKSHOP Today, at 4 p.m. Never been to a youth gathering before? NO problem at all! We are welcoming new folks every week and we would love to see you! Feel free to bring your friends and please be in touch with Julie Rogers, Affiliate Minister for Youth and Young Adults at jrogers@firstchurchcambridge.edu to learn more and to join the email list!

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Today at 7 p.m., Sanctuary Bask in the beauty of Renaissance polyphony, Gregorian chant, introspective modal improvisations by jazz musicians, incense and icons. Participation in Night Song, about an hour in length, is through listening and silent prayer. It is not meant to be a performance, but rather a transformance – a medium for achieving inner peace, centering and spiritual renewal. Set apart from the sights, sounds, and values of current culture, Night Song helps participants enter an inner mystical silence. You are invited and encouraged to attend and to tell others about this opportunity at First Church.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

FIRST CHURCH IS GOING ON THE ROAD! Friday November 9, 8-10 p.m., Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston THIS WEEK, Friday November 9th from 8-10 pm. We are responding to an invitation from the Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston (<http://iglesiabautistaboston.com/>) to provide an FCC-style worship experience for them in their fall season of worship exchange. The HBCB is located in the basement of Tremont Temple at 88 Tremont St, Boston. It is an evangelical Spanish-speaking immigrant church with joyful, energetic praise music which we will experience a little of. Parking will be available at the One Beacon St Garage around the corner from Tremont St. with ticket validation for 8\$, and the church is 3 blocks down Tremont St. from the Park St. subway station. We would also like to propose POTLUCK food contributions for the evening. Please email Ellen

(erohanball@aol.com) if you plan to attend also don't forget to contact Peter Sykes if you'd like to participate in the choir for this event! Hasta luego, amados!

EVENING OUTING TO THE SILVERTONE GRILLE AND THE HISPANIC BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOSTON! Friday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. We'll begin our evening by sharing appetizers and conversation at the Silvertone Grille (69 Bromfield St, Boston-- near the Park Street t-stop) and then we'll head over together to experience the worship exchange between First Church and the Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston! Please be in touch with Julie Rogers, Affiliate Minister for Youth and Young Adults at jrogers@firstchurchcambridge.edu to learn more about these events and to join the email list!

FIRE DRILL On November 11 at the conclusion of Worship and Sunday School, we will have a Fire Drill. Sunday School Teachers will lead their classes directly to the Designated Gathering Area directly across Mason Street by the white pillars in front of Radcliffe. Adults will move from the sanctuary directly to the Designated Gathering Area directly across Mason Street by the white pillars in front of Radcliffe. Specific directions will be given from the microphone when the evacuation begins.

ALL-CHURCH DANCE & POTLUCK, NOVEMBER 11, 4:00 P.M. Make sure to mark your calendars for the All-Church Dance & Potluck on Sunday, November 11, at 4:00 p.m. This will be a joyful all-ages event that should not be missed! Learn simple dances taught by a skillful dance caller and accompanied by live music. Bring your friends to meet and dance with your church family! A potluck dinner will follow, and we'll get cleaned up and ready to head home or to Night Song by 7:00 p.m.

GET INVOLVED

HURRICANE SANDY RESPONSE There are a wide variety of ways to help our neighbors in the US, Cuba, Haiti and elsewhere impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Two church related relief efforts can be found online at www.ucc.org/disaster/hurricane-sandy-update.html (UCC fund for Sandy relief) and www.churchworldservice.org.

COVENANT DINNERS ARE ON! We have 6 terrific hosts for dinners in November and December. Now we need guests. Here are the dinners we have so far:

1. Lexington: Saturday, November 10 at 6:00PM -- pot luck (side dishes, dessert), stairs, max 10 adults, no young children
2. Woburn: Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving) at 4:00PM -- pot luck (appetizers and dessert), accessible, max 8-10 guests
3. Cambridge: Sunday, December 2 at 4:30PM -- pot luck, not accessible, max 7 persons, kids welcome
4. Somerville: Friday, December 7 at 6:30PM -- pot luck, not accessible, max 7 persons, no young kids
5. Arlington: Saturday, December 8 at 6:00PM -- pot luck, stairs, max 9 guests, young kids welcome

Arlington: Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas) at 5:00PM -- pot luck (side dishes, desserts),
condo with stairs, max 6 adults/4 children

Thanks to Sarah Higginbotham, you can now sign up to be a guest or host on the First Church website! From the home page, click on "Worship, Music and Spiritual Life." Look for "Covenant Dinners" in the list under "Small Groups" and click on it to get to a form for signups. You can also continue to sign up with us via email or phone, or see us in coffee hour on Sunday. (Dave Kidder; flintkiddr@aol.com; 617-924-7236; Beth Loomis; bethloomis3@gmail.com; 617-851-2505). And if you'd like to host a dinner, we're scheduling for January and February of next year. Thanks

HOSPICE OF CAMBRIDGE is sponsoring a discussion on Palliative and Hospice Care on November 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 56 Brattle St. Dr. Loring Conant, former medical director of the first hospice in Massachusetts, and an expert panel discuss options open to patients and families as they face the challenges of living with a terminal illness. Suggested donation: \$10. Preregistration is required at 617-547-6789 or www.ccae.org/catalog/detail.php?id=564067.

GOT GIFTS?!?!? FIRST CHURCH COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE Meetings

Curious and interested about what First Church committees actually do? Wondering whether one of them is for you? You are invited to attend one or several OPEN HOUSE committee meetings listed below. Each group will be holding a regular meeting, working as it usually does to carry out a First Church ministry. So drop in, observe and participate. All are welcome!!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION for CHILDREN & YOUTH Sunday, November 4, 12:30 p.m. First Church

Discuss future programs such as Advent workshop; discuss updating safe-church policy to address social media

STEWARDSHIP Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Reebee's/Dan's Office

Marian Smith and Beth Loomis Haas, Co-Chairs

Plan for completion of stewardship campaign, look ahead to spring projects.

Please let the committee chairs or any member of the Gifts Discernment Committee know if you have any questions, suggestions and feedback.

Ann McCann and Jenny Stuart, Co-Chairs; Audrey Bellinger, Devin Hansen, Pauline Fennel and Stephen Weller, Gifts Discernment/Nominating Committee

CHANGES IN STORE FOR NIGHT SONG Beginning tonight Night Song will begin at 7 p.m., and we will be resuming the instrumental component with the return of our jazz musicians. We encourage you to attend Night Song at least once to become familiar with this program of First Church. You may then find that there are people to whom you would like to recommend this experience. In the coming season our goal is to at least double attendance which has averaged around 25 per Sunday during the summer months. In addition to our ongoing mixed choral ensembles and the ensemble of men, we are excited to announce that Cristi Catt will be leading an ensemble of women this season. If you have any interest in singing, ushering or helping with publicity for Night Song, contact Daryl Bichel at 617-312-8328, daryl**bichel@aol.com**.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS NEEDED FOR RIM as we are settling a new family from Iraq into an apartment in West Roxbury. Especially needed are three single beds, one of which is for a six year old girl (so it could be a youth bed).

SABBATICAL UPDATE Senior Minister Dan Smith is on sabbatical through January 31, 2013. Our Sabbatical Interim Minister is Reebee Girash. She can be reached at church or by email or phone, and she invites you into thoughtful conversation during this season. Reebee and Terry McKinney will be jointly working to coordinate pastoral care. For pastoral emergencies please note that an on-call number is listed in Reebee's outgoing voicemail. For further details on Dan's sabbatical, see the brochure and recent Event Newsletters.

MEMBERS' AREA SECTION OF CHURCH WEBSITE The members' area section of the website is up and running! Please visit the First Church's homepage and click the link that says *Members Area* to login and try it out. Whether you have been a part of our congregation for a few weeks or for a lifetime, as an official member or a friend, you are welcome to sign on for access to our church directory, prayer requests, a First Church blog, small group announcements, board minutes, budgets, and more. Update contact information, post photos and also email each other through our site (note: actual email addresses remain hidden). Your information will not be accessible to anyone but members and friends of our community. Please login and check it out!

NEW MEMBER BIOS

We had two new members join First Church last Sunday. Here is a little bit about each of them. Please say hello and welcome when you see them.

Karlene Griffiths Sekou is the proud mother of a vivacious two-month old son, Lalibela Sekou, and partner of Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou. As the current Director of The Boston Healthy Start Initiative, an urban perinatal health program, we struggle for health equity, and to reduce disparities in infant deaths and maternal outcomes. Our program addresses racism, structural inequalities, and facilitates community building, empowerment and advocacy. My deepest commitments lie in serving to build the Beloved community of *all* God's children as pastoral practice both locally and

internationally. Passions also include the study of liberation theologies, human development, pastoral care, foreign films, and travel.

Marilyn E. Votaw is the founder and executive director of Tremendous Hearts and divides her time between the U.S. and Cape Town, South Africa. Tremendous Hearts ministers to orphaned, abandoned, neglected and abused children in South Africa by sending long-term volunteers to provide services to children and to build the capacity of the agencies that care for them. Marilyn was baptized as an adult in and was an active member of Pleasant Street Congregational Church in Arlington for many years. When she is in Cape Town, she is an active member of Rondebosch United Church.

REPORT OF MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mission and Social Justice Committee offers First Church members and friends an opportunity to live out our Christian witness in learning, spirituality, acting for peace and justice, sharing God's bounty with others, loving our neighbor as ourselves. Please pray about how you can participate in these vital programs.

Sunday, November 4, 2012, Suffolk County House of Corrections, 2 p.m.

Boston New Sanctuary Movement's twice-yearly vigil for immigrant detainees at the Suffolk County Contact Jean Miller (jeanmiller.miller37@gmail.com)

For information on how you can give moral support to detainees by standing in solidarity outside the House of Corrections.

Sunday, November 4, 2012, in First Church Sanctuary, 3:30 p.m.

Celebration of Rumi The RUAH Spirituality Program of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries will be offering a very special celebration of Rumi, with dervishes turning, special music, and inspiring readings from Rumi in English and Farsi. Tickets at the door: \$15 general admission; \$7 for seniors and students

Friday, November 16, 2012, All Saints Church, Brookline, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Spirituality and Healing Conference Explore the role of faith in healing, in approaching life fully despite chronic health issues, spirituality in dealing with youth violence, freedom from addictions, and other workshops. Hear keynote speakers Margaret Bullitt-Jonas and Rabbi Or Rose address the conference topic, “**How Do We Heal in a Broken World?**” Our own Rev. Terry McKinney is serving as a panelist. Cost \$65/person including lunch. The Mission and Social Justice Committee has two free scholarships available. Contact Alice Kidder at flintkiddr@aol.com for more information.

NIGHT SONG

Every Sunday, 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

You are invited to explore Night Song, which will take place every Sunday evening in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. from November through April. It is an opportunity to explore the mystical side of faith and worship. That may be quite different from your current orientation, but in it you might possibly find it a suitable supplement to your spiritual practice.

Imagine the beauty of the sanctuary glowing in candlelight and fragrant with the sweet smell of incense. Consider how God might speak to you through stillness, silence, and the soaring sounds of Renaissance polyphony and Gregorian chant mixed with contemplative improvisations by jazz musicians.

In Night Song you may also find an opportunity to invite friends and colleagues to share in a spiritual experience without the sometimes intimidating elements of dogma, creeds, confession of sins, sermons, and coffee hour. It could eventually be a gateway for some to fuller participation and appreciation of life and ministry at First Church in Cambridge.

. . . .Be Still

Relish the space and time to be still and allow God to enter in and speak to you. Assume a posture of prayer, and think charitably of those in need, trouble, danger, or sorrow. Light a candle with a specific intention in mind.

.Bask in Beauty

Allow the surroundings – candles, incense, icons, and more – to transport you to another realm, lend new insight, transform and renew. Let the glorious and heavenly sounds of the music wash over you and embrace you.

.Leave in Peace

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 4

All Saints Sunday

(Note: Daylight Saving Time ends)

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults: Stewardship, Hastings Room
- 10:00 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Communion in the Round, All Saints Sunday Celebration, Reebee Girash, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Building the Beloved Community Forum, Hastings Room
- 12:30 p.m. Christian Formation for Children & Youth Meeting, Room 204
- 12:30 p.m. Young Adults Lunch and Social Justice Vigil
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary
(note time change for November – April)

Wednesday, November 7

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Senior Minister's office

Thursday, November 8

- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Sunday, November 11

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults: Stewardship, Hastings Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Reebee Girash, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Senior Minister's Office
- 4:00 p.m. All-Church Dance and Potluck, MJH
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;
To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;
To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;
To respect and preserve God's earth;
To foster community across every barrier and division;
To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;
To support each other in our frailties and strengths, that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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