



Advent

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
December 2, 2012
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

VOLUNTARY *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* J. S. Bach

*HYMN 114 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*THE LIGHT OF ADVENT Godly Play Class I

L: We gather to worship, full of Hope.
L: When one light breaks forth, the world is renewed.
All: When one light shines in darkness, there is hope.
L: When one candle is lit, our souls are warmed.
All: When one candle is lit, hope is born in our hearts.

The candle of Hope is lit.

L: Let us pray together:
**All: God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the center, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time. Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME Terry McKinney

MOMENT OF CONCERN Sunessa Schettler

ANTHEM *The Angel Gabriel* Basque carol

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Barbara Hume

SILENCE

**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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: And now, full of confidence,
let us pray for healing, pardon, and peace.

**All: In the company of your people,
we confess to you, O God,
that our lives and the life of the world
have been wounded —
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone,
by what we have said,
and by what we have left unsaid.
We ask pardon for our sins,
patience for our weaknesses,
healing for our wounds,
and strength to grow in the love we lack.
This we pray, with humble hearts and abundant hope. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

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.

*HYMN 115 *Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING Luke 21:25-36

SERMON *The Strength to Escape* Karen McArthur

*HYMN 117 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *A White Dove Flew from Heaven* Johannes Brahms

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Hope in our God who reigns above,
Who holds us all in steadfast love,
Whose Spirit blows across the earth,
Preparing us for second birth! Amen.**

ADVENT HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION

Reebee Girash

L: Come, people of God, come to the table of hope!
All: Our hope is in God, who made heaven and earth!
L: Come, people of God, come to the table of peace.
All: Christ is our peace, and healing for the nations!
L: Come, people of God, come to the table of life!
All: The Spirit will feed us and make us new!

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly. Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Bles - sed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

L: And now, O God, with hearts full of hope, we remember Jesus.

Silence

L: We remember that he came to us humbly.

All: He put aside the glory that was his.

L: We remember that he announced your favor.

All: He taught us to welcome your mercy.

L: We remember that he resisted evil,
loved extravagantly, and turned no one away.

All: He did your will, and trusted your love.

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.

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God who
takes a-way the sin of the world, look mer-ci-ful-ly on
us. O Lamb of God who takes a-way the sin of the
world, look mer-ci-ful-ly on us. O Lamb of God who
takes a-way the sin of the world, grant
us thy peace.

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of compassion, justice and peace are welcome at this table. It is our custom to eat the bread as it is passed and hold the glasses until everyone has been served, that we may drink as a single act of communion with Christ. A small number of rice crackers have been placed on each communion plate for those who require them because of allergies. Both red wine and white grape juice will be offered.

THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks to God
for all the goodness we have received!

**All: 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 splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice
you have made our own.
Give us the fruits 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 121

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

O Radix Jesse

Healey Willan

*O Root of Jesse, who standest for an ensign of the people,
before whom kings shall keep their silence,
to whom the nations shall offer their petitions,
come deliver us; wait not any longer.*

VOLUNTARY

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 Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance.

Assisting with worship is Reebee Girash, Sabbatical Interim Minister, Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing, and Godly Play Class I. Our liturgist is First Church deacon Barbara Hume. Giving the Moment of Concern is First Church member Sunessa Schettler. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

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.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

POEMS OF HOPE Today and Sundays December 9, 16, & 23 at 10 a.m., Hastings Room Join us in the Hastings Room for a time of sharing poems related to this Season of Hope. We will gather poems from Scripture and from recent years. We are looking for group leaders for two of these sessions — speak to Terry (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Reebee (rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org) for details. Today, we invite you to bring a poem of Advent - especially a poem on the theme of Hope - to share with the group.

LITURGY WORKSHOP Today and Sundays December 9 & 16 at 10 a.m., McKenzie Library Ever wondered what goes into crafting one of our 11:00 worship services? Have an interest in writing a greeting or prayer? We invite you to join a liturgy workshop focused on preparations for our Epiphany Sunday 11:00 service (January 6th). Contact Reebee (rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org) with questions.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER Every Communion Sunday, the deacons and ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. The healing prayer teams will be positioned in the chancel (near the baptismal font). If you would like to share a healing prayer, receive an anointing or laying on of hands, please approach one of the teams at the end of the service and make your need known. In addition to healing prayers offered after the service today, members of the First Church community are welcome to contact a minister at any time for prayer or conversation about what is on your mind and heart.

OUTDOOR CHURCH OFFERING On Communion Sundays, it is our practice to prepare 3 dozen lunches for the Outdoor Church to distribute to those in need on the streets of Cambridge. The children of the church lead us in this discipline, leaving worship at 11:20 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month and return with the lunches in time for multigenerational Communion. As always, people of all ages are encouraged to participate by volunteering to deliver the lunches to the Cambridge Common at 1:00 p.m. Speak with Sarah Higginbotham or the Deacon serving as Head Greeter today if you'd like to get involved in the ongoing mission project.

ADVENT WORKSHOP Today at 12:15 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall The Advent Workshop is perfectly timed to welcome the new season of expectation with a bit of artsy creativity.

- ◆ Make an Advent wreath for your home with evergreens. Bring your candle ring from home or receive a new one from our (limited) supply at the workshop.
 - ◆ Learn how to dip home-made candles
 - ◆ Create home-made wrapping paper, a personalized Advent calendar, tin or glass lanterns, and Christmas tree ornaments
 - ◆ Enjoy a cup of soup, a mug of hot mulled cider and the company of your First Church friends
- Plan to linger at coffee hour on this first Sunday of Advent to get the season off to the right start!

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).

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Today at 7 p.m., Sanctuary Night Song finally has an ensemble of women to officially count as one of its small choral groups. Led by Cristi Catt, the new group will sing for the first time at Night Song tonight. The program will include chant by Hildegard von Bingen and medieval polyphony. In addition, they will premiere Daryl Bichel's new chant setting of compline using the Latin text for this liturgy from the Liber Usualis. Come and enjoy a respite from the busy holiday season.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

JERUSALEM: THE EAST SIDE STORY This film by Mohammed Al Atar will be screened on December 4 in Margaret Jewett Hall at 7:30 p.m. It is sponsored by American Jews for a Just Peace and the Palestine Israel Task Team of First Church. The East Side Story includes interviews with Palestinian and Israeli leaders, human rights activists, and political analysts. The director will be present and there will be a Q & A after the screening. Also an opportunity to buy Palestinian crafts. Please join us.

PLEASE JOIN WITH OTHER FIRST CHURCH MEMBERS IN ATTENDING THE GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION (GBIO) DELEGATES

ASSEMBLY on Thursday, December 6th from 7:30 - 9:00 PM at the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, 100 Malcolm X Boulevard, Boston. The Assembly will decide whether and how to support revenue reform in Massachusetts. Come and be part of the First Church caucus. More information to follow. Please let Karen Anne Zee, Dave or Alice Kidder know that you are planning to come. We may schedule a briefing before the meeting. ISBCC is easily accessible by T. Take the Orange Line to Roxbury Crossing. Need a ride? Can you give a ride? Contact Alice Kidder at (617) 276-6227 or flintkiddr@aol.com.

YOUNG ADULTS ANIMATE DISCUSSION SERIES Our Advent discussion series, ANIMATE, is underway! We are meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and joined by members of Church of the Covenant. Animate is a lively, thoughtful curriculum that provides a great jumping-off point for discussion on core tenants of our faith. Our next gathering will be this coming Wednesday, December 5 at Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury Street, Boston. The series will conclude on Wednesday, December 12. Even if you couldn't make the first meeting, please consider joining us for the next two. Please contact Julie Rogers at jrogers@firstchurchcambridge.org to join the email list and to learn more!

SING IN THE FAMILY CHOIR DURING THE UN-PAGEANT The First Church Family Choir is preparing a musical offering for the Un-Pageant on December 23. We'll rehearse at 10:00 on December 9, 16 and 23. People of all ages and musical backgrounds are welcome. Bringing other family members is a bonus, but certainly not required; all we look for is people who love to sing! The music will be taught by ear, but notes on paper will be available for those who wish. Questions? Contact Sarah Higginbotham (shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org).

RADCLIFFE CHORAL SOCIETY TO SING AT MORNING WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 9 The First Church Choir will be at United Parish in Brookline on December 9, as part of their now annual joint choir exchange. (Both choirs will sing at First Church's morning worship on December 16). While they are away next week, we are happy to welcome the Radcliffe Choral Society, who will take part in our service. The Radcliffe Choral Society was founded in 1899 by Radcliffe President Elizabeth Cary Agassiz and is one of the oldest collegiate women's choruses in the nation. Under the current leadership of Director of Choral Activities Andrew Clark and Resident Conductor Beth Willer, the Choral Society continues its tradition of performing a rich and distinctive repertoire, embracing nine centuries of choral literature. One of only five Harvard organizations to still bear the Radcliffe name, the Radcliffe Choral Society is proud to honor its history and legacy by celebrating excellence in women's choral music and the extraordinary community formed through its music-making.

NEXT YOUTH GROUP GATHERING IS ON DECEMBER 16 AT THE CITY MISSION SOCIETY! There will not be a youth gathering today (December 2) but please join us for our last youth gathering of 2012 on Sunday, December 16! We will be volunteering with the City Mission Society's Christmas Shop and then going out for pizza together. We will meet at First Church at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, December 16 and will return at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Julie Rogers at jrogers@firstchurchcambridge.org for more information about this wonderful opportunity!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH OUR SABBATICAL INTERIM MINISTER Each month Reebee will be setting up shop for Coffee & Conversation at a local coffee shop. These will be very informal drop-in sessions with no agenda except chatting and learning more about our Cambridge neighbors. Stop by and let Reebee buy you a cup of tea or a scone!

- ◆ **Thursday, December 13, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**, Starbucks in the "Garage" building in Harvard Square

GET INVOLVED

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FIRST CHURCH SHELTER DURING THE HOLIDAYS. Please contact Shelter Director Jim Stewart (jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org) if you can help make the holiday season a pleasant one for the guests served by the First Church Shelter. There several ways to help:

- ◆ provide a decorated Christmas tree
- provide an item or help serve a Christmas meal

Have an idea about how you could help? Let us know.

STEWARDSHIP 2013 Thank you to all who have returned a pledge card for 2013. Your financial support, and the sharing of your time and talents are the heartbeat of our mission and ministry. If you haven't yet returned a pledge card, blank cards are available on the back table in the sanctuary, and may be returned via the offering plate, US mail, to Karen McArthur's mailbox in the church office or by email to Karen at treasurer@firstchurchcambridge.org. We hope to have all pledges in by December 12th. Thank you for your generous support of First Church!

SUPPORT REFUGEE IMMIGRATION MINISTRY AT THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR Amaryllis and paper white bulbs, along with Cathy Garnett's note cards, will be sold at the Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) table at the Alternative Fair today. Proceeds support our refugee families.

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY FROM IRAQ needs a washer and dryer. Let Pauline Fennel know if you have such to donate.

COVENANT DINNERS ARE ON! We have some terrific hosts for dinners between now and Christmas. Now we need guests. Here are the dinners we have so far:

1. Cambridge: Sunday, December 2 at 4:30 p.m. -- pot luck, not accessible, max 7 persons, kids welcome
2. Somerville: Friday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. -- pot luck, not accessible, max 7 persons, no young kids
3. Arlington: Saturday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. -- pot luck, stairs, max 9 guests, young kids welcome
4. Arlington: Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas) at 5:00 p.m. -- pot luck (side dishes, desserts), condo with stairs, max 6 adults/4 children

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 by 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). Also, if you'd like to host a dinner, we're scheduling for January and February of next year. Thanks!

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!

The bulletin cover is an image of a ceramic mosaic created by the children of the church. The design by Perry Neubauer depicts the four candles of Advent. One is lit on each of the four Sundays of Advent, which is indicated by the candles' varying heights.

Stewardship Message

Stewards of Life Abundant: Transformative Generosity

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God. – 2 Corinthians 9:11

As Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann points out, the Bible starts out with a liturgy of abundance – a song of praise for God’s generosity. It keeps saying, “It is good, it is good, it is good, it is very good.” Filled with God’s generosity, Jesus went around to people suffering from scarcity – of health, of acceptance, of power, of understanding – and replaced it with a gift of abundance. Jesus is well-schooled in the transformative generosity of God and in the conviction that if you share your bread with the neighbor, the world will be made new. He knows that generosity isn’t something you just think about, it’s something you do.

Stewardship presumes blessing and abundance. Jesus sums up the purpose of his ministry this way: that we “may have life, and have it abundantly.” Our job is discernment of the ways in which all of us, including the church, already have “far more than all we can ask or imagine.” Then the real work of stewardship becomes embracing generosity *in the spirit of Jesus* as a way of life. How is this way of life transformative for you?

A message from Stewards in the Household of God: a Resource for Holistic Year-round Stewardship available from United Church of Christ Resources.

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Mission Moment

Signs of Things to Come

Even before Advent begins, there are “signs” everywhere that the holidays are approaching. Signs give us direction, a sense of where we are, and a sense of where we are going. We search for signs of God’s presence to help us comprehend a complicated and often confusing world. We desire certainty amidst uncertainty and yearn for the known among the vast unknown. We crave assurance that the future will be better than the present.

Our sacred scriptures speak of people in every generation seeking signs. And yet these same scriptures remind us that when we can trust in the midst of uncertainty, in that place where there are no signs pointing us in any direction, faith flourishes in a deep and profound way.

Take a moment and reflect on the stories we will hear this Advent season. Each story is full of twists and turns, unexpected events in which our spiritual ancestors are asked to take huge leaps of faith and are required to trust in the face of life’s most challenging situations. They receive a few signs along the way--a few visitations, a couple of dreams, but even then, they must find ways to interpret God’s presence and make the best decisions they can, often with Cloudy information and little support.

Life is unpredictable and while we look for signs of things to come, there is actually little we have control over and few things we can know for sure. Ultimately, God is Mystery, and we are invited to enter that Mystery fully. This is the heart of the Advent journey, the great Mystery being born among us anew each year.

In her poem, “Mysteries, Yes,” Mary Oliver says

*Truly, we live with mysteries
too marvelous to be understood....
Let me keep my distance, always, from those
who think they have the answers.
Let me keep company always with those who say
“Look!” and laugh in astonishment,
and bow their heads.*

Perhaps this Advent season we should relinquish our needs for signs and simply let the Mystery be. Maybe we should heed Mary Oliver’s advice and keep our distance from those who think they have the answers. Let’s embark on an Advent journey, keeping company with those who embrace the Mystery in great reverence and those who truly “see” and laugh with joy.

December 2012
God is still speaking,

Rev. G. Penny Nixon
Congregational Church
San Mateo, CA



The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 2

The First Sunday of Advent

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Karen McArthur, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour with Light Lunch, Multi-generational Advent Workshop (arts, crafts, wreath-making), MJH
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

Monday, December 3

- 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee, Conference Room 204

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Senior Minister's office
- 7:00 p.m. ANIMATE Young Adult Advent Discussion Series, Church of the Covenant (67 Newbury Street, Boston)

Thursday, December 6

- 7:30 p.m. GBIO Delegates Assembly, Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (100 Malcolm X Boulevard, Boston)

Sunday, December 9

The Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults
- 10:00 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Reebee Girash, preaching, Radcliffe Choral Society
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Alternative Christmas Fair, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Young Adult Brunch, Harvard Square
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Senior Minister's Office
- 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.



The Staff of First Church in Cambridge

Senior Minister	Rev. Dan Smith, on sabbatical from October 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013
Sabbatical Interim Minister	Rev. Reebee Girash, 617-547-2724, ext. 26 rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org
Minister of Mental Health & Healing	Rev. Terry McKinney, 781-643-7324 tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org
Affiliate Minister of Stewardship and Finance	Rev. Karen McArthur, 617-547-2724, ext. 22 treasurer@firstchurchcambridge.org
Affiliate Minister of Youth & Young Adults	Julie Rogers, 617-547-2724 jrogers@firstchurchcambridge.org
<i>Havruta</i> Scholar-in-Residence	Rev. Brent Coffin
Director of Music	Peter Sykes, 617-661-0570 psykes@aol.com
Director of Creative Worship & Arts	Sarah Higginbotham, 617-547-2724, ext. 42 shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org
Staff Composer	Patricia Van Ness
Shelter Director	Jim Stewart, 617-661-1873 jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org
Parish Administrator	Kirsten Manville, 617-547-2724, ext. 21 parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org
Administrative Assistant	Jim Tomlinson, 617-547-2724, ext. 41 jtomlinson@firstchurchcambridge.org
Sextons	William Glass, Tina Quimby, George Williams, 617-642-3980



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL

United Church of Christ

11 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

617-547-2724