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**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

### Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

These past months have brought home to all of us the vital importance of working together to slow and limit the spread of Coronavirus. We know we are called to be a community of faith, not fear. We also know we are called to care for the most vulnerable in our midst, to be good stewards of our staff and resources, and to be good citizens of the wider community.

Under normal circumstances, people of faith would care for each other by drawing close together. It's what we do. It's who we are. In times of loss or threat, we respond by coming together to pray and to sing, to hug and hold each other tight.

Pandemics are different. During an outbreak such as the one we are facing now, we are called to care for each other by moving farther apart, creating a holy buffer of social distance. We do this not only for our own safety and the safety of the people around us, but in loving stewardship to our wider world.

Even when apart, we are not alone. God is with us, in every heartbeat, every breath: strengthening, comforting, and upholding us. Christ is with us, walking beside us, sharing our trials, speaking peace to our fears. The Spirit is with us, uniting us one to another across the barrier of physical distance.

These are temporary measures only. They won't last forever. We will rejoice and celebrate all the more when we are able to come back together, to share stories of what it was like, to laugh, to cry, and to share hugs and handshakes again. Until then, day by day, let's hold one another in prayer.

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

February 14, 2021

#### Preaching Today

Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate

#### Leading Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister

Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate

Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts

Susie Neubauer, Pastoral Care Teams Coordinator

Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach

Jim Stewart, First Church Shelter Director

Peter Sykes, Music Director

Kevin Newell, tech support

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## GATHERING

## VOLUNTARY

Christus, der ist mein Leben

Johann Pachelbel

## \*HYMN 18

Praise to the Living God

*(see page 4)*

## \*GREETING

Susie Neubauer

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 presence embolden us with strength and courage.

C: **Here, may God's light show us the path toward healing and justice.**

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

C: **Come, let us worship God, in all of her holy mysteries and revelations.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Susie Neubauer and Dan Smith

## CANDLELIGHTING

## ANTHEM

God's Forgiveness Waits  
*Susie Neubauer, soprano*

Layzer/Sykes

## CONFESSING

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jaz Buchanan

## 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,  
yet seeking comfort in our privilege,  
distracting ourselves with possessions,  
and not caring for the earth as Your sacred creation,  
we are led away from You.**

**Forgive us, Holy One. Lead us to repent and return.**

**Show us your Light amidst our shadows.**

**Illuminate your justice, righteousness, and peace. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \*GREETING OF PEACE

### A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sarah Higginbotham

### OPENING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### READING

Mark 9:2-9

### SERMON

Lexi Boudreaux

### \*HYMN 295

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

*(see page 5)*

### SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECOGNITION OF OUR HOMELESS MINISTRIES

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you**

L: Let us pray.... *(silence, intercessions, the Lord's Prayer)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY**

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,  
to Christ revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Spirit now we raise  
our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**GOING FORTH**

**\*HYMN 445**

Be Thou My Vision

*(see page 6)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY**

Toccatà

Johann Pachelbel

# OPENING HYMN

## Praise to the Living God

1. Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, whose  
 2. Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, whose  
 3. Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, who  
 4. Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.  
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, per -  
 who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, till  
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; and  
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, may

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.  
 hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.  
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.  
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

WORDS: Curtis Beach, 1966, alt.  
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA  
 SMD

Like many English Anglican organists and composers, George Elvey received his early training as a cathedral choir boy.

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SERMON HYMN

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

1. O Christ, the Word in - car - nate, O wis - dom from on high,  
2. Your peo - ple hold this trea - sure from you, its source di - vine,  
3. O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold,

O truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O light of our dark sky,  
a light that to all a - ges through - out the earth will shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that all life's voy - age through,  
O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and tem - pest, still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, cloud and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my Re - deem - er, my love thou hast won;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 Rul - er of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.  
 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody, harm. David Evans, *Revised Church Hymnary*, 1927

SLANE  
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The original Irish text dates from c. A.D. 700. SLANE is an ancient ballad tune named for the hill where St. Patrick lit Easter fires.

Harm. © 1927, by permission of Oxford University Press

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray in celebration with Dom Ackermann, who passed his doctoral comprehensive exams at Boston College this week!
- We pray for Rich Goode’s mother Donna Goode, who has recently entered into hospice care in Ayer, Massachusetts.
- We pray for Devin Hansen, who is in the midst of a job transition at Starbucks, and taking some time off before her next assignment.
- We pray for Kirsten Manville and her family as they mourn the loss of Kirsten’s aunt Sue Butler, who died recently.
- 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. We pray for all who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in these uncertain times.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Sarah Robinson, daughter of Mary Robinson and Mary Martha Thiel; Ron Paquette, Caroline Newton’s father; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn’s mother; Katie, Moana Bentin’s sister; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New’s sister-in-law; Karen Anne Zee’s daughter Becky Collet, and for her sons-in-law, Denis Collet and Stewart Bailey; and Beth and Polly, Ann McCann’s sisters.
- We continue to pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones to COVID-19. We pray for the “long-haulers”—those who continue to live with symptoms from the disease. We continue to lift up health care professionals and essential workers, that they may feel supported and cared for.
- We pray for Native communities who are grieving the loss of tribal elders and family members. The COVID-19 virus has killed American Indians at especially high rates, robbing tribes of precious bonds and repositories of language and tradition.
- We pray for our sharply divided nation in the midst of this historic time of unrest and for all in positions of leadership.
- We pray for all who are caregivers—caring for elderly parents, for those with dementia, for young children, for older children, for those struggling with addiction, depression, anxiety—and for all those they care for.
- We pray for all who continue to name, confront, and work toward the eradication of white supremacy and white privilege.
- We pray for those who seek sanctuary in houses of worship around the country, including our partner University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square. We pray for all who work for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- We pray that God may grant us the strength to confront and combat the many realities of the climate crisis, and that we and our leaders may be empowered to take bold steps to care for God’s creation. We pray especially for the poor, who are disproportionately affected by our inaction.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ADULT FORMATION: RACE AND CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH PETER SYKES** Today, 9:30 p.m., via **Zoom** Discussions of racism in classical music have become as timely and important as they are in any other field. Music Director Peter Sykes will share the work he has done in his classes at the Juilliard School, examining colonialist history and ways of moving forward with diversity both of and in classical music in order to create a truly inclusive art. You can find the [Zoom invitation](#) on our website calendar.

**CHILDREN'S FORMATION: READ-ALOUDS FROM THE CHILDREN'S BOOK CORNER** Today, 9:30 a.m., via **YouTube Premiere** Watch a pre-recorded video of three FCC members reading picture-books from our collection in the Book Corner. Go to [First Church's YouTube channel](#) or to the event on our [website calendar](#) for the direct link.

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR WITH NEWCOMERS' GATHERING** Today, 12:15 p.m., via **Zoom** Join us for a time of conversation and connection, where we share our joys and concerns with each other. On this second Sunday of the month, we'll host a breakout room for Newcomers to meet each other and learn more about our community. You can find the [Zoom invitation](#) on our website calendar.

**NEW TO FIRST CHURCH?** Have you just begun joining us for online worship? Consider filling out this ["virtual visitor card"](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

## WINTER/LENT FAITH AND LIFE GROUPS - REGISTER NOW

Registration closes today!

Read descriptions of each group [here](#).

[Use this form](#) to register or indicate interest.

- **Genealogy: Finding our Family Histories** with Karen McArthur
- **Nerds Living Faith** with Taj Smith
- **Racial Justice and Healing: A Caucus for White Men** with Dan Smith
- **"Seeing White" Podcast Discussion Group** with Kerri Ratcliffe
- **How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child** with Peggy Stevens
- **Supporting Our Lenten Changes** with Hilary Hopkins
- **Contemplative Practices Group** with Duncan Hollomon
- **Back to Basics Bible Study: Gospel of Luke and Acts** with Lexi Boudreaux
- **Intro to Feminist Readings of the Bible** with Alex Steinert-Evoy and Lexi Boudreaux



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# Church at Home Kit Pick Up for Lent

Date/Time: Sunday Feb 14th  
1:30-3:00 p.m

Location:  
11 Garden St.



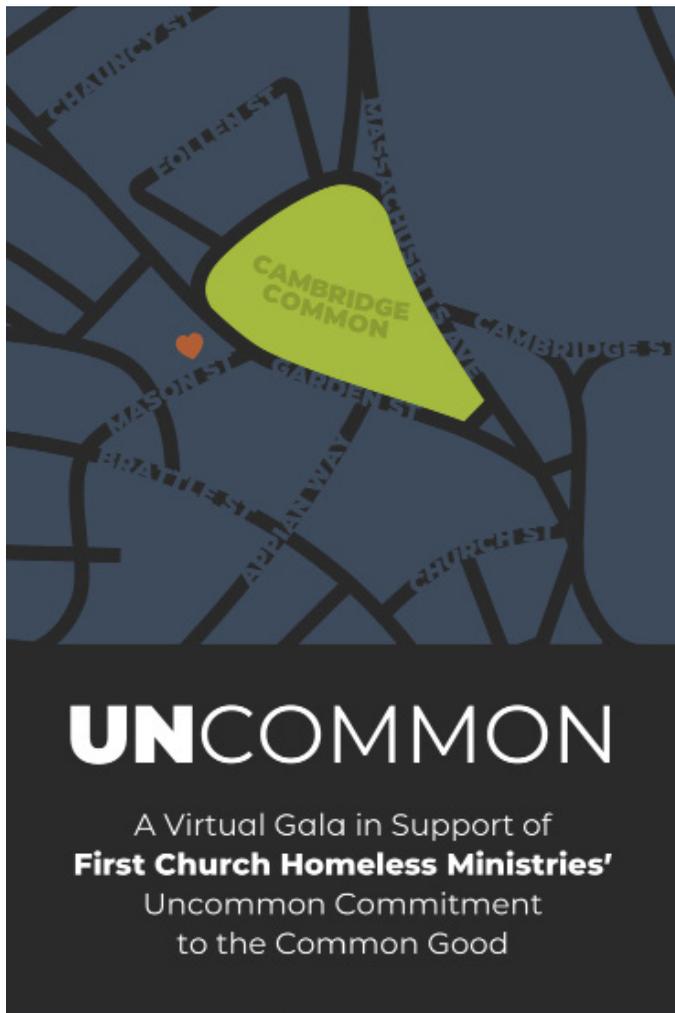
Finding My Way  
Sonja Kenny

**LENTEN CHURCH AT HOME KITS - PICK UP YOURS TODAY 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., on the 11 Garden St. walkway** Our Lenten kits are for everyone, especially if you wish to participate in our 9:30 Hour Lenten Series. Supplies will include ashes, charcoal pencils, seeds and soil, materials for finger labyrinths, plus your own “Alleluia” to bury at home until Easter! First Church folks of all ages are invited to come by the church this afternoon to collect the items you will need to observe Lent with First Church.

**The kits include a copy of *Promises, Promises: 2021 Lenten Devotional***, which is also [available as a pdf document](#) from the UCC publisher Pilgrim Press.

Can't make it to the pickup time? Email Sarah Higginbotham to arrange delivery, including a packet of essentials that can be mailed to those out of town. Watch for our “unboxing” video on Ash Wednesday, February 17, to explore your kit and prepare for the season.

## HOMELESS MINISTRIES GALA



### FIRST CHURCH HOMELESS MINISTRIES UNCOMMON VIRTUAL GALA

**Saturday, February 20, 7:00 pm**

Please join Homeless Ministries at our [virtual gala](#), as we celebrate the Cambridge community's uncommon commitment to the common good, even in the midst of pandemic.

Our guest speaker will be acclaimed philosopher Michael Sandel, author of *The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good?*, in deep conversation with our own Stephanie Paulsell.

Tickets are \$20 each, and include a Zoom book group session as well as a cooking demonstration by celebrity chef Tony Maws.

Visit the [gala website](#) for tickets and info about how to purchase the book.

And please help us spread the word to friends far and wide—even if they live on the other side of the country, or the world! Since this event is virtual, anyone and everyone can attend, so please invite as many people as you can.

## FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

**YOUNG ADULTS' WINTER GATHERINGS** First Church 20- and 30-somethings are invited to gather via Zoom for a series of “Gentle Blasphemy” get-togethers at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: **Tomorrow, Monday, February 15 and Thursday, February 25**. To join the Young Adults' email list, send a message to: [youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**DAN SMITH PREACHING AT PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE CHURCH** **Next Sunday, February 21** Bishop Brian Greene of Pentecostal Tabernacle Church in Central Square has invited Dan Smith to preach and to share some our recent First Church journey towards becoming an anti-racist church. In recent months, Dan, Bishop Greene, and members of the two congregations have been meeting and praying together. Dan is honored by this invitation and will bring greetings on behalf of First Church. Please pray for Dan and for God's guidance in this already Spirit-led and growing relationship between Pentecostal Tabernacle and First Church.

**PRAYING THE PSALMS GROUP** **Tuesday mornings, 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., via Zoom** Our Praying the Psalms group has resumed weekly meetings via Zoom. The group is set up to accompany individual reading of one Psalm per day, starting with Psalm 1 on January 1. Each Tuesday at 7:45 a.m., we gather online for a time of soulful check-in and shared reflection about the Psalms of the week. Feel free to drop in virtually when you can, or plan to make it a regular part of your week. See the calendar on our website for the [Zoom information](#).

**BI-WEEKLY FCC PROFESSIONAL CAREGIVERS' CALL** **First and Third Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom** Hospital workers, homecare workers, therapists, chaplains, doctors, nurses, caregivers and essential workers of all kinds — would it help to talk and share your experience with others at First Church? If you've been flat out and barely able to come up for air, please drop-in when you can for a time to listen, share, pray, and process. You can find the [Zoom information](#) for this event on our website calendar.

**BIPOC SPACE, TIME, AND COMMUNITY** If you are a Black, Indigenous or Person of Color (BIPOC) member of First Church, please consider joining our periodic Zoom meetings designed as active listening sessions to reflect, heal, support one another, and build community. Please contact Moana Bentin ([moana.bentin@gmail.com](mailto:moana.bentin@gmail.com)) with questions or to receive a Zoom invitation to participate. This group is by BIPOC for BIPOC.

**ONLINE WORSHIP LITURGISTS** Assist in worship, either in-person or via video. [Sign up here](#), and you will receive an email with instructions on how to contribute! Questions? Contact Lexi Boudreaux: [lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org)

## LENT AT FIRST CHURCH

### ASHES TO ASHES: A TIME FOR TURNING (AND RETURNING)

*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return!*

Genesis 3: 19

*For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven...*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Each year at Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten observance with a liturgy that invites us to reflect on ashes in four ways:

- Ashes as a sign of **creation**.
- Ashes as a sign of **mortality**.
- Ashes as a sign of **repentance**.
- Ashes as a sign of **the Cross**.

There is a time for every matter under heaven, especially in this season when we are daily reminded of the mounting toll of Covid, of ongoing racial inequality and terror, and of ongoing degradation of our planet. We invite you to join us through the 40 days of Lent, as we draw from the rich symbolism of ashes and turn (and return) to scripture, holding time for creation, mourning, repentance, and healing.

[Read more](#) about Lent at First Church.

Lent 2021

### Ashes to Ashes: A Time for Turning (and Returning)

*Save the Dates:*

**Sunday, February 14,  
between 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.**

Pick up your Lenten Church at Home Kit outside the church.

**Ash Wednesday  
February 17**

**Anytime via YouTube**

Watch our "unboxing" video to explore your Lenten box and our pre-recorded "ashes to go" video.

**7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

*Ash Wednesday Worship*

**Sundays, February 21, 28 and  
March 7, 14 & 21,  
9:30 a.m.**

*"Ashes to Ashes" Lenten Study*  
A prayerful time of learning,  
conversation, and spiritual  
practice.

**Wednesdays, starting  
February 24, 8:15 - 8:45 p.m.**

*Midweek Lenten Prayer Services  
via Zoom*



*Finding My Way*  
Sonja Kenny



**MIDWEEK LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES Wednesdays, beginning February 24, 8:15 - 8:45 p.m., via Zoom** During Lent, join us on Zoom for 30 minutes of contemplative and embodied prayer on Wednesday evenings. This is a time for holy silence, candlelight, prayers, music and gentle movement. We invite you to bring a candle and communion elements (bread or crackers & water, juice or wine). Music provided by cellist, Jackie Buchanan.

## LENT AT FIRST CHURCH

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**February 17, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom**

This Wednesday we will reflect on our origins in the dust, our brokenness, and our dependence on God through a liturgy of readings, song, and prayer. Gathered together in the Spirit, we will turn to acknowledge ashes as a sign of creation, mortality, repentance, and the Cross. [Join us for our evening service](#) with virtual self-imposition of ashes via Zoom. For those who cannot attend the evening service, a virtual “Ashes-to-go” video will be available on our YouTube Channel by 7:00 a.m. Please pick up a Church at Home kit to aid in this worship experience.

February 17, 2021

**Ash Wednesday  
Worship  
with virtual  
self-imposition  
of ashes**

via zoom

First Church in Cambridge, UCC

### “ASHES TO ASHES” LENTEN STUDY

**Sundays, February 21, 28 and March 7, 14 & 21, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom**

*Read full descriptions of each session on our [website](#).*

**Feb 21: Introduction: Ashes to Ashes: A Time for Turning (and Returning)**

*Adult Formation*

“Ashes to ashes and dust to dust,” and yet life returns. A general introduction.

**Feb 28: Ashes and Creation**

*Multigenerational Formation*

“There is a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.” Wonder about “The Sower” and respond with a planting project.

**Mar 7: Ashes and Mortality**

*Adult Formation*

“There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh.” Reflect on the realities of our own mortality through stories of grief and gratitude.

*Multigenerational Creative Arts Workshop*

“For everything there is a season...” Explore Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 with charcoal.

**Mar 14: Ashes and Repentance**

*Adult Formation*

“There is a time to heal; to throw and gather stones.” A poetry workshop on repentance.

**Mar 21: Ashes and the Cross**

*Adult Formation*

“There is a time to die and to be born anew.” Reflect on connections between ashes and the cross with finger labyrinths.

## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

**MALE SURVIVORS UNITED** You are invited to join together with an anonymous community of like-minded adult men affected by unwanted or abusive sexual experiences. Leave isolation behind and join our monthly phone calls for free peer support, by male survivors for male survivors. Our group is nonprofessional. We are peers, not therapists. Together we help each other reclaim our voices and our lives. The calls are at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the 2nd Sunday of each month. ***This month's call is this afternoon.*** For more information see [malesurvivorsunited.org](http://malesurvivorsunited.org) or contact First Church Deacon Bruce Hoppe confidentially at [bruce@malesurvivorsunited.org](mailto:bruce@malesurvivorsunited.org)

**PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY!** Snow makes it tough, of course, but families in need are hoping for your support. Proteins (canned chicken is wonderful), breakfast cereals, canned fruit, hearty soups, feminine products and diapers are all very welcome. You may drop off any time on Hilary's front porch at 30 Winslow St., Cambridge, ¾ mile up Garden street from FCC, just past the firehouse. Take the first right off Sherman, and it's the brown house on the right. After you leave something in the bin, please ring Hopkins bell on the silver mailbox. Thank you very much.

**PBS SERIES ON THE HISTORY OF THE BLACK CHURCH Begins Tuesday, February 16, 9:00 p.m., on WGBH Channel 2** "This is Our Story, This is Our Song" is a 4-hour, 2-night series exploring the 400-year-old history of the Black church in America. This promises to be enlightening and thought-provoking viewing which can expand our understanding of a vital aspect of many Black lives. Find all the viewing opportunities at [wgbh.org](http://wgbh.org).

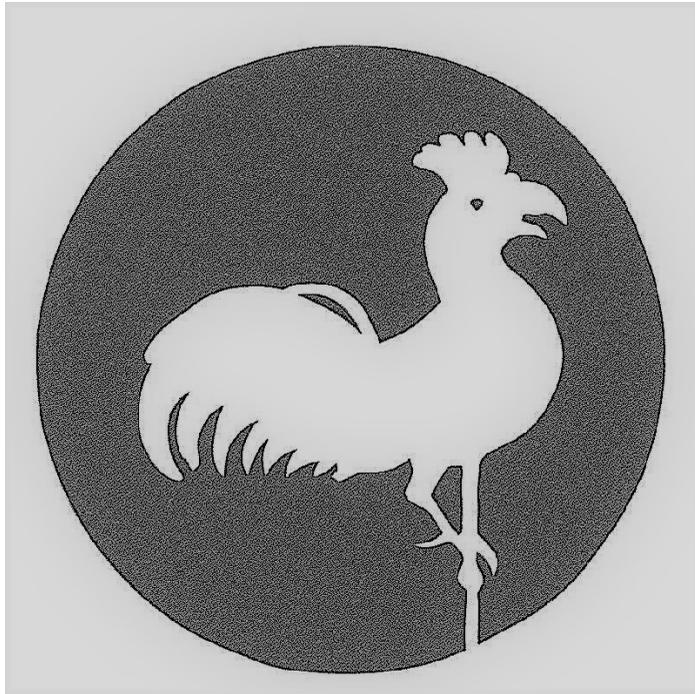
**VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING Wednesday, February 17, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., via Zoom** Virtual Mental Health First Aid is a two-part, eight-hour class that involves: 1) Two-hour, self-paced, online pre-work on Mental Health First aid topics and brief training on the online Zoom platform, which is used to host the live part of the class, and 2) Six hour, instructor-lead, live training on Zoom. Please note that you will need to complete the two-hour pre-work BEFORE the live portion of the class. Registration is required. [Register Here for 2-17 Adult MHFA](#). Registration is provided on a first come, first served basis. Adult MHFA helps community members learn about risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, and gives them skills and strategies to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

**FREE COVID TESTING AVAILABLE FOR ALL WHO LIVE, WORK, AND PRAY IN CAMBRIDGE** The City of Cambridge and Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD) are offering [free COVID-19 testing](#) for Cambridge residents and, we are told, for all who work and pray in Cambridge. The PCR tests are anterior nasal swab tests and not the nasopharyngeal swab test that go all the way back in the nasal passages. No identification or Social Security number is required. All sites

## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

are wheelchair accessible. Available testing appointments can book up quickly, but please keep checking back as new appointments will be added when they become available. When you sign up for an appointment, you will be asked for your address and to “Select all that apply: \*I am a Cambridge resident \*I am an employee in Cambridge \*I am a City of Cambridge employee \*None of the above.” If you don’t live or work in Cambridge, be sure to select \*None of the Above and then list in the address line that follows: “Member of First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA.” To schedule an appointment, [sign up online](#) or call 617-349-9788.

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO PROVIDE FOOD SECURITY** The following organizations welcome financial donations. They work providing food to people who are living with food insecurity. [Food For Free](#) supports low-income Cambridge residents. It offers fresh produce as well as other kinds of food. In some cases it will also deliver food to people who are unable to come to their food pantry. [Greater Boston Food Bank](#) provides food to over 500 partner agencies in Eastern Massachusetts. It will also help people locate and apply for other food resources.



## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, February 14**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Race and Classical Music with Peter Sykes, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Read-Alouds from the Children's Book Corner, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship, recognition of Homeless Ministries  
Lexi Boudreaux, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Zoom Coffee Hour with Newcomers' Gathering

### **Monday, February 15 - PRESIDENTS DAY - Church Office and Building Closed**

- 4:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, via Zoom

### **Tuesday, February 16**

- 7:45 a.m. Praying the Psalms Group, via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Shelter Oversight Committee, via Zoom

### **Wednesday, February 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 7:00 a.m. Lenten Church at Home Kit "unboxing" video and "ashes-to-go" video available via First Church's YouTube channel
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Missions & Social Justice Committee, via Zoom

### **Thursday, February 18**

- 10:00 a.m. "Supporting our Lenten Changes" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Weekly Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. First Church Choir Call, via Zoom

### **Friday, February 19**

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room

### **Saturday, February 20**

- 4:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

### **Sunday, February 21 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Introduction to Lenten Series, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Remote Church School Classes, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. LiveStream Worship  
Jaz Buchanan, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Zoom Coffee Hour led by Deacons

*Zoom invitations to our week's programs can be found on each event listed in [the calendar on our website](#). They may also be found in the all-church email that was sent this morning. To join our all-church email list, please [sign up here](#).*

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