



ALL SAINTS DAY

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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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

November 1, 2020

Preaching Today

Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate

Assisting in Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister
Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate
Sarah Higginbotham,
Director of Creative Worship & Arts
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Lindsay Miller, Chair, Archives Group
Joe Welker, technical support
Alex Steinert-Evoy, Community Minister
Kryisia Burnham, Community Minister
Hilary Hopkins, Chair, Christian Formation
Karen Korn, First Church member
Dave McCann, First Church member
Sue Reynolds, First Church member

Band Land Brass Band, guest musicians
Emma Blanc, First Church member, tenor sax
Seth Goldman, alto saxophone
Jade Buckwalter, alto saxophone
Elizabeth Lucas-Foley, trumpet
Lewis Bryant III, trombone
Ari Berman, sousaphone
Sam Marshall, bass drum
Ellen Jacobson, snare drum

The photograph on the bulletin cover is by Gaylen Morgan.

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

If This Is the End
Band Land Brass Band

Seth Goldman

*GREETING

Jaz Buchanan

- L: Dear friends in Christ, the peace of God be with you.
C: And on the whole world, peace!
 L: Come in and be at home,
C: with saints of every time and place!
 L: Come in and find new hope,
C: with saints of every time and place!
 L: Come in and be in the company of God,
C: with saints of every time and place!
 L: With saints of every time and place,
 give thanks and praise to God!

*WORDS OF WELCOME

Dan Smith

*HYMN

When the Saints Go Marching In

**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!**

**And on that hal-le-lu-jah day,
 and on that hal-le-lu-jah day,
 oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 when the saints go marching in!**

CANDLELIGHTING

INTRODUCING THE PUPPET SAINTS

Sarah Higginbotham

ANTHEM

Ipharadisi
First Church Family Choir, 2016

trad., South Africa

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

C: **God of Life, by the mercy of Jesus,
calm our anxieties, soothe our sorrows,
heal our weaknesses, and forgive our sins.
Let the memory and example of yesterday's saints
and the saints of here and now
stir us to gratitude and love, action and praise,
for the sake of tomorrow and the world that you love. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GREETING OF PEACE

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Kate Layzer

READING

1 John 3:1-3

READING

Matthew 5:1-12

HOMILY

Lexi Boudreaux

CHORAL RESPONSE

Requiem (1905)
First Church Choir, 2017 - Cornelia Gartemann, violin

Giacomo Puccini

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

Alex Steinert-Evoy

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*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!

SHARING THE FEAST

INVITATION

REMEMBERING JESUS

- L: Now, O God, with grateful joy, we remember Jesus,
his daring love, his open table.
(silence)
- L: We remember how he fed the five thousand people
with only a loaf of bread and a few fish.
- C: We remember how he never left anyone hungry.**
- L: We remember how Jesus welcomed the children.
- C: We remember how he didn't turn them or anyone away.**
- L: We remember that the women came,
early in the morning, on the third day.
- C: They did not find him among the dead.**
- L: We remember him still,
- C: centering our lives on his firm foundation, our hope and our healing.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

- All: Our Creator, 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 THE BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of justice, compassion and love are invited to partake of this feast. May there be no barriers to participation in this meal!

COMMEMORATIONS

Dudne Breeze	Phyllis Hollinshead	Neil Osgood
Ruth Buschmann	Jeff Hopkins	Richard Peterson
David M. Campbell	Walter Jennings	Pikachu
Marcella Campbell	Brian Johnson	Benjamin Hunter Placella
Charlie Cross	Jan Johnson	Rev. Avery Post
Charles "Sonny" Denicola	Robert H. Keith	Albert Puell
Hunter Dupree	Marc Kilburn	Bill Rangnow
Aubri Ester	Carmen Flores Korn	Eric Reidel
Dante Fiorillo	Rev. Dick Krjesty	Don Reynolds
Mattie Greer	Bill Luti	Jean Marlene Stewart
Anna Mae Hardwick	Peter Marks	Clara Jean Williams
Paul Haroutunian	Sharon Marshall	Mattie Bell Williams
Gloria Hunt	Carl Iver Ohman	Bong Ki Yoon

*We will be invited to name (aloud or silently) people who have died,
whom we remember and keep close in our hearts.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks.

**C: 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.**

GOING FORTH

*HYMN

For All the Saints

(see page 5)

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

St. James Infirmary

arr. Band Land Brass Band

CLOSING HYMN

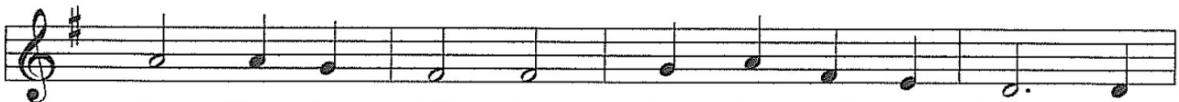
FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Sine nomine

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



For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 Thou wast their Rock, their For - tress and their Might:
 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 And when the task is hard, the la - bor long,
 The gol - den eve - ning bright - ens in the west:
 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day:
 From earth's wide bounds, to o - cean's far - thest 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 -



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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FIRST CHURCH'S PUPPET SAINTS

Celebrating with us this morning are First Church's Puppet Saints, a symbolic representation of the Communion of Saints gathered with us today. Their presence in our worship provides a creative, playful, and accessible way for the youngest members of our community to encounter and contemplate the spiritual connections between the living and the dead. Each puppet was named and given a story by the children. Our oldest puppets were created in 2004, and subsequent generations were made in 2007 and 2013.

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, 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."

PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

- We pray for Susan Ohman, whose brother Carl died on Monday.
- We pray for the loved ones of Fran Early, longtime organizer with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, who died unexpectedly last Sunday. We lift up all leaders and members of GBIO for whom Fran was a beloved friend, mentor, and inspiration.
- We pray for the loved ones of Albert Puell, former First Church volunteer, homeless advocate, and longtime member of First Church, who died on October 10 as a result of multiple chronic health issues.
- We pray for Kerry Maloney's husband, Jim Roche, who is recovering from a heart procedure.
- We pray for Peter Sykes, who is also recovering from a heart procedure.
- We pray for George Williams, whose aunt Mattie Greer died of Covid-related complications.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Katie, Moana Bentin's sister; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New's sister-in-law; Becky and Jacqueline Collet, Karen Anne Zee's daughter and granddaughter; Stewart Bailey, Karen Anne Zee's son-in-law; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and former First Church member Nancy Sanders.
- We pray for our nation as we approach Election Day, as it navigates dangerous misinformation campaigns, extreme polarization, and concerns for our democratic process. We pray that all may have access to the act of voting, whether by mail or in person. We pray that rallies and protests before, during and after the election are peaceful and non-violent.
- As the death toll from COVID-19 reaches one million worldwide, we pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We pray for health care professionals and essential workers, that they may know they are supported and cared for. For all of us, we pray for a new infusion of strength and peace as we find a new way of being in our world, and that we may perceive the presence of God anew in our daily lives.
- We pray for all those grieving the loss of loved ones to police violence. We pray for strength for those working for reform and for a new birth of racial justice and healing.
- We pray for all in Colorado and the West Coast whose lives have been upended by the recent and ongoing wildfires, and for the safety and health of farmworkers and firefighters working amid the triple threat of heat, smoke, and COVID-19.
- We pray for all those impacted by recent unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan, and for all who live in war-torn regions or in areas filled with the unrest of political violence.
- We pray for the 14 men who are finding warmth and sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter, and for the guests of the Friday Cafe, who are finding food and fellowship and listening ears. We pray for all who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in these uncertain times.
- 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 solace and security for immigrants and all those who live in constant fear and anxiety over their status in this country. We also pray for all who are working 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

ALL SAINTS DAY Today Join us for our annual celebration of all the saints. You can begin the morning in our Multigenerational Creative Arts Workshop, where we will learn about First Church's saint puppets and make our own. Then, at 11:00 a.m., tune into our livestream to see our larger-than-life puppet saints, and see First Church friends lifting up the names of all those we have known and loved and who have died in the past year. Our usual Communion-in-the-Round circle in the chancel will be much wider this year, extending to include you and all the saints, wherever you and they may be, on earth and in heaven!

[Click here to join the Creative Arts Workshop directly](#) or go to zoom.us and "join a meeting" using the following information:

Meeting ID: 897 8647 6898

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

THE CALL TO GIVE: A series brought to you by our Stewardship & Finance Teams, Today and Sunday, November 8, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Today, join the Stewardship and Finance committees as we take a moment to reflect on all the sacred Saints in our lives. How do they inspire our work as a church? Together, we will celebrate our many ministries' work this past year, and we will also look ahead to the future to plan and to dream with God and our Saints, as we review [our 2021 proposed budget](#). This year took many scary, uncertain, and puzzling turns, and yet, we, as a church, continue to lean more deeply into God's vision of love and justice.

[Click here to join the Adult Formation meeting directly](#), or go to zoom.us and "join a meeting" using the following information:

Meeting ID: 869 6902 6288 Passcode: 372484

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

Next Sunday, join the Stewardship team as we ground our call to give in our spiritual and prayerful decisions. In this hour, we will explore how we steward ourselves and our church community in the process. We will share examples of how we know how much to pledge, review how to pledge online, and note the accumulating progress toward our stewardship goal.

ALL SAINTS COMMEMORATION AND PRE-ELECTION PRAYER DURING ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

Today, 12:15 p.m., via Zoom Join us for a special Zoom Coffee Hour, where we will invite you to keep your candle from worship lit to offer up the names of saints in our lives in the midst of community. In addition, Community Minister Alex Stienert Evoy will lead us in a time of shared reflection and prayers for our nation as we enter this week of the presidential election.

[Click here to join Zoom Coffee Hour directly](#), or go to zoom.us and "join a meeting" with the following instructions:

Meeting ID: 876 6474 8993 Password: coffee

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VIGILS FOR COMMON GROUND Today and Next Sunday, November 8, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., Cambridge Common Join with clergy and others from Harvard Square congregations for two 30-minute prayerful vigils for our nation. Church bells will ring us in and out of our time together. Brief readings and poems will be offered, but no speeches. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. And please, no banners and no signs. This is a time to embrace and embody the civic fabric, common values and common ground that binds us even across differences.



ELECTION DAY IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Polls in Massachusetts are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Check your registration status [here](#).
- Find your polling location and a sample ballot [here](#).
- If you voted early, track your ballot [here](#).
- If you want to make a plan for how you respond to potential irregularities following the election, learn about actions being planned by a large coalition of organizations [here](#).



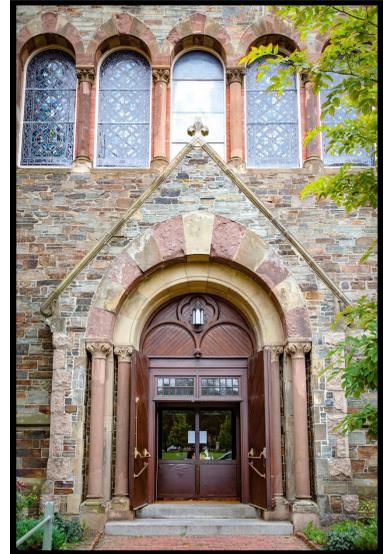
STEWARDSHIP 2021
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THE CALL TO GIVE
PLEDGING & GIVING



We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give to our 2021 year of mission and ministry for these extraordinary times.

This year, all communications are via Tuesday Stewardship e-mails and [on our website](#).

Our [online pledge "card"](#) is accessible below, and our [time and talents "card"](#) is linked here.



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2021 Pledge

*Pledges & Gifts:

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- Pay Now:
- Weekly:
- Monthly:
- Quarterly:

Date:

Pledge:

- Auto-Debit from checking or savings account
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Please [submit your pledge or gift](#) by November 21st and watch us piece together our progress towards our collective goals. Thank you!

FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP 2021 — THE CALL TO GIVE Our Stewardship Committee has launched its first multi-media campaign! As part of the campaign, we are sending weekly emails each Tuesday, theologically reflecting on our individual callings and on our calling as a church community to give. Rather than mailing a stewardship booklet and pledge card to be returned on Pledge Sunday, this year we are encouraging our church community to review the weekly emails and to pledge early (and vote early)! **On Sunday, November 22**, we will consecrate our pledges and our gifts during our livestream service. The Fall Congregational Meeting will follow worship on that day, where we will review and vote on [the 2021 church budget](#).

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR OUR ELECTION As our nation anticipates this momentous election, we offer several times to come together to share our hearts, our hopes, our fears, and our prayers. Through the election (at least), First Church staff and lay leaders will be hosting thrice-weekly prayers calls over zoom to help center us, settle us, and ground us in God’s presence and love. We know that many of us are working as hard as we can in voter turnout and other civic engagement efforts to ensure a just election in which every vote counts. We hope this will be a time that offers us grace and courage “for the facing of this hour.” The 30-minute calls will be held on Mondays at 8:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays at noon through election week.

[Monday 8:00 a.m. Prayer Call](#) (Meeting ID: 825 0796 0058 Passcode: election)

[Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Prayer Call](#) (Meeting ID: 874 7316 7735 Passcode: election)

[Wednesday noon Prayer Call](#) (Meeting ID: 895 5332 7974 Passcode: election)

SIGN ON TO THE CREATION CARE PLEDGE

The United Church of Christ, our denomination, has partnered with the Environmental Voter Project to urge UCC church members to take the Creation Care Pledge. First Church in Cambridge is seeking to inspire 75% of those worshipping with us to sign on. Over 30 FCC members have signed; have you signed yet? Prioritize caring for God’s creation in how you vote, and vote your values! Your witness will inspire others to make the same commitment. [Click here to read and sign the pledge.](#)



BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST CHURCH Sundays, November 15 & 22, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom Plan to join Dan Smith and other leaders as we explore together how First Church embodies and is working to dismantle [Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture](#) within our own congregation.

FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m., via Zoom To all who identify as men at First Church: It's been a stressful year in unprecedented ways, but the time has not been without its beauty and grace. This season, you are invited to join us as we continue our monthly remote meetings via Zoom. We will share our stories, reflections, and hopes; and we invite everyone to join with your beverage and food of your choice. As always, we will send out a reminder the week of the breakfast. Hope to see you then. If you would like to sign up for our email list or have any questions, please email Peter Byerly at: p.byerly@comcast.net.

YOUNG ADULTS' "GENTLE BLASPHEMY" Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom Younger adult members of the church: whether you're looking to learn more about the many ways to serve in the church, or just catch up on life, you're in good company. In the spirit of faith exploration and questioning, the Young Adults' group will chat via Zoom as part of their "Gentle Blasphemy" series. To join the mailing list for YA activities, talk to Phil Jones: p.robbennolt.jones@gmail.com

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) with questions or to receive a Zoom invitation to participate. This group is by BIPOC for BIPOC.

ONLINE WORSHIP LITURGISTS All are welcome to participate as leaders in worship via video; [click here to access the signup sheet](#). Put your name and contact information next to the piece of the service you want to lead, and you will receive an email with instructions on how to contribute! Thank you for making online church feel like church! Questions? Contact Lexi Boudreaux: lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org

RACIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

First Church members and friends are actively working for racial justice and equity, while also learning how to frame anti-racism as central to our Christian faith.

A CALL TO RETURN: SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE As we seek to sustain and grow the work of remembrance, repentance and reparations, we need an ever-deeper reliance on God and on the hoped-filled resources of faith tradition. Community Minister for Racial Justice Carlyle Stewart hosts a series of town hall meetings and weekly sessions that address how our activism for racial justice and equity is grounded in our faith. Check our Racial

RACIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Justice Ministries playlist on our YouTube Channel every week for new recordings of the Wednesday evening sessions, as well as any Sunday afternoon town hall meetings. [Find new videos here](#) or on our Facebook page every Friday.

FAITH AND LIFE GROUPS Current Faith & Life groups focused on race and racism include “Feeling Newer To Conversations About Race?,” “*Stamped* - Multigenerational Re-Mix,” and a “Reparations Accountability Group,” which has been exploring a practice of reparations for individuals and institutions and holding one another accountable for personal commitments to repair.

CALLS TO ACTION First Church is a member of the **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)**, whose mission is “to build power by developing local leaders so we can act together on issues that matter to our communities.” GBIO currently supports legislation in the Massachusetts legislature to promote more police accountability. [Visit GBIO’s website here](#). First Church staff and members are also active in the **Poor People’s Campaign**, a national grassroots movement that calls for activism to fight systemic racism, as part of its “Declaration of Fundamental Rights and Poor People’s Moral Agenda.” [Visit the Poor People’s Campaign website here](#).

SHORT TAKES ON ANTI-RACISM: Suggestions by First Church’s Beloved Community Group

[THE LIE THAT INVENTED RACISM](#) A TEDx Talk by journalist and documentarian John Biewen, TEDx Charlottesville, November 2019.

National Public Radio Interview with [Historian Ibram X. Kendi of Boston University](#) on *How To Be An Antiracist*, NPR, October 30, 2019.

HISTORYTHON: A WALKATHON TO SUPPORT EDUCATION ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICAN

HISTORY First Church member Deb Cunningham invites you to join Primary Source, a Watertown-based nonprofit that supports K-12 educators, in HistoryThon: a walkathon on your own schedule to help “pave the way to understanding.” **Anytime between October 10 and November 11**, participate by exploring walks, trails, and sites of historical importance to the African American experience, selected from a list provided at registration. As you walk, you are invited to raise funds to support Primary Source’s work. The organization is trying to answer urgent calls from teachers for classroom-ready resources about African American history by digitally publishing their *Making Freedom: African Americans in U.S. History* sourcebook series. It’s an invaluable trove of curricular resources for teachers that explores the role and agency of African Americans in shaping our nation from 1600 through today. To register, please visit: www.primarysource.org.

HOMELESS MINISTRIES

THANK YOU FROM THE FIRST CHURCH SHELTER Thank you to everyone who zoomed into the Doris Beauvais Luncheon/Mitch Snyder Awards this past Sunday. Special thanks to Jim Stewart for hosting and to Kate Layzer and Dan Smith for their participation. Keynote speaker Dr. Beverly Gage of Yale University shared some helpful historic context for these challenging times we are living through. She described what our nation was like in 1919 and 1920, stressed by huge labor protests, rampant racial injustice, the deadly Spanish influenza, and the Great War. The election between Woodrow Wilson and William Harding showed no clear path back to a calmer and normal society. Dr. Gage let us know that she so enjoyed being a part of the event, and she thanked us for all for what we are doing! Thank YOU, First Church, for your support and celebration of our homeless ministries.

THE FRIDAY CAFÉ IS NOW RECEIVING DONATIONS of men's and women's warm pants, shirts, jackets, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and sleeping bags. With a severe shortage of shelter beds across Massachusetts, unhoused neighbors will need to layer to survive this winter. Casual clothing only, please! "Shop" in your own home by going through your closet, or visit our Amazon wish list to ship essential items direct (<http://a.co/fkuiAGX>) Thank you for supporting vulnerable members of our community during the COVID crisis!

WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

GBIO POST-ELECTION GATHERING Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) invites First Church members to a post-election virtual gathering. This will be a place for us to be together in relationship with one another across faith and neighborhoods. It is a chance for us to affirm the deep and enduring truths that are drawn from all our traditions — that democracy is sacred and that every one of us is a child of God who deserves a society that upholds justice and dignity. We'll hear brief reflections from our diverse faith traditions and have the opportunity to connect with one another in small group conversations. [Register in advance for this meeting by clicking here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information for joining.

REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY for which donations continue to be welcomed and needed. Proteins, fruits/veggies, cereals. Nothing already open or in glass, please. Leave at any time in boxes on Hilary's porch at 30 Winslow St., Cambridge, .25 mile up Garden St. Winslow is just off Sherman past the firehouse, on the left. Provide a lifeline for your neighbors in need.

MEDITATIVE MUSIC FOR YOUR WEEK



LINKS TO CHANT WORKS PROVIDED BY NIGHT SONG

Looking for meditative chant music during your time at home?

Night Song Director Daryl Bichel offers the following suggestions:

St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle: Compline, 18 October 2020

<https://complinedpodcast.org/?p=1876>

This compline liturgy from St. Mark's Cathedral includes choral pieces by M. Searle Wright, Thomas Tallis, and William Byrd. The quality of the singing is very high; in particular, I admire the tone and musicianship of the alto section.

Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA: Compline, 08 April 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4hpldJcJRg>

Three good singers offer the office of compline from the chapel of this Episcopal church. There's only one choral piece - Agnus dei from the Mass for Three Voices by William Byrd. You can click on the "complete music playlist" link and hear other music from this church and see the beautiful sanctuary.

Lay Clerks of Guilford Cathedral: Compline, 25 July 1973

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJGW3EKMSdA>

Hear sung compline with no choral anthems sung in the resonant Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St. Philip Howard, Arundel, West Sussex. There is a brief description of compline you can read.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

(Daylight Saving Time ends. "Fall back" an hour!)

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: "The Call to Give"
with Stewardship & Finance, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Multigenerational Creative Arts Project: DIY Puppet Saints, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Morning Worship
Lexi Boudreaux, preaching
- 12:15 pm All Saints Commemoration and Pre-Election Prayer Meeting, via Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group, meet on church playground (weather permitting)
- 3:00 p.m. Vigil for Common Ground, Cambridge Common (rain or shine)

Monday, November 2

- 8:00 a.m. Praying for our Elections, via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC) Monthly Meeting, via Zoom
(all current volunteers are welcome; the Zoom invitation is in your email)

Tuesday, November 3

- 4:00 p.m. FCC Caregivers' Call, via Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. Praying for our Elections, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom

Wednesday, November 4

- 8:30 a.m. "Stamped - Multigenerational Re-Mix" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Praying for our Elections, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 5:30 p.m. "A Call to Return: Spiritual Reflections on Racial Justice"
with Carlyle Stewart, via Zoom

Thursday, November 5

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. GBIO Post-Election Gathering, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Call, via Zoom

Friday, November 6

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

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Saturday, November 7

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, via Zoom
5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

Sunday, November 8

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: "The Call to Give" with Stewardship, via Zoom
9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Read-Alouds from the Book Corner, via YouTube
11:00 a.m. Live-stream Morning Worship
Dan Smith, preaching
12:15 p.m. Post-Election All Congregation Prayer Meeting via Zoom,
with Newcomers and Stewardship Breakouts
3:00 p.m. Vigil for Common Ground, Cambridge Common
5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

***Zoom invitations to many of our week's programs
are in the all-church email that was sent this morning.***

***Committee Chairs and Faith & Life Group Leaders
have sent Zoom invitations to registered participants.***

***Have an announcement for the bulletin?
Please send information about church or wider community events to Sarah Higginbotham
(shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org) by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays
to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin.***

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