

Season of Regathering October 2, 2022

FIRST CHURCH

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

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE... Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE congregational **386 YEARS** ON THE WAY 1 6 3 6 – 2 0 2 2

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on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

Preaching Today	Kate Layzer, Minister for Street Outreach
Leading Worship	Dan Smith, Senior Minister
	Carla Arevalo Carbajal, Ministerial Intern
	Beth Spaulding, Deacon
	Peter Sykes, Music Director
	Lee Prouty, tech support
Bulletin Cover Image	Freddie Funck, First Church youth

Today's Programs and Events

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10:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
	Coffee and Conversation, Hastings Common
11:00 a.m.	Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and via livestream
11:20 a.m.	Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday, MJH
12:00 p.m.	Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m.	Fair Share Forum, Harter Room and <u>via Zoom</u>
7:30 p.m.	Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

New to First Church?

Have you just begun joining us for worship? Consider filling out a visitor card found on the small clipboard in the pews or this "<u>virtual visitor card</u>" so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

Give to First Church

You can give online: <u>www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give</u> or by texting "\$_" to: 1-844-996-0982.

Contact a Pastor or Staff Member

Find <u>contact information</u> for our ministerial, program, and building staff on our website. For general information and inquiries: info@firstchurchcambridge.org

> Have a church program or event to promote? Complete the <u>First Church Communications Request</u> form.

Have an edit or update for our website? Complete the FCC Website Changes form

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY	Fugue on B-A-C-H	Robert Schumann

*HYMN 4 Come, Living God, When Least Expected

*GREETING

Carla Arevalo Carbajal

- 1. Siblings in the Spirit, come in, and know the goodness of God's love!
- **C**: Enter into this sanctuary of rest and healing.
- Come in, and know this community of justice and joy. 1:
- Come in, and hear stories of hope and challenge; **C**: drink of God's beauty and mercy!
- 1: Friends, gather and regather, from near and far, enter anew into this space of wonder and grace,
- and let us give our hearts to God's praise! All:

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Thomas Pavlechko O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are those who take refuge in God. Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their crv. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.

CONFESSION

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you! (sing twice through)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GREETING OF PEACE

*You are invited to stand. Hymns proceeded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.

Dan Smith

*HYMN 313

I Come with Joy

Children up through 6th grade are now invited to Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday in Margaret Jewett Hall. Children will return to worship in time for Communion.

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Luke 1:46-56

READING

Luke 17:5-10

SERMON

Kate Layzer

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING



Give by Text



Give Online

I've Given Already

OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis

Camille Saint-Saëns The angel's bread becomes the bread of humanity. The heavenly bread ends all symbols. *Oh, miraculous thing!* The body of the Lord will nourish the poor and humble servant.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, the source of life and birth, Praise God, the Word who came to earth, Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame, All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Beth Spaulding

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 BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of justice, compassion and love are invited to partake of this feast. Please take now and eat; or if you are in the sanctuary, please approach one of the stations in the front or back to receive the elements. You may leave your empty juice glass in the tray provided before returning to your seat.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

- L: Let us give thanks!
- 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 gifts of this holy communion – oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and risen life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

*LEAVETAKING BLESSING FOR CARTER WEST

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGAT	IONAL RESPONSE	Thuma Mina	Hymn 344
	1. (Send me, Lord.) Send me, Jesus, send n send me, Jesus, send m	3. (Fill me, Lord.) Fill m ne, Jesus, ne, Lord. 4. (Thuma mina.)	e, Jesus
2. (Lead me, Lord.) Le		Thuma mina, thuma	•
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First Church Land Acknowledgment

We, gathered here, acknowledge that we are meeting on land which has been the traditional ancestral homeland of the Massachusett people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusett, and to their close neighbors and relatives, the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples.

You can find a longer version of this acknowledgment <u>here</u> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



OPENING HYMN

Come, Living God, When Least Expected 4 liv - ing God, when least ex - pect 1. Come, ed. when minds are 2. Come now, as once you came to Mo ses with - in the through our gloom, your Son will meet 3. Then, us viv - id as dull and hearts are cold, through sharp -'ning word and warm af - fec - tion bush a - live with flame; or to E - li - jah on the moun-tain, truth and liv - ing ex - plod - ing doubt and dis - il - lu - sion Lord, re-veal-ing truth as yet un - told. Break from the tomb in which we by si-lence press-ing home your claim. So, let our minds be sharp to to scat-ter hope and joy a - broad. And we will share his ra-diant 1JP hide you to speak a - gain in start - ling ways: break through the in sight or sound or print - ed read you page, and let us bright - ness, and, blaz-ing through the dread of night, il lu - mi-_ words in which we bind vou to res - ur - rect our life - less praise. greet you in OUL neigh - bors, in ar-dent youth or mel - low age. nate by love and rea - son, for those in dark-ness, faith's de - light. WORDS: Alan Gaunt, 1991 RENDEZ À DIEU MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, Cinquante pseaumes en francois, 1543, rev. 1551 08 08 0

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DOVE OF PEACE

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laid down laid down me, love for me. love for in in Christ's com-mun - ion bread. Christ's com-mun - ion bread, are friends. strang - ers now are friends. and strang-ers now live here. a - live a - mong here. a - mong us us the love that makes love that makes one. us one, us

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977, 1993 MUSIC: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

-Hymn Insert 2-

CLOSING HYMN

374 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?



COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for healing and strength for Ann Riker's brother Lyman Morrill, who is being tested and treated for a new area of cancer after surviving previous occurrences with treatment.
- We pray for the family and friends of Pauline Fennel. Pauline died at home on Tuesday, September 13, surrounded by her family.
- We pray for Alice Kidder, who is facing ongoing health challenges.
- We pray for Kirsten Manville's father Keith, who is continuing his recovery from a serious fall.
- We pray for First Church Shelter staff, guests, and family members who are grieving the loss of Shelter guest George McKenna. George died unexpectedly in Harvard Square on Thursday, even as he was very close to getting housing. He will be deeply mourned.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Anita Anger; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones's mother; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Karen Anne Zee's daughter Becky Collet, and her sons-in-law, Denis Collet and Stewart Bailey; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and friend of Homeless Ministries Brian O'Donovan.
- We pray for those in the path of Hurricane Ian, including Cuba, South Central Florida, and the southeastern coast of the US. We pray for the safety of all engaging in recovery efforts.
- We pray for the people of Puerto Rico as they continue to face the brutal effects of Hurricane Fiona.
- We pray for the people of Haiti, where water, food, and fuel shortages are leading to widespread protests, violence, and civil unrest.
- We pray for the people of Iran, especially women, as anti-government protests continue, sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman who was arrested by the Guidance Patrol because of an "improper hijab."
- We pray for migrants caught up in the politicized actions of governors who are sending them across the country with no preparation or concern for their welfare. May our state and national leaders find ways forward that show respect and compassion for all persons fleeing their homes and seeking a better life.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for the residents of Jackson, MS, who are experiencing a catastrophic water emergency stemming from years of neglect rooted in systemic racism.
- We pray for those experiencing the loss of vital reproductive rights across the nation, and all those who care about them, especially as threats of a national abortion ban loom.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to live through war and heightened concern of escalation.
- We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19, especially for educators, healthcare personnel, and other essential workers.
- 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.

Join the First Church List to see and offer up more community prayer requests.

In Memoriam

A memorial service for longtime, beloved First Church member Pauline Fennel will take place on All Saints Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream with a reception to follow. Pauline died on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, following a year-long struggle with cancer.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

Meet Ministerial Intern Carla Arevalo Carbajal

Carla is an international student from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and identifies as a mestiza. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies with a minor in Pastoral Ministry from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee. Carla is completing her Master's Degree in Divinity at Harvard Divinity School and is passionate about liberation theology, decolonial theory, and community life. Her biggest motivations are her family and friends that have supported her with so much love and care throughout her journey. Carla's favorite place is her home at Christmas; she also loves coffee, ice-cream, and plantains.



Often, Carla describes her life in ministry as a journey into discovering all the beautiful and magical worlds within Christianity, constantly referring to one of her favorite magical worlds in The Lord of The Rings. She is truly honored and excited to start this new part of her journey at First Church in Cambridge.



Refreshments on the Lawn and <u>Zoom</u> Coffee Hour Today at 12:00 p.m.

Join us in person or online for social connection and the making of new friends.

Fair Share Forum

Today, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m., Harter Room and via Zoom

Come meet with Jonathan Cohn, a policy director at Progressive Massachusetts and the MetroNorth Coordinator, to learn more about the Fair Share Amendment and how you can support this economic and climate justice initiative. If you are joining us on the retreat - don't worry! We will record the forum for anyone who is not able to make it. Fair Share



is a proposed amendment that will appear on the Massachusetts ballot this November to tax 4% of the portion of a person's annual income over \$1 million to fund public education and transportation in our state. More information is available at: <u>https://www.fairsharema.com/</u>



Night Song

Sundays, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m., Sanctuary and <u>via livestream</u> Night Song is a worship opportunity that offers stillness and sublime music in a darkened sanctuary for respite and reset... <u>Read more about Night Song.</u>

Register for Fall Faith & Life Groups

You are warmly invited to sign up for a Fall Faith & Life Group.

Some groups begin very soon, so take a moment to <u>read the full descriptions</u> <u>and register here</u>.

This season we have an array of options to choose from:

Fall Faith & Life Groups: Open for Registration!



Support

- Parenting Faithfully, Today and Tomorrow with Sarah Higginbotham
- Encouragement Group for Children of Aging Parents with Beth Spaulding Nature & Environment
- Fall Revelations with Hilary Hopkins
- Family-Friendly Astronomy Nights with Adam Weiss Exploring Faith
- Faithfully (& Queerfully) Reading Scripture with Jaz Buchanan
- Encountering Faith and the Bible Anew with Lexi Boudreaux
- Metaphors for God with Mary Martha Thiel

Justice & Faith in the World

- Prophetic Voices of the 20th Century with Paul Sawyer
- 1619 Project Discussion Group with Peggy Stevens & Mary Robinson

The registration form can be found at: <u>https://forms.gle/wZ1zkeeA4i8pqNNB8</u>



Family Night Reunion: NEW DATE! Tuesday, October 4, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The Parsonage, 44 Garden St.

For many years before 2020, First Church families with young children would gather on Tuesday evenings in Sage Hall for a simple pasta potluck dinner. Now, all those who participated in Tuesday Family Nights are warmly invited to a reunion! Join us for pizza and potluck at the Parsonage on Tuesday,

October 4, where we'll reconnect over a meal and consider what else we might need from each other and the wider First Church community. Bring your kids, if they are still bringable, or not. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, or not. Most importantly, bring yourself to catch up with other parents still on the journey, no matter the age of their children. RSVP to <u>Will Erickson</u> and/ or <u>Sarah Higginbotham</u> so we can plan the pizza order!



Where Are We Now? Perspectives on the American Church Sundays, October 9 & 16, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Harter Room and <u>via Zoom</u>

Behind all of the headlines about religion in the United States and all of the threats of polarization and evidence of dwindling church membership, there are deeper stories to tell. Picking up from our summer read of Bill McKibben's memoir,

The Flag, the Cross and the Station Wagon, we will look at the big picture of what researchers have learned about the strengths and weaknesses of American church life and what they've concluded about the future of mainline Protestantism. We will think together about what it all means for First Church and how we relate to that bigger story. First Church Deacon Peggy Bendroth will lead our exploration and discussion. Peggy is the former director of the Congregational Library and Archives, and a historian of American religion with an abiding interest in all of this—past, present, and future.

Harvard Square Faith Communities & The Legacy of Slavery: Landscape of Slavery Tours Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. OR Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. The Sunken Garden at Radcliffe, 10 Garden St. Drawing from the Report of the Presidential Committee on the Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery, this six-stop tour engages with the local



geography of African and Indigenous enslavement in words, silence and stillness. Join us as we learn about those who were wrongly oppressed, enslaved, and buried here, but whose dignity and humanity we aim to acknowledge and honor during this exploration.



Reflective Conversations with Brent Coffin on the Parables of Jesus

Tuesdays, beginning October 11, 7:15 - 8:45 a.m., via Zoom In a new series of small group sessions via Zoom, Brent Coffin will lead as we share in weekly reflection about the parables of Jesus, bringing these ancient and often confounding stories into

conversation with our own stories and lives. Meetings will start on Tuesday morning, October 11, from 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. A time of informal check-in will begin promptly at 7:15, followed by framing remarks from Brent, with space for intimate small group listening and sharing to follow.

Women's Community Book Group Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., via Zoom Please join us, all FCC people who identify as women, to re-start our women's book club. We will be starting with Bernhard Schlink's *The Reader*, and we hope to have a lively discussion. Please bring a friend; newcomers are enthusiastically welcomed! If you have trouble finding the book, please contact <u>Alex Steinert-Evoy</u>; we'll do our best to get you a copy.





EcoFaith Book Group Thursday, October 13, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., <u>via Zoom</u>

You are warmly invited to join the Earth Stewardship group for their next EcoFaith Book Group meeting. *Water Always Wins, Thriving in an Age of Doubt and Deluge* examines the special role water plays in our lives as we negotiate droughts and downpours brought on by climate change. Author Erica Gies looks at the history, science, and meaning of water, and reports on special situations from around the world. Together, we will consider how our Christian faith intersects with the issues raised. All are welcome!



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You can scan these codes to connect with First Church via social media:









First Church Shelter presents the 2022 Doris Beauvais Luncheon and Mitch Snyder Awards Sunday, October 30, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m Margaret Jewett Hall

The Shelter Oversight Committee hopes you will make time to attend this year's Doris Beauvais Luncheon. The event commemorates and recommends the leadership and example of the late Doris Beauvais, a First Church member who, 35 years ago, played a crucial role in the First Church community's decision to open and support a shelter for homeless adults. The luncheon will be free; donations to support First Church Homeless Ministries will be gratefully accepted.

The 2022 Mitch Snyder Awards will also be presented. This year's recipients include:

- Chris Alba, Substance Use Initiative, Revere
- Kim Powers, Access Hope
- Mary Wheeler, Healthy Streets, Lynn
- Joe Freitas, First Church Shelter
- Nikki Bell, Living in Freedom Together, Worcester

all events co-sponsored by First Parish, First Church, and Christ Church

First Parish in Cambridge Awakened by worship, nourished by tradition, and united by love

HARVARD SQUARE FAITH COMMUNITIES & THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY





October 12 at 6 PM.

October 9 at 12:30 PM

OR

October 30 at 3:00 PM

November 5 9-11 AM

HERE LIES DARBY VASSALL FILM PREMIERE at CHRIST CHURCH

A 10-minute short film entitled *Here Lies Darby Vassall* explores the obscured and concealed history of slavery at Christ Church. Join us for a short service of prayer and hear from Darby Vassall's living descendants before the film premieres.

LANDSCAPE OF SLAVERY TOURS

10 Garden Street, the Sunken Garden at Radcliffe

Drawing from the Report of the Presidential Committee on the Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery, this six-stop tour engages with the local geography of African and Indigenous enslavement in words, silence and stillness. Join us as we learn about those who were wrongly oppressed, enslaved, and buried here, but whose dignity and humanity we aim to acknowledge and honor during this exploration.

DARBY VASSALL QUIET DAY at CHRIST CHURCH (kids are welcome!)

Join us for a contemplative retreat focusing on the extraordinary life and activism of Darby Vassall, who was buried in the Christ Church crypt at his own request in 1861.

Need childcare to attend the quiet day, or interested in your child spending some time learning alongside you? A Godly Play session will be offered, using one of the new "People of Color Who Inspire" stories, followed by supervised arts and crafts and playtime for children PreK through 5th grade.

Register at https://forms.gle/Mf6fPjfxKpUjny8B7

Musical Exploration of the Psalms Saturday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m. Old South Church, Boston

Our friends at Old South Church invite us to this unique interactive event that uses live musical performances as a springboard for discussion about Scripture and faith.

Participants gather to hear worldpremiere performances of brand-new musical compositions inspired by the Psalms, then join each other in conversation about the ways these pieces help us experience and understand Scripture. Almost like a "musical Bible study", this spiritual formation event brings to life these ancient texts in meaningful and memorable ways.

This free event is open to all. No musical experience is necessary, just a willingness to open your hearts to Scripture in a new way!

Old South Church Sat., Oct. 22 at 2pm Free & open to the public

I Will Lift My Eyes Unto the Mountains

A Musical Exploration of the Psalms

> A unique, interactive event featuring world-premiere performances of new works inspired by the psalms



Monday, October 3

Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4

- 10:30 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, Harter Room
- 4:00 p.m. FCC Professional Caregivers' Call, via Zoom
- Family Night Reunion at the Parsonage, 44 Garden St. 5:30 p.m.
- Faith & Life Group: Metaphors for God, via Zoom 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5

- Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom 9:30 a.m. Gifts Discernment Committee, via Zoom 4:30 p.m.
- Christian Formation Committee, via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

- 6:00 p.m Drop-in Bible Study, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room

Friday, October 7

- 9:30 a.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room
- Friday Café, Tower Room and Lawn 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m.	Where Are We Now? Perspectives on the American Church,
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