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Season of Regathering  
September 18, 2022

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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 on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

FIRST CHURCH  
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**386 YEARS**  
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## September 18, 2022

### Preaching Today Leading Worship

Jaz Buchanan, *Pastoral Associate*  
Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*  
Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*  
Peter Sykes, *Director of Music*  
Barb Hume, *liturgist*  
Lee Prouty, *tech support*

**Bulletin Cover Image** Freddie Funck, *First Church youth*

### Today's Programs and Events

- 9:30 a.m. Celebrating our ONA History, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 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: Godly Play and Bible 101 Classes
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom Coffee Hour](#)  
Newcomers Meet and Greet, church lawn
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Session 1, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 1:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) Student Intro Session (7/8th graders)  
and Parent Orientation, Old South Church
- 1:30 p.m. Youth Group: Kickball and Pizza, Cambridge Common
- 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 ["virtual visitor card"](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

### Give to First Church

You can give online: [www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give) or by texting "\$\_" to: 1-844-996-0982.

### Contact a Pastor or Staff Member

Find [contact information](#) for our ministerial, program, and building staff on our website.  
For general information and inquiries: [info@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:info@firstchurchcambridge.org)

Have a church program or event to promote?  
Complete the [First Church Communications Request](#) form.

Have an edit or update for our website? Complete the [FCC Website Changes](#) form.

## GATHERING

**VOLUNTARY**

Con moto maestoso (Sonata 3)

Felix Mendelssohn

**\*HYMN 407**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**\*GREETING**

Barb Hume

L: Siblings in the Spirit, come in, and know the goodness of God's love!

**C: Enter into this sanctuary of rest and healing.**

L: Come in, and know this community of justice of joy.

**C: Come in, and hear stories of hope and challenge;  
drink of God's beauty and mercy!**

L: Friends from near and far,  
enter anew into this space of wonder and grace,

**All: and let us praise and worship God!**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

**ANTHEM**

In oculus Dei

Patricia Van Ness (1996)

*In oculis Dei*

*In oculis Dei*

*Sto non prona*

*Sed plena gratia dignitatisque*

*Et coronata.*

*Ego cum coronata aureo anula*

*Accum sapphiris vestita sum*

*In oculis Dei.*

*In the eyes of God*

*In the eyes of God*

*I stand unbowed*

*Full of grace and dignity*

*And crowned.*

*I am crowned with a circlet of gold*

*And robed in sapphires*

*In the eyes of God.*

## CONFESSING

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**SILENCE**

**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)*

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded 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.*

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### GREETING OF PEACE

*We invite you to remain in your pew for the Greeting of Peace.*

### \*HYMN 386

#### We Are One in the Spirit

*Children up through 6th grade are now invited to Church School classes. Godly Play (PreK-4th grade) and Bible 101 (5/6th grade) students can meet their teachers at the side door by the Children's Book Corner. Parents and caregivers can meet their children in the Chapel after worship.*

### OPENING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Dan Smith

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 139:1-14

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

C: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.**

L: You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

C: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

L: Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

C: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

L: If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

C: **even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,  
even the darkness is not dark to you;

C: **the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**C:** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**READING**

Luke 15:1-10

**SERMON**

Jaz Buchanan

### SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Lexi Boudreaux

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO OFFERING



**Give by Text**



**Give Online**



**I've Given Already**

### OFFERTORY

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

Idle/Landis/Rickard

*Eternal light, shine in my heart, eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
eternal power, be my support, eternal wisdom, make me wise.*

*Eternal life, raise me from death, eternal brightness, help me see;  
eternal Spirit, give me breath, eternal Savior, come to me:*

*Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.*

**\*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**

**GOING FORTH**

**\*HYMN**

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' Kwenkhos

*see below*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Thuma Mina

Hymn 344

**VOLUNTARY**

Andante tranquillo (Sonata 3)

Felix Mendelssohn

(Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' Kwenkhos')

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

The first system of the musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1.  
march - ing in the light of God. We are  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -

of God, We are  
kwen khos' si - ya -

The second system of the musical score continues the melody. It includes a first ending bracket labeled '1.' and a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## CLOSING HYMN

*2.*  
 march-ing in the light of the light of God. We are  
*hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya*

march-ing of kwen God, khos'. Oo We are  
*ham - ba ham - ba Oo Si - ya -*  
 march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing, we are  
*ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -*

march - ing in the light of God.  
*hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos.*

**verse 1:** We are **marching** in the **light** of God, we are **marching** in the **light** of God...

**verse 2:** We are **living** in the **love** of God, we are **living** in the **love** of God...

**verse 3:** We are **dancing** in the **joy** of God, we are **dancing** in the **joy** of God...

**verse 4:** Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos...

407 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I pause a - long my jour-ney; by thy help thus far I've come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am called to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy great mer - cy, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, gave his bod - y, shed his blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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## We Are One in the Spirit

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*Unison*

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:

*Refrain (Harmony)*

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,

yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- 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 Marian Smith, who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
- We pray for Lexi Boudreaux, who is grieving the loss of her grandmother Jeanette Beth Wall.
- We pray for Devin Hansen's Aunt Ellen, who is recovering from intestinal surgery.
- We pray for Kathy Williams, who is grieving the loss of her husband Jim. Though Jim had been experiencing health challenges, he died unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 23.
- We pray for Nancy O'Connell, who is grieving the loss of her beloved husband Steve. Steve was diagnosed with cancer in July and died on Friday, August 19.
- We pray for Kirsten Manville's father Keith, who is recovering from a serious fall.
- 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 the residents of Jackson, MS, who are experiencing a catastrophic water emergency stemming from years of neglect rooted in systemic racism.
- We pray for the people of Pakistan, who are facing a catastrophic crisis of housing and feeding in the wake of severe flooding.
- We pray for all who have been affected by the monkeypox outbreak around the world and by the outbreak of polio in New York state.
- 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.
- We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19, especially for educators, healthcare personnel, and other essential workers.
- We pray that the good news of the recent climate action legislation gives us the inspiration and sustenance to continue God's green and holy work.
- 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 lift up gratitude and prayers for healing for Shelter guest M., as he continues a slow but steady recovery from a serious health crisis in May.

*Join the [First Church List](#) to see and offer up more community prayer requests.*

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



**Photography of First Church Community Today**  
[Theory One Design](#), our website developer and communications consultant, are with us today with cameras in hand to snap a selection of photographs of our community. We are excited to add new images to our media library for use on our website and in our communications. If you have questions about our use of photos or would like to request that we not use your image, please contact [Dan](#), [Lexi](#), or [Sarah](#).

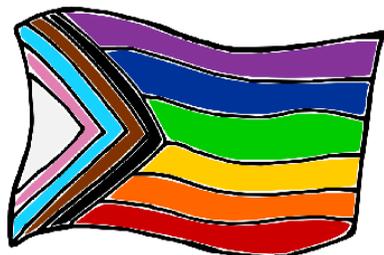
### **Celebrating Our ONA History—Faithfully (& Queerfully)**

#### **Responding to the Present**

**Today and September 25, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)**

Join us as we celebrate our history as an Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation since 1991! Grounded in our faith, we will discern together how we can continue to lovingly embrace our LGBTQ+ siblings—especially our trans and nonbinary siblings, whose civil rights are under attack across our nation. We will talk about and give thanks to God for a wide breadth of sexualities and genders, and for every color on the rainbow that connects us all as beloved children, deeply cherished by our Creator. We look forward to seeing you there!



### **Newcomers Meet and Greet**

**Today, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m., Church Lawn**

Those feeling new to First Church, or interested in meeting (in person!) someone new to our community, are warmly invited to meet up directly after worship at Coffee Hour on the lawn. Some of what you can expect: friendly faces, new friends?, questions answered, snacks, and an informal atmosphere for conversation. Our first Joining Sunday of the season will be on October 30.



### **Newcomer Sessions After Worship**

**Today and September 25, 12:30 p.m., Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)**

We are hosting two drop-in opportunities to explore what membership at First Church in Cambridge means and to learn more about the history and values of our community. There will be time for us to wrestle with questions, build deeper connections with one another, and help each other feel more oriented to this place of belonging and becoming. Current members of First Church who are interested in engaging in these conversations and in being a resource for those who are newer are invited to join! Come with your questions, your story, and your appetite for new connections. Light snacks will be provided.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

### Our Whole Lives (OWL)

Student Intro Session and  
Parent Orientation

Today at 1:30 p.m.,

Old South Church, Boston

7th and 8th graders begin their one-year  
OWL program today with an introductory

session. Parents meet for an orientation  
to the program, as well. First Church

partners with Old South Church to provide this faith-based sexuality education curriculum, developed by the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association. The students meet at Old South for the first semester and then at First Church for the second semester.



### Night Song

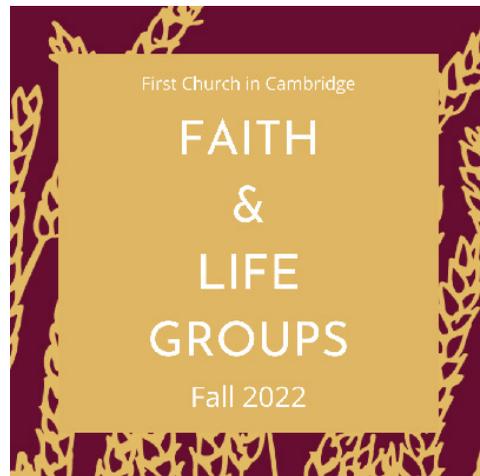
Sundays, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m., Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

Lux Arcana, Night Song's newly formed ensemble of women, will sing compline on September 18 at 7:30 p.m. The music director is Teri Kowiak, a vocal specialist in medieval and contemporary music. The music list includes a chant setting of compline in Latin (text taken from the Liber Usualis) by Daryl Bichel, In Principio by

Patricia Van Ness, Psalm 4 set by Bichel, and Salve Regina, a Gregorian chant. Night Song is a worship opportunity that offers stillness and sublime music in a darkened sanctuary for respite and reset... [Read more about Night Song.](#)

### Call for Fall Faith & Life Group Leaders

Are you interested in leading a small group over Zoom or in-person this Fall? [Contact Transitional Minister Lexi Boudreaux](#) to discuss your idea for a Fall Faith & Life Group. Led by First Church members, Faith & Life Groups are designed to encourage meaningful connections through shared interests, whether exploring a spiritual practice, opening our eyes to the beauty around us, delving into a challenging social issue, or attending to significant life stages (parenting, aging, job transitions, etc.). Faith & Life Groups involve making a short-term commitment (a single session to several weeks, depending on the group). Pitch your idea for a Faith & Life Group to [Lexi!](#) **Deadline for proposals is TODAY!**



## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH



### Faith Formation for Children & Youth - Register Now!

We are very happy to welcome children and youth back to in-person classes, workshops, and social gatherings this fall!

[Register your children for this year's programs here.](#)

Parents and caregivers, make sure you are on the "First Church Families" email list. Sarah Higginbotham sends a "News for First Church Families" e-newsletter every Thursday afternoon.

[Contact Sarah to get on the list.](#)

### Aging With Grace and Dying Well Reunion

**Tuesday, September 20, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m., Harter Room & [via Zoom](#)**

Join us as we regather the members of last year's group, where we offered each other companionship and spiritual resources for encountering the end of life. In this current season of regathering, let's again wrestle with the big questions together as we let God's presence and this community hold us. Let's learn together how we can find dignity, courage, grace, hope, and peace in our aging and in our dying. We will offer spiritual readings, time for conversation and reflection, along with a few practical resources for end-of-life planning. Folks who are new to the group are welcome to these gatherings. This group may continue on a monthly basis for ongoing support. New members are welcome. Please email [Lexi](#) or [Dan](#) if you have questions.



### Weekly Drop-In Bible Study this Fall

**Thursday evenings, 6:00 - 7:30, [via Zoom](#)**

In the spirit of First Church's Regathering, our weekly drop-in Bible study renews this **Thursday, September 22**, and every Thursday after. Second Isaiah (Chapters 40-55) will be our focus in the coming weeks: God promises restoration to a nation in exile, and the prophet reflects on the meaning of servanthood.

Steady attendance or Bible study experience aren't required; come when you want, as you are. You've been meaning to join us but haven't yet? This is your perfect opportunity! Begin this new season with us – we'd love to have you. Contact Carter West at [cartergw24@gmail.com](mailto:cartergw24@gmail.com).

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH



**SNEUCC 2022 Racial Justice Summit**  
**Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, CT**  
**(virtual options available)**

Join First Church leaders, SNEUCC members, and partners at the **2022 Justice Summit**, a one-day in-person gathering (with virtual options) focused on devising strategies to confront racial inequity in local congregations and communities. The Summit includes worship, a plenary presentation by [Rev. Dr. Velda Love](#), plenary conversations with our [Theologians in Residence Revs. Drs. Yvette Flunder and Diane Schmitz](#), workshops that help connect us and strategize together for the work ahead; and time dedicated to spiritually sustaining the work for the long-haul. [More info and the registration link may be found here.](#)

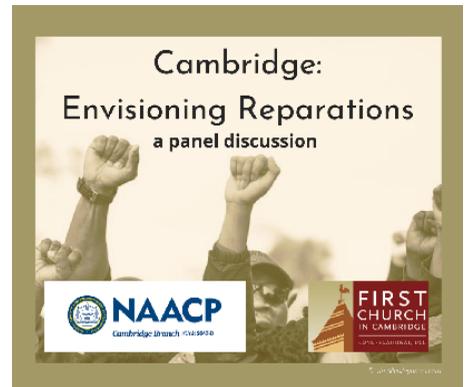
### **Cambridge: Envisioning Reparations**

**Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Sanctuary and via livestream**

Join us for a panel discussion about reparations in our city - past, present and future.

Moderated by Richard Harding, Jr., Vice President, Cambridge NAACP, panelists include:

- Kris Manjapra, *Professor of History, Tufts University and Founder, Black History in Action for Cambridgeport*
- Rev. Irene Monroe, *Speaker, Theologian, Syndicated Columnist*
- Ken Reeves, *President, Cambridge NAACP*
- Rev. Daniel Smith, *Senior Minister, First Church in Cambridge*



**First Church Returns to Craigville for our All-Church Fall Retreat**  
**Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

After two pandemic cancellations (as well as the “year off” we took in 2019), First Church is returning to [Craigville Retreat Center](#) for our beloved All-Church Fall Retreat! All are welcome to join us for a weekend of community-building in fellowship, formation, and fun.

Take advantage of scheduled large group gatherings, small group sessions, supervised play/crafting time for kids, worship, group games, and more. Or, opt for a quiet walk on the beach, bird-watching at the marsh, or whatever your soul needs. Arrive on Friday evening, September 30, and stay through midday on Sunday, October 2, for the full event; or come for a portion of the weekend, for just one night or for a daytrip on Saturday. [Register now](#) to reserve your spot!

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH



### Fair Share Forum

**Sunday, Oct 2, 9:30 - 10:15 a.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: [fairsharema.com/](http://fairsharema.com/)

### Family Night Reunion: NEW DATE!

**Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 - 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. Parents would linger over dinner as kids raced around our basement playspace on tricycles or built towers with blocks. Deeper reflection and connection amongst parents would take place during seasonal small group offerings during this time, including Bible study and book group discussion. Now, all those who participated in Tuesday Family Nights are warmly invited to a reunion! [Read more](#)



### Where Are We Now?

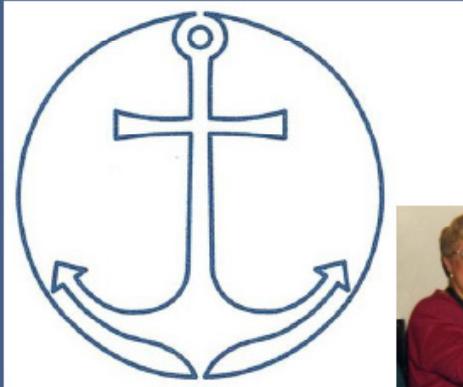
**Perspectives on the American Church**

**Sundays, October 9 & 16, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)**

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.



# First Church Shelter



## The 2022 Doris Beauvais Luncheon & Mitch Snyder Awards

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Sunday, October 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Margaret Jewett Hall  
First Church in Cambridge  
11 Garden St., Cambridge, MA

More info: [firstchurchcambridge.org/events](https://firstchurchcambridge.org/events)

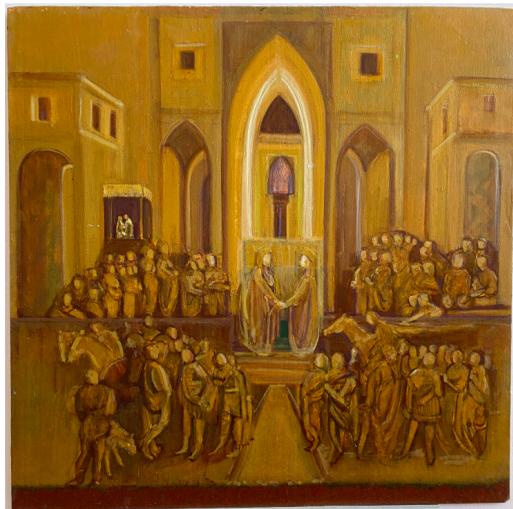
## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

### Art Showcase: *Doors of Paradise*

Sunday, September 25

Margaret Jewett Hall

See ten oil paint panels as one narrative, based on the bas-relief sculpture of Ghiberti, circa 1450. Those doors open to the San Giovanni Duomo baptistry in Florence, Italy. First Church member Henry Gates revives Christian art history to envision Biblical narrative in Genesis to Kings, exploring family and tribal dramas that may speak to our time and faith. We can imagine our matters of ethics—love, power and justice—that were at issue three thousand years ago.



### First Church Land Acknowledgment

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

You can find a longer version of this acknowledgment [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.

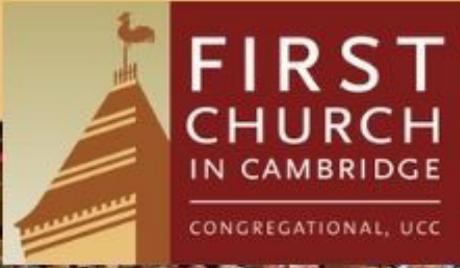


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You can scan these codes to connect with First Church via social media:





# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, September 19

- 4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, home of Amy Matias

## Tuesday, September 20

- 3:00 p.m. Aging with Grace and Dying Well Reunion, Harter Room and via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Shelter Oversight Committee, via Zoom

## Wednesday, September 21

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Missions and Social Justice, via Zoom

See our [Events Calendar](#) for Zoom links and details.

## Thursday, September 22

- 6:00 p.m. Drop-in Bible Study, via Zoom

Sign up [here](#) to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

## Friday, September 23

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

## Saturday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. SNEUCC Racial Justice Summit, Glastonbury, CT and virtual

## Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Celebrating our ONA History, Harter Room and via Zoom
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation, Hastings Common
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and via livestream
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Creative Arts Workshop, MJH
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Sessions 2, Harter Room and via zoom
- 1:30 p.m. OWL for 7/8th graders, Old South Church
- 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class for 9/10th graders, Harter Room
- 2:00 p.m. Cambridge: Envisioning Reparations, Sanctuary and via livestream
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

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