



Season of Regathering
September 25, 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.

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Preaching Today Leading Worship

Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*
Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*
Karen McArthur, *Minister of Stewardship & Finance*
Casey Marsh, *liturgist*
Jennifer Velázquez, *guest musician*
Lee Prouty, *tech support*
Freddie Funck, *First Church youth*

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](#)
Stewardship Committee, the Well
- 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: Creative Arts Workshop, MJH
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour
Pollinator Garden Planting, church lawn
Art Showcase: *Doors of Paradise*, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Session 2, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 1:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th graders, Old South Church
Confirmation Class for 9/10th graders, Harter Room
- 2:00 p.m. Cambridge: Envisioning Reparations, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 4:00 p.m. Young Adults: Kayaking, Paddle Boston, Kendall Square
- 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 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

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

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GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

***HYMN 461**

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

***GREETING**

Casey Marsh

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, gather and regather, 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

Know That God Loves You

Carson Cooman

Know that God loves you.

God's command is this: "Love one another as I have loved you."

*For neither death nor life, nor present nor future,
shall separate us from the love of 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 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.*

Children up through 6th grade are now invited to Church School: Creative Arts Workshop in Margaret Jewett Hall. Caregivers can find the children in Margaret Jewett Hall after worship.

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Psalm 146

READING

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

Lexi Boudreaux

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Smith

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Karen McArthur

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

Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

Wren/Tucker

*Spirit of Jesus, if I love my neighbor out of my knowledge, leisure, power or wealth,
Help me to understand the shame and anger of helplessness that hates my power to help.
And if, when I have answered need with kindness, my neighbor rises, weakened from despair,
Keep me from flinching when the cry for justice requires of me the changes that I fear.
If I am hugging safety or possessions, uncurl my spirit, as your love prevails:
To join my neighbors, work for liberation, and find my freedom as the mark of nails.*

***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 241**

We Will Build Your Church, O Christ

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Thuma Mina

Hymn 344

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. (Send me, Lord.)
Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord. | 3. (Fill me, Lord.) Fill me, Jesus... |
| 2. (Lead me, Lord.) Lead me, Jesus... | 4. (Thuma mina.)
Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, somandla. |

VOLUNTARY

How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré

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 [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



OPENING HYMN

380

We Are Not Our Own

Unison

1. We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu - man
 2. We are not a - lone. Earth names us: past and
 3. Through a hu - man life God finds us; dy - ing,
 4. There - fore let us make thanks - giv - ing, and with
 5. And if love's en - coun - ters lead us on a
 6. Let us be a house of wel - come, liv - ing

leaves on na - ture's grow - ing vine, fruit of man - y
 2. pre - sent, peo - ples near and far, fam - i - ly and
 liv - ing, love is ful - ly known, and in bread and
 4. jus - tice, will - ing and a - ware, give to earth, and
 way un - cer - tain and un - known, all the saints with
 6. stone up - hold - ing liv - ing stone, glad - ly show - ing

gen - er - a - tions, seeds of life di - vine.
 2. friends and stran - gers show us who we are.
 wine re - minds us: we are not our own.
 4. all things liv - ing, lit - ur - gies of care.
 prayer sur - round us: we are not a - lone.
 6. all our neigh - bors we are not our own!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1987
 MUSIC: Brian Wren, 1987; harm. Fred Graham, 1987

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With twelve hymn texts included, United Reformed Church minister Brian Wren is this hymnal's most frequent contributor.

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PEACE HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 467

I'm gon-na live so God can use me

1. I'm gon-na live (I'm gon-na live so) God can use (God can

me

use me) an - y - time, Lord, and an - y - where. (yes, an - y -

yes, an - y - time,

I'm gon-na live so God can use me

where.) I'm gon-na live (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me

an - y - time, Lord, and an - y - where. (yes an - y - where.)

CLOSING HYMN

We Will Build Your Church, O Christ 241

1. We will build your church, O Christ, with met - tle, mor - tar, flesh and
 2. We will build your church, O Christ, with hope and heal - ing, faith and
 3. We would be your church, O Christ. Break forth your heal - ing, pour forth
 4. We would be your church, O Christ, O lead us through the trials of

stone to bring you praise and give that praise a home. And
 trust that care and in - sight nour - ish things un - seen. And
 life, and bring to un - ion those once set a - part. And
 life and call us, claim us, that your realm may thrive. And

when we find our cher - ished tem - ple walls us from a world in need,
 if the knowl - edge that we nur - ture lim - its vi - sions of your peace,
 when we stif - fen to your knead - ing, when our sor - row bends our knees,
 when we love our church life such that we for - get it first serves thee,

lift us through the gift of gos - pel, dy - ing, ris - ing, borne by thee.

WORDS: Gail S. Ransom, 1984, alt.
 MUSIC: Gail S. Ransom, 1984; harm. FCC, 1997

Gail Ransom, Director of Children's Christian Education of First
 Congregational Church of Houston from 1985-1986, wrote this
 hymn in Houston, TX

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray in joyful celebration for First Church members Robb Morgan and Claire Hunt Morgan, who were married last Saturday in Greensboro, VT.
- 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 Kirsten Manville's father Keith, who is continuing his recovery 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 people of Puerto Rico as they 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 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.
- 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

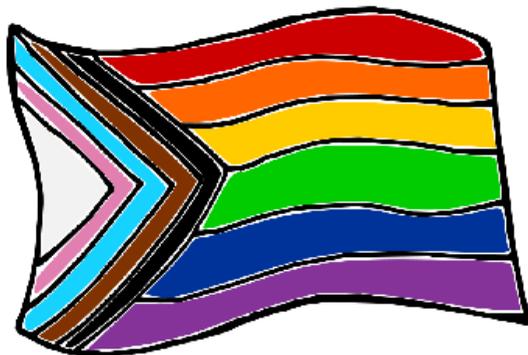
A memorial service for longtime, beloved First Church member Pauline Fennel will take place on All Saints Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream with a reception to follow. Pauline died on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, following a year-long struggle with cancer.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

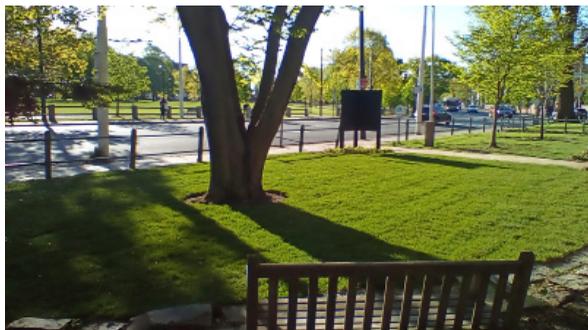
Celebrating Our ONA History—Faithfully (& Queerfully) Responding to the Present Today, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

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 non-binary 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.

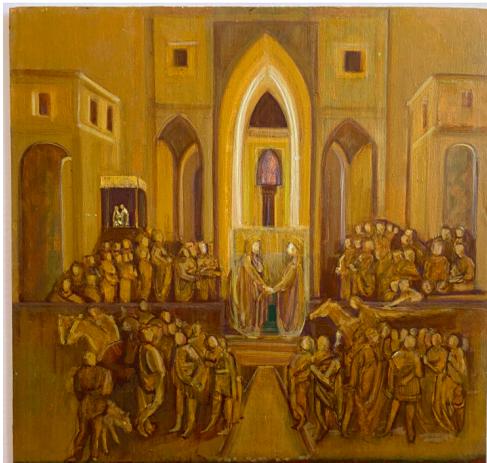


Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour Today at 12:00 p.m.

Join us in person or online for social connection and the making of new friends. For those on the lawn, come witness and/or help with the planting of a new Pollinator Garden in a flower bed by the playground fence!

Art Showcase: *Doors of Paradise* Today, 12:00 p.m., 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.



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



Newcomer Session After Worship Today 12:30 p.m., Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)

We are hosting the second drop-in opportunity to explore what membership at First Church in Cambridge means and to learn more about the history and values of our community. 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.



Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th Graders

Today, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Old South Church, Boston

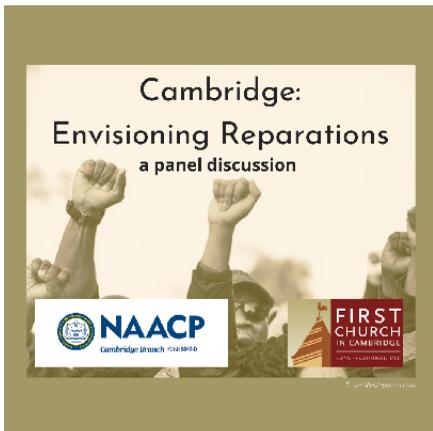
7th and 8th graders meet for OWL, a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum produced by the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Confirmation Class for 9/10th graders

Today, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Harter Room

Our year-long Confirmation journey for 9th and 10th graders begins today with a session entitled "Faith and Belief."

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



Cambridge: Envisioning Reparations

Today 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;
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, UCC

Young Adults: Kayaking

Today, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Paddle Boston, Kendall Square

Join other First Church 20- and 30-somethings for fellowship. You're invited to join us today for some kayaking, compliments of FCC! All are welcome, especially those new to First Church or exploring a new faith path. We get together a few times monthly for walks, drinks, and conservation. To get on the Young Adults mailing list, send an email to: youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org. Text Phil you're coming to kayak: 585-610-7919.



Night Song

Sundays, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

Today, a new ensemble of women will sing, with Teri Kowiak as director. Canticum vespertinum, the mixed ensemble directed by Jennifer Lester, will sing on September 25. Please join us and tell your friends! 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.](#)

FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

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 [read the full descriptions and register here](#).

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

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: <https://forms.gle/wZ1zkeeA4i8pqNNB8>

Fall Faith & Life Groups: Open for Registration!



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.](#)

FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

First Church Returns to Craigville for our All-Church Fall Retreat

Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2

We can't wait to gather with almost 60 First Church folks at Craigville next weekend! All participants should have received an email from Sarah this past week entitled "All-Church Fall Retreat 2022: Information for Participants." If you (or your spouse/partner) did NOT receive this email, [please be in touch with Sarah ASAP](#) to get all the details and make sure you're on the list. And stay tuned for another important email this week about room assignments and last-minute details.



Fair Share Forum

Sunday, Oct 2, 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:

<https://www.fairsharema.com/volunteer>

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. 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 [Will Erickson](#) and/or [Sarah Higginbotham](#) so we can plan the pizza order!



FALL AT FIRST CHURCH



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,

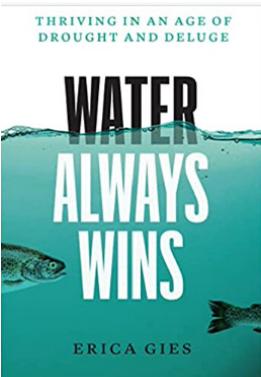
The Flag, the Cross and the Station Wagon, we will look at the big picture of what researchers have learned about the strengths and weaknesses of American church life and what they've concluded about the future of mainline Protestantism. We will think together about what it all means for First Church 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.

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.



EcoFaith Book Group

Thursday, October 13, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., [via Zoom](#)

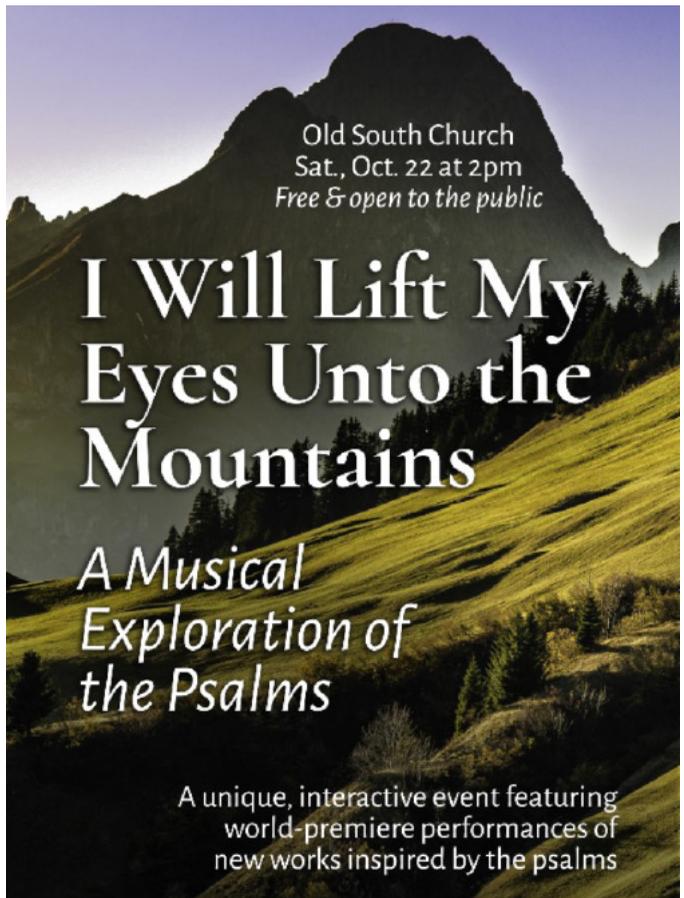
You are warmly invited to join the Earth Stewardship group for their next EcoFaith Book Group meeting. *Water Always Wins, Thriving in an Age of Doubt and Deluge* examines the special role water plays in our lives as we negotiate droughts and downpours brought on by climate change. Author Erica Gies 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!

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 world-premiere 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.

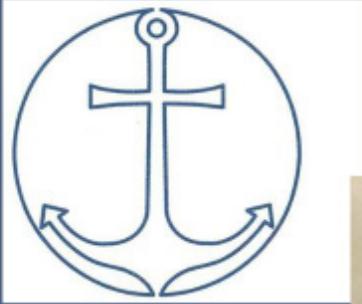
This free event is open to all. No musical experience is necessary, just a willingness to open your hearts to Scripture in a new way!



Do you want to follow the hyperlinks, but you’re holding a paper bulletin in your hand? Use your phone’s camera to hover over the QR code to the left marked “scan me;” this will take you to the Members & Friends page of our website, where you’ll find the bulletin online, as well as links to news, events, and more.

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





First Church Shelter
presents



The 2022
Doris Beauvais
Luncheon &
Mitch Snyder
Awards

Sunday, October 30
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

**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 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
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Church,
and Christ
Church*



HARVARD SQUARE FAITH COMMUNITIES & THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY



October 12
at 6 PM.

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.

October 9
at 12:30 PM

OR

October 30
at 3:00 PM

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.

November 5
9-11 AM

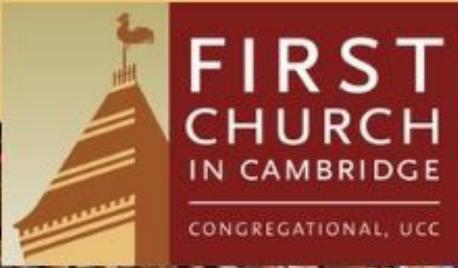
DARBY VASSALL QUIET DAY

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>



THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, September 26

- 4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council, via Zoom

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

Tuesday, September 27

- 10:30 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, Harter Room
- 1:30 p.m. Beloved Community, via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Metaphors for God, via Zoom

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

Wednesday, September 28

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

- 9:30 a.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room
- 12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Tower Room and Lawn
- 7:00 p.m. All-Church Retreat begins at Craigville Conference Center, Centerville, MA

Saturday, October 1

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Harter Room

Sunday, October 2

- 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: Pastoral Care Sunday, MJH
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour
- 12:15 p.m. Fair Share Forum, Harter Room and via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

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