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Membership Sunday  
October 30, 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  
IN CAMBRIDGE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**386 YEARS**  
ON THE WAY  
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### October 30, 2022

#### Preaching Today Leading Worship

Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*  
Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*  
Carla Carbajal, *Ministerial Intern*  
Sarah Higginbotham, *Director of Creative Worship & Arts*  
Peter Sykes, *Music Director*  
Larry Smith, *liturgist*  
Lee Prouty, *tech support*

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

#### Today's Programs and Events

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: How to Tell the Truth About Money, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Margaret Jewett Hall (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, the Landing
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour, Hastings Common and [via Zoom](#)
- 12:30 p.m. Doris Beauvais Luncheon and Mitch Snyder Awards, MJH
- 1:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th graders, Old South Church
- 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Harter Room
- 3:00 p.m. Landscape of Slavery Tour, Sunken Garden at Radcliffe, 10 Garden St.
- 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)

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## GATHERING

### VOLUNTARY

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot'

J. S. Bach

### \*HYMN 378

God, We Thank You for Our People

### \*GREETING

Larry Smith

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 and 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

Dan Smith and Larry Smith

### ANTHEM

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.  
The glorious Majesty of our Lord and God be upon us:  
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handiwork.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope in years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

## 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)*

*\*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

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sarah Higginbotham

### \*HYMN

We Who Are Now Brought Together

(see page 5)

*Children up through 6th grade are now invited to the Landing for an introduction to a multigenerational embroidery project. Parents and caregivers can meet their children at the Landing (just above the church office, halfway up the staircase) after worship.*

## OPENING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Carla Carbajal

## READING

1 Peter 5:1-5

## REFLECTION

Dan Smith and Larry Smith

## LITANY OF RECOGNITION FOR LONG-TIME MEMBERS Beth Spaulding and Leslie Pelton-Cairns

One: God of time and timelessness, for First Church in Cambridge, which has been a spiritual home for so many, we give you thanks. Especially today, we give you thanks for our long-term members, who have given so much to this community of faith.

**All: God, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

One: For the nurturing of children, from Junior Church and Sunday Schools, to Godly Play and Our Whole Lives;

**All: God, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

One: For participation in so many worship services, for attendance at meetings upon meetings, for joining in congregational and choral singing, for sharing of all manner of gifts;

**All: God, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

One: For standing on the side of love and justice, for supporting the Men's Shelter and the Friday Café, for marching and signing petitions and bearing witness;

**All: God, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

One: For the times of frustration or disappointment, of staying away or staying anyway;

**All: God, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

One: For ushering, serving communion, and collecting offerings; for cookie-baking and bringing potluck dishes;

**All: God, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

One: For visiting the sick in hospitals and nursing homes,  
for caring for those at home, bringing meals, and driving people to appointments;

**All: God, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

One: For all the ways in which First Church has been blessed  
by the ministry of generation upon generation,  
moving from strength to strength, we give you thanks.

**All: O God, you are our help in ages past, and our hope for years to come.**

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYERS FOR 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

You Are Called to Tell the Story

Ruth Duck/David Hurd

*You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,  
then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.*

*Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.*

*You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,  
then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.*

*Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.*

*May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space  
give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place,  
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.*

**\*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 80**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Thuma Mina

Hymn 344

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| 1. (Send me, Lord.)<br><b>Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,<br/>send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.</b> | 3. (Fill me, Lord.) <b>Fill me, Jesus...</b>                                 |
| 2. (Lead me, Lord.) <b>Lead me, Jesus...</b>   | 4. (Thuma mina.)<br><b>Thuma mina, thuma mina,<br/>thuma mina, somandla.</b> |

**VOLUNTARY**

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J. S. Bach

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

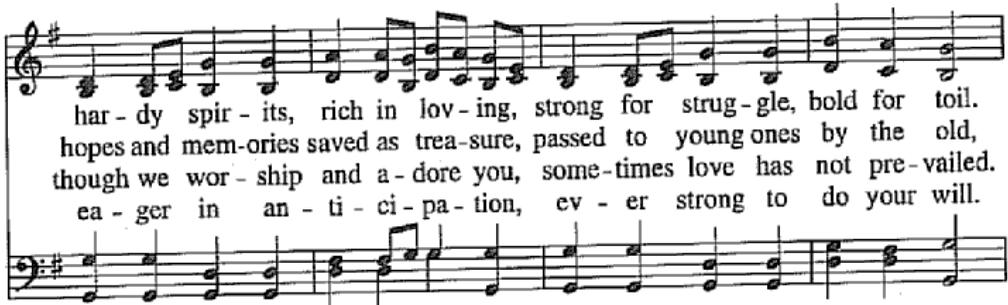


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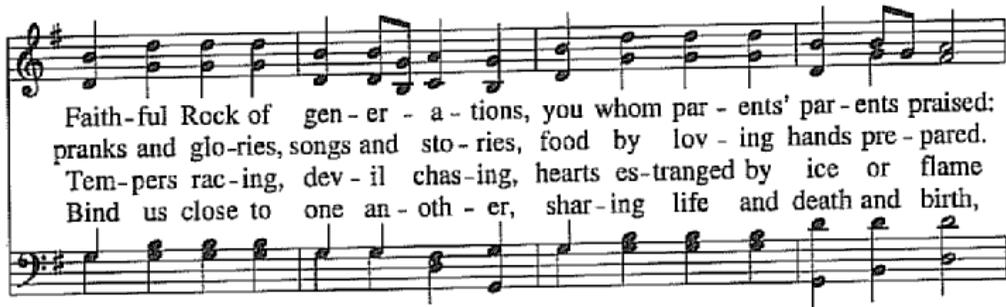
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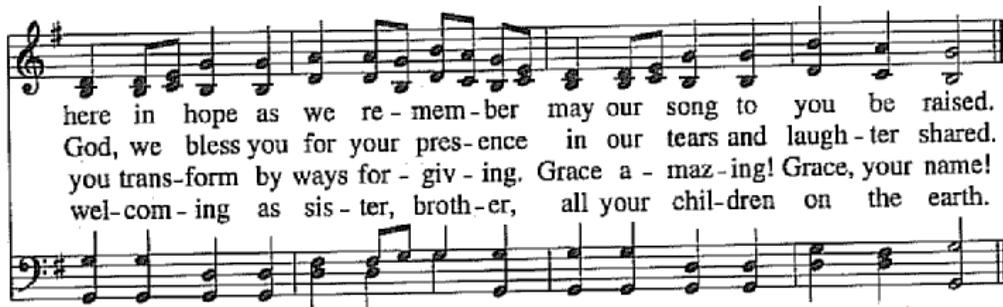
1. God, we thank you for our peo - ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,  
 2. Thank you, God, for gen - tle plea - sure: les - sons learned and se - crets told,  
 3. Still we must con - fess be - fore you, some - times, Sav - ior, we have failed;  
 4. By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk - ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.  
 hopes and mem - ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,  
 though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre - vailed.  
 ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:  
 pranks and glo - ries, songs and sto - ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.  
 Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame  
 Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.  
 God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.  
 you trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!  
 wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

# PEACE HYMN

## *We who are now brought together*

Mary Luti

Peter Sykes

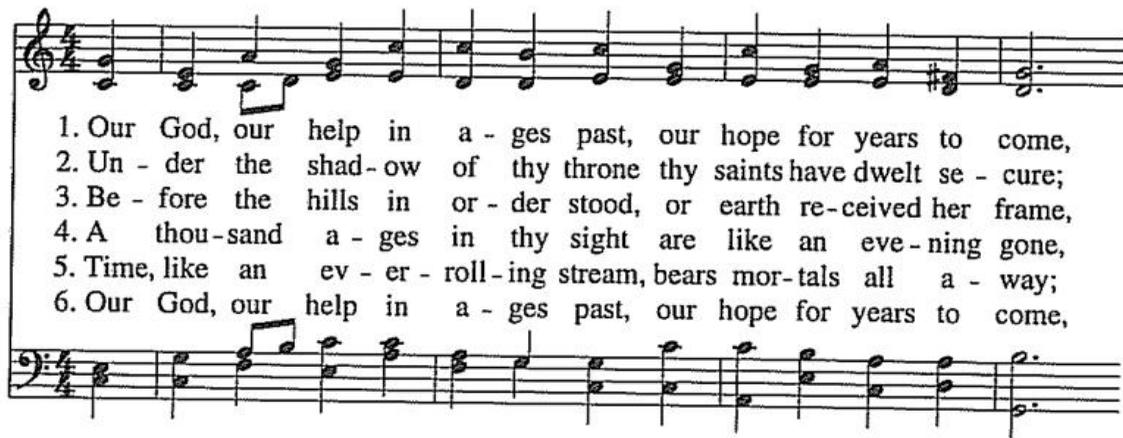
We who are now brought to - geth - er, e - ven we,  
We who are now brought to - geth - er, Spi - rit - led,  
We who are now joined to - geth - er in God's sight  
We who are now joined to - geth - er in all ways

drawn by the love of our Sa - vior, ev - en he,  
called and made ho - ly by Je - sus, hum - ble Head,  
so near as grace may be giv - en day and night,  
of - fer to you, O Cre - a - tor, praise on praise

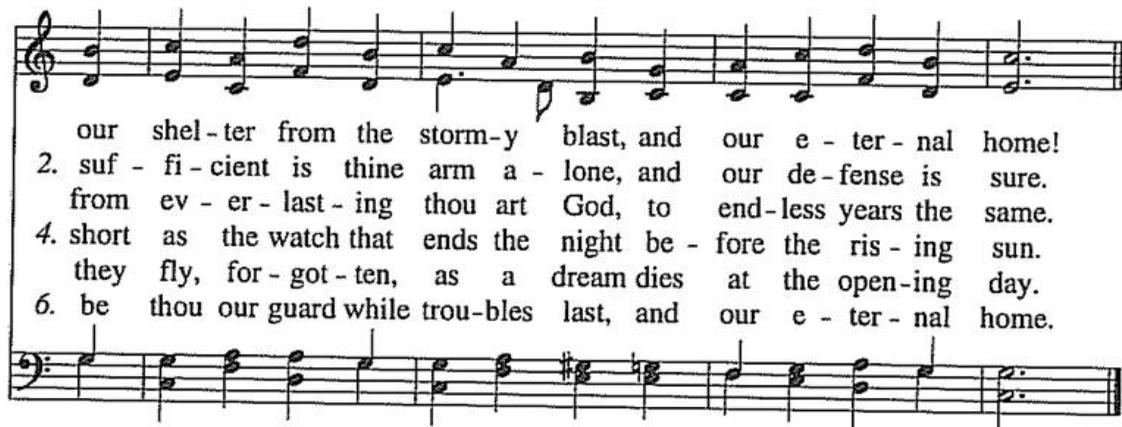
pro - mise to walk on his path - way, faith - ful, free.  
pro - mise to live by the gos - pel, as he said.  
pro - mise to love one an - oth - er, God's de - light.  
grate - ful - ly: one con - gre - ga - tion, all our days.

## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;  
 6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
 2. suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.  
 6. be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

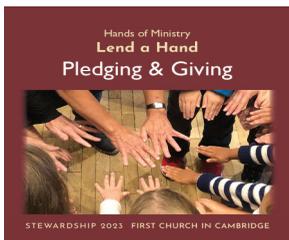
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Watts wrote this hymn, based on Psalm 90, while serving as pastor of Mark Lane Independent (Congregational) Church in London.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for First Church Sexton George Williams. George is grieving the loss of his mother Mattie Williams, who died last week.
- We pray for Ann Riker, who is recovering from surgery in a rehab hospital after breaking her hip.
- We pray for Facilities Manager Lee Prouty's partner Phil, who is making a treatment plan to address recent medical issues.
- We pray for First Church Sexton Kimel Williams's wife Robin, who is preparing for breast cancer surgery.
- We pray for Alice Kidder, who is facing ongoing health challenges.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Anita Anger; Lyman Morrill, Ann Riker's brother; 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 our Jewish siblings as antisemitic expression is on the rise in local communities, and as antisemitic rhetoric espoused by public figures continues to appear in social media and some political campaigns around the country.
- We pray for all those impacted by gun violence, and especially for the community of Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in St. Louis, MO, after a mass shooting this week.
- 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.
- We pray for the people of Pakistan, where recent devastating flooding has led to widespread loss of housing, food, and safe living conditions.
- As we approach Election Day, we pray for election integrity and for the protection of voting rights in every state. We pray that no would-be voter faces fear or intimidation as they seek to exercise their constitutional right.
- We pray for those experiencing the loss of vital reproductive rights across the nation, and all those who care about them. We pray for our country in the lasting wake of changing reproductive rights: for all those struggling through the moral and political complexities of pregnancy and childbearing, and for the integrity of our legal and judicial institutions at a time of extreme political polarization.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine as they experience increased attacks in an ongoing war, and for the Russian men drafted to continue the attacks.
- We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19.
- 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.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



### Adult Formation: How to Tell the Truth about Money

Today, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)

Join the Stewardship Committee for an engaging conversation on telling the truth about money here at First Church.

### Celebration of Longtime Members in Morning Worship Today

Today, we are pleased to recognize those who have been members for many decades! This special celebration during Morning Worship will feature those who have been in covenant and worshipping with us for 50, 60, and even 70-plus years (can you guess who they are?). What a gift it will be to give thanks to God for guiding our community from generation to generation, from strength to strength!



### Coffee Hour in Hastings Common and [via Zoom](#), Today at 12:00 p.m.

Join us in person or online for social connection and conversation.

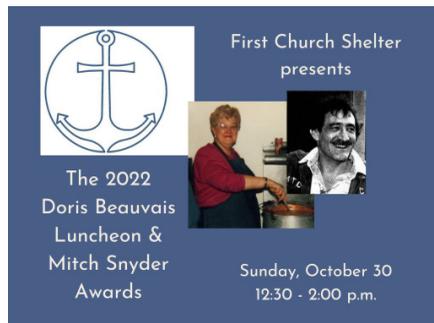
#### Invitation to Contribute to Coffee Hour

Please help us make worship as delicious as it is spiritually sustaining! For Coffee Hour each week we are looking for 2-4 households to bring 3 dozen cookies each, or the equivalent of snacks such as cheese & crackers or fruit. In general the church has a No Nuts policy. Recently some have requested a brief list of relevant ingredients for those with

allergies, if at all possible. [Read more on our website](#) or [sign up here](#). Questions? Difficulty with the online signup? Contact Lisa DiNardo at [ladinardo@hotmail.com](mailto:ladinardo@hotmail.com).

### 2022 Doris Beauvais Luncheon & Mitch Snyder Awards Today, 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 today. 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. [See the list of 2022 Mitch Snyder Award recipients here.](#)



## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th Graders**  
**Today, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Old South Church, Boston**

**AND**

**Confirmation Class for 9/10th Graders**  
**Today, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Harter Room**



**Harvard Square Faith Communities and the Legacy of Slavery: Landscape of Slavery Tour, Today 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.

### **Night Song**

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

Night Song is a worship opportunity that offers stillness and sublime music in a darkened sanctuary for respite and reset. Tonight, a special-format Night Song will focus on the challenges faced by homeless neighbors and those living on limited means as the cold winter months approach. Admission is free as always, but an offering will be received at the door, with proceeds to benefit our own Friday C  fe. [Read more about Night Song.](#)



**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 right 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:



## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

### A Multigenerational Embroidery Project

Inspired by our Juneteenth service in which we read aloud the names of persons enslaved by First Church members who are on our 17th and 18th century membership rolls, we are embarking on a project to embroider these names in a piece of fabric art that will be displayed in our building and lifted up by our community as a public witness to First Church's legacy of slavery. We hope to include many First Church folks of all ages in stitching the names and learning the stories of Black people connected to First Church and the Cambridge community, including Tony and Cuba Vassal, ancestors of the Lloyd family. The list of names will also include blank spaces, reflecting those whose names have been lost to history, or whose names were changed by their enslavers. Opportunities to learn about and participate in the project begin today with the Church School in their monthly Creative Arts Workshop; more information to follow.



### Contribute to the "Lend a Helping Hand" Stewardship Video Project

Will you help us thread together a montage of video images for our 2023 Stewardship campaign? Our hope is to use our hands to symbolically "lend" items that represent Jesus's humble, selfless and sacrificial love to others. What you pass along from one person or family to another is up to you: it could be a monetary

donation, some sort of sustenance, clothing, or something else. We will replicate the "Light for the World" video from Christmas Eve 2020, when we passed a candle to each other. This time, you will use a sign of your own creation that says what your hands might lend to a neighbor or stranger. You can view the [full instruction sheet](#) and a [demo video](#) to get started. Please submit your videos by uploading them to [this folder](#) by November 10 to be included in the project. Any questions or needs for extension of this deadline should be directed to either Joanne Paul or Lexi Boudreaux. Thank you so much for adding to our worship in the Season of Stewardship!

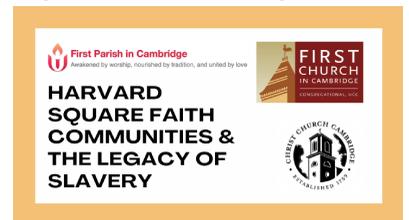
### Harvard Square Faith Communities and the Legacy of Slavery: Darby Vassall Quiet Day

**November 5, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Christ Church, Zero Garden St.**

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. 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 play-time for children PreK through 5th grade.



## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH



### All Saints Sunday, November 6

On All Saints Sunday, we celebrate the lives, devotion, and example of members and friends of our congregation who died in the last year, as well as their immediate family members (parents, spouses, siblings). With help from our larger-than-life puppet saints which have been a First Church tradition for many years, we also commemorate all God's holy ones, known and unknown to us, who have now entered God's joy. Our tradition teaches that a saint is anyone who is called and gifted by the Spirit to carry out a ministry of grace and reconciliation in the world, and who is responding generously. And so we also give thanks for the faithful lives of the living saints. Our celebration will culminate in our first "communion-in-the-round" since Covid! Everyone is welcome in this circle, even if you are here for the first time. If you use a wheelchair or a walker, a ramp on the north transept side leads to the the chancel. Although we warmly welcome everyone to the circle, anyone who prefers to remain in the pews should also feel free to do so. We will serve communion to you wherever you are!

### Stewardship Season Kickoff on All Saints Sunday

#### Adult Formation: Faith & Money

**Sunday, November 6, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**

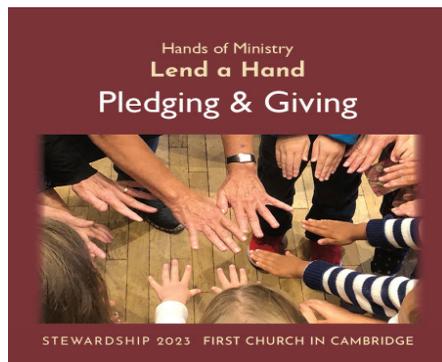
**Harter Room and via Zoom**

Treasurer Rich Goode and Minister of Stewardship & Finance Karen McArthur present the 2023 budget and discuss the "how" and "why" of First Church's budgetary decisions.

#### Stewards and Saints Luncheon

**Sunday, November 6, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

Stay for a delicious meal of soups, stews, and bread to celebrate our saints and the beginning of our 2023 Stewardship season.



### Memorial Service for Pauline Fennel

**Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Sanctuary and via livestream**

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.

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

**Adult Formation: The Doctrine of Discovery**  
**Sundays, November 13 & 20, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**  
Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)

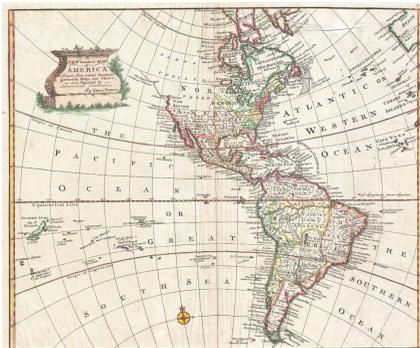
The Christian Formation Committee invites you to a two-part series on the Doctrine of Discovery.

### **November 13: Session 1**

What exactly is the “Doctrine of Discovery?”

Did you ever hear of Johnson v. McIntosh?

What is “Manifest Destiny?”... [Read more](#)



### **Church Staffing and Finance Forum**

**Sunday, November 13, 12:15 - 1:30 p.m., MJH and [via Zoom](#)**

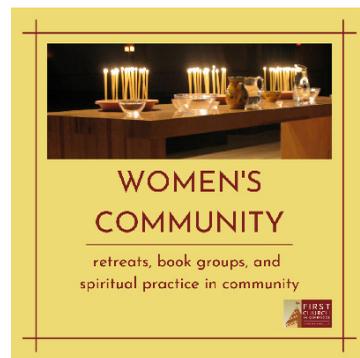
Join church leaders for a second important after-worship conversation about our church’s finances and future staffing plans. Given Covid, we’re just now coming through a highly unusual stretch, in terms of the demands and opportunities related to our staff and budget. Our leaders have been working

hard to develop near and medium term plans. Please join us, and share your input and insight as we prepare for our Fall Congregational Meeting and budget vote on Sunday, December 4.

### **Women’s Community Book Club**

**Tuesday, November 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., [via Zoom](#)**

All First Church people who identify as women are invited to join us for a discussion of *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. We promise to have a thoughtful and lively discussion of Erdrich’s newest novel. If you have trouble finding the book, let us know, and we will do our best to find one for you.



### **A Note from Earth Stewardship**

Be sure to regularly check out our [Earth Stewardship webpage](#) for upcoming UCC and local climate justice events!

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

### Seraphim Choral Concert: *In/Justice Through the Ages* Sunday, November 13, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary

[Seraphim](#), a choral singing group in residence here at First Church in Cambridge, invites the congregation to its upcoming concert. "[In/Justice Through the Ages](#)" will feature choral music of protest from the medieval to the current day, with works by James MacMillan, Trevor Weston, Teresa Murphy, Shruthi Rajasekar, and Teri Kowiak, with organ and percussion. You may read the program notes [here](#). Free in-person tickets are available to First Church members; request your tickets by email: [daryl@bichel@aol.com](mailto:daryl@bichel@aol.com). Participate in our outreach to the homeless and those living on the margins by bringing donations of clothing, food, and other items to the concert. Of importance at this concert is collecting winter wear.



### CISC Update: GoFundMe Campaign

Beginning in January 2017, the Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (of which First Church was a founding member) was an active network of volunteers walking alongside a family living in sanctuary at a time of great need. Many First Church members supported Diana and her family, and we celebrated with joy as they moved out of sanctuary in December 2021. CISC is taking a

pause to evaluate what could be next for the organization, but we are delighted to share an opportunity to continue financially supporting Diana and her family. A few months ago, CISC went through the meticulous process of evaluating how to best support Diana in this new time in her family's life. You can support Diana directly by donating to her [GoFundMe page](#), a safe and secure way for Diana to receive funds from this community. All of the money goes directly to her, allowing Diana to have independence and control over any donated funds.

### Food Pantry Donations Welcome Next Sunday, November 6

Please remember to bring your food pantry donations to church next Sunday, Communion Sunday. They can be placed in the baskets that will be in the Narthex as you enter. This month we are especially looking for foods that might complete a Thanksgiving table: packaged stuffing mix, canned veggies, canned pie fillings, cranberry sauce, baking mixes--whatever you can envision being on the table. Please nothing fresh or frozen (I have no place to store such things before pickup day, which is November 11), and nothing already opened and half-used (you would not welcome such a thing and neither would the food pantry clients). Do note that **every Communion Sunday/First Sunday is food pantry donation day!** The need is great. Put that notice in your phone once a month! Many heartfelt thanks.

# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## **Monday, October 31**

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

## **Tuesday, November 1**

7:15 a.m. Reflective Conversations with Brent Coffin, via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, Harter Room

4:00 p.m. First Church Caregivers Call, via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Encountering Faith and the Bible Anew, via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Metaphors for God, via Zoom

8:00 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Prophetic Voices of the 20th Century, via Zoom

## **Wednesday, November 2**

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

7:00 p.m. Christian Formation Committee, via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Faith & Life Group: 1619 Project Discussion Group, via Zoom

## **Thursday, November 3**

10:00 a.m. Faith & Life Group: Fall Revelations, Harter Room

5:30 p.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room

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

7:30 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Support Group for Children of Aging Parents, via Zoom

## **Friday, November 4**

9:30 a.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Tower Room and Lawn

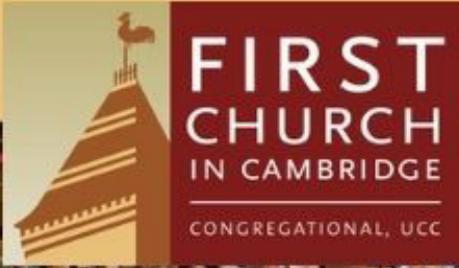
## **Saturday, November 5**

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

9:00 a.m. Legacy of Slavery Series: Darby Vassall Quiet Day, Christ Church, Zero Garden St.

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## Sunday, November 6 - All Saints Sunday - Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Faith & Money, 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, All Saints Sunday Sanctuary and via livestream
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour in Hastings Common and via Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Stewards & Saints Luncheon, MJH
- 1:00 p.m. Choir Call for Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th graders, Old South Church
- 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Pauline Fennel, Sanctuary and via livestream
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

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

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