

# CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH

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## Choral Evensong

October 17, 2021 4 o'clock p.m.

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24

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Voluntary

Forlana

Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)  
arr. Robert Gower (b. 1952)

*Please stand at the Entrance of the Choir and Clergy.*

Preces

Richard Ayleward  
(1626–1669)

*Precentor* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Precentor* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Precentor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.



1. Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
2. Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting:
3. There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
4. Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion:
5. Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil,



you make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light  
 mir - ror of day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion;  
 joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you,  
 that you may grant us par - don for of - fens - es,  
 for ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,



and to the night give glit - ter - ing a -  
 while in the hea - vens choirs of stars ap -  
 with all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and  
 strength for our weak hearts, rest for ach - ing  
 in light or dark - ness wor - ship - ing our



dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.  
 pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
 voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.  
 bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.  
 Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

*Please be seated as the Choir chants the psalm appointed for this day.*

Psalm 114, *sung in the Myles Coverdale translation*

chant: George Mursell Garrett  
(1834–1897)

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt :  
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
- 2 Judah was his sanctuary :  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled :  
Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams :  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest :  
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
- 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams :  
and ye little hills, like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord :  
at the presence of the God of Jacob;
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water :  
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

*At the end of the psalm, please stand as the Choir sings:*

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

The First Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD. For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

*Officiant* Here ends the reading.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

Evening Service in A Major, Herbert Sumsion  
(1899–1995)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is upon them throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

*Please be seated.*

The Second Reading

Luke 10:1–12, 17–20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

*Officiant* Here ends the reading.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

Sumsion

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy  
people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

The Apostles' Creed, *said together, standing*

I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Responses

Ayleward

*Precentor* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Precentor* Let us pray.

*Please be seated during the slight pause.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Then the Choir and Congregation will sing the Lord's Prayer together on a monotone.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. Amen.

*Precentor* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Precentor* O Lord, save the State.

*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Precentor* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Precentor* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Precentor* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Precentor* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem

Evening Hymn

H. Balfour Gardiner  
(1877–1950)

Thee, Lord, before the close of day,  
Maker of all things, Thee we pray  
For Thy dear loving kindness' sake  
To guard and guide us in Thy way.

Banish the dreams that terrify,  
And night's fantastic company:  
Keep us from Satan's tyranny:  
Defend us from unchastity.

Protect us, Father, God ador'd,  
Thou too, co-equal Son and Lord,  
Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate,  
Whose reign can know nor bound nor date. Amen.  
—Hymn for the Office of Compline (trans.)

Prayers of Intercession

Rev. Livingston

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, *said together*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Invitation

The Grace, *said together*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

*Please stand.*

Closing Hymn 429

Lord, You give the great commission

*Abbot's Leigh*

*During the singing of the Closing Hymn, the ushers will take up a collection to support the First Church Choir's 2022 Winchester Cathedral Tour Fund. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to give electronically, please use this QR code for the link:*



Voluntary

Ceremonial March

Sunsion

*During the closing voluntary, the Choir and Clergy depart.  
Please remain standing until the procession has exited the door.*

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# LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Livingston, *officiant*

Mark S. Williams, *verger*

Justin Meyer, *precentor*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *conductor*

Dr. Tyler W. Robertson, *organist*

## THE FIRST CHURCH CHOIR

Kevin Jones, *Minister of Music*

Soprano: Marti Baumer, Candace Cummings, Ann Eliot, Rose Kandel,  
Allison Lange, Melissa Lawson, Joan Lombardi, Elizabeth McConnaughey,  
Dora Paolucci, Susan Pusecker, Megan Smith, Maura Stevenson, Margaret Wells

Alto: Janet Axt, Jamie Blair, Cari Brackett, Susan Brooks,  
Cindy Deliman, Allison Ellenberger, Marcia Essig, Brad Findell, Jennifer Fry,  
Cheryl Hoskinson, Sarah Lange, Nancy Loy, SallyJane Mathias,  
Missy Obergefell, Cathy Redenbarger, Jan Wade, Peggy Wigglesworth

Tenor: Leigh Briggs, Bill Catus, Kevin Cubick, Jim Griffin, Dustin Jarred,  
Bill Lange, Justin Meyer, Rick Sayre, Dan Stevens, Mike Wigglesworth

Bass: Joseph Bellissimo, Jonathan Bethke, Craig Clay, Jeff Corzine,  
John Deliman, Jim Gieseke, Ryan Jones, Sebastian Knowles,  
Bob Moreen, David Stang, Jon Szabo

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soprano Lynn Eustis and pianist Kevin Jones  
in a song recital featuring the music of Franz Schubert, Reynaldo Hahn,  
Tom Cipullo, Francis Poulenc, and Liza Lehman.

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*This list was accurate as of Oct. 10, 2021. If anything is in error, please accept our apologies. To correct any errors or omissions, please contact Amy Wagner ([awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org)) right away.*

# ABOUT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH...

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. As you can see and hear from the soaring Gothic Revival architecture, the stained glass windows, and the sound of music in this space, beauty is truly a multi-media encounter here.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are held at 9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Parish Hall) and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary). Following in the tradition of Washington Gladden, minister of this church from 1882 to 1914, First Congregational Church welcomes all people and extends its mission and witness into the community.

THIS BUILDING was designed by renowned architect John Russell Pope, dedicated in 1931 and renovated in 1997.

THE BRUSSELS TAPESTRIES were woven in 1575 in Belgium, embodying the artistic ideals of the Renaissance. Part of a larger series, they depict events in the life of Abraham.

ABOUT THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Seven studios have placed their work in this church. Above the Chancel, the Jeffrey window (Nicola d'Ascenzo Studios, 1931) depicts Christ's earthly life and ministry, and the East Chancel window (Charles J. Connick Studios, 1937) honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Friendship window (East wall, East Transept, Charles J. Connick Studios, 1931) represents Christ and Saint John, and in the South bay, two lancet windows portray the Good Samaritan (Connick Associates Studio, 1966); while the Gladden window (West wall, West Transept, Oliver Smith, 1931) honors the social justice conscience of Washington Gladden, and in the South bay, two lancet windows represent the Resurrection and the New Jerusalem (Gabriel Loire Built by Jacques Loire Vitraux 1984). High above the nave, the eight Clerestory windows (designed by Francis Deck, built by Emil Frei Studios, 1976-1983) depict the story of Creation, and the Fall of Adam and Eve. Below, the Aisle windows (Gabriel Loire, 1988) illustrate parables of Jesus from the Gospels. The Rose window (designed by Wilbert C. Ronan, built by Oliver Smith, 1931) above and behind the Beckerath organ case portrays Christian cardinal virtues. The Barnard window (Ellen Miret, the Willet Stained Glass Studio, 2004) in the East Narthex, that celebrates music, was inspired by Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and honors G. Dene Barnard, who served First Church as Organist/Choirmaster for 30 years.

THE BANNER STAND is rolled steel and made by Albert Paley, sculptor, in 2003.

THE COLLECTION OF LITURGICAL BANNERS is made by artist Deb Anderson.

THE CHANCEL CROSS is made of red enameled copper facets on Brazilian rosewood, by William J. Thompson, sculptor, in 1963.



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## Welcome Statement

You are welcomed, affirmed, and loved here; our faith informs us that you are a child of a loving God. Your characteristics and gifts will enrich our congregation. In this community, you will be celebrated, embraced, and honored, no matter how you identify or how your identity may evolve. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to join us in our diverse yet united experience.

## Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

—Adopted September 8, 2002 by the congregation  
Revisions adopted January 27, 2019 by the congregation

## First Church is a faith community:

- † Called together by God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;
- † Led by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;
- † Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness to God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.



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