



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 21, 2018

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 165 years our Covenant has been: We covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another, and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and holy scripture. The church acknowledges that all members have the right of individual interpretation of the principles of the Christian faith and respects them in their honest convictions. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord, the church recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.*

Please silence all electronic devices.

Assistive listening devices and large-print bulletins with hymns of the day are available at the Sanctuary doors. Deacons wearing green nametags can assist you.

Cards requesting prayer are in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

(*) Indicates the congregation should stand as they are able.

*Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve. Please use this time for quiet preparation for worship.
 'We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.'
 (Psalm 48:8)*

PRELUDE How brightly shines the morning star
 Dieterich Buxtehude

ENTER TO WORSHIP Greg Kellison

Leader: Blessed be God, Light of the world, bright Morning Star, and Spirit of love.

* *Then all stand.*

L: For God alone my soul in silence waits;

P: from God comes my salvation.

L: God alone is my rock and my salvation,

P: my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

L: Put your trust in God always, O people;

P: pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge.

L: For God alone my soul in silence waits;

P: from God comes my salvation.

—from Psalm 62

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263 Immortal, invisible *St. Denio*

* INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Give us grace, O God, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of Christ's marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* SONG OF PRAISE 411 Arise, your light is come! *Festal Song*

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine
Please find the attendance pad at the end of the pew, sign it and pass it on to your neighbor.

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME Mark S. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1–5, 10 (O.T., p. 247) Mr. Kellison

L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM We Have Seen His Star John Carter

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him. Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright, thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly!

Thou root of Jesse, David's Son, My Lord and Savior thou hast won my heart to serve thee solely!

Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing. Rule and might o'er all possessing.

—Matthew 2:26, Isaiah 40

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (N.T., p. 170) Mr. Kellison

L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 377 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
Pescador de Hombres

During the hymn, Children, Kindergarten through 2nd grade, are invited to the Worship Connections in the Children's Library on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing. They will return after the baptismal meditation. A fully staffed childcare ministry is provided during each Sunday Morning Worship Service and Education Hour for infants through age 4. This ministry is located in the nursery and toddler rooms on the first floor of the Education Wing.

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14–20 (N.T., p. 35) Rev. Corzine

L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Oh Jonah" Rev. Corzine

A time of reflection follows.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Ahrens

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Want to give online? Please see the Depart to Serve leaflet for more information and a QR link.

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **Laundry Love**. The children and youth of First Church invite you to join them in this continuing year-long mission project. Laundry Love is an initiative in partnership with individuals, groups and local laundromats throughout the country to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM The Lamb Leonard Enns

Little Lamb, who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?
 Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
 By the stream and o'er the mead;

He is called by thy name,
 For he calls himself a Lamb.
 He is meek, and he is mild.
 He became a little child.

Gave thee clothing of delight,
 Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
 Gave thee such a tender voice,
 Making all the vales rejoice?

I, a child, and thou a lamb,
 We are called by his name.
 Little lamb, God bless thee!
 Little lamb, God bless thee!
 — William Blake (1757–1827)

Little Lamb, who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?
 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee
 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;

* PRESENTATION HYMN Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
 sung to *Duke Street*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Ahrens

Please be seated for the Notices.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE Mr. Williams

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 345 Dear Lord, Creator good and kind sung to *Repton*
(Please use alternate words for the first line as suggested in the hymnal)

* BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning star Helmut Walcha

Please be seated for the postlude

Thank you for attending worship this morning. We hope that you have found peace and grace here and invite you to return often. If you would like more information or have any questions about First Church, please ask anyone wearing a name-tag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following worship.

CRUCIFER: Alex Palmer

ACOLYTES: Ruby Holt & Samantha Myers

MUSIC: The Jubilate Choir, Sandra Mathias, *director*; The Exultate Choir, Kevin Jones, *organist & director*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hugh and Douglas Stephens by Gleva Stephens.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street

Rev. Ahrens – Ninth Street

Mr. Williams – Christian Education wing

ANNUAL MEETING IS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

A reminder that next Sunday, January 28, is the Annual Meeting immediately following 10 a.m. worship. Please make every effort to stay for this important event in the life of this Congregation.

2018 NOMINATIONS SLATE

Below is the 2018 nominating slate that will be submitted for approval at the annual meeting next Sunday morning. The persons holding the elect or assistant positions are expected to move up the following year. The constitution requires public notice of these nominations at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	JOE BASZYNSKI
MODERATOR ELECT	LYNN WALLICH
TREASURER	JOE HOFFMAN
ASSISTANT TREASURER	MATT MYERS
SECRETARY	NANCY LOY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	TBD

COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATION	CHRIS GLAROS
ADMINISTRATION ELECT	GREG KELLISON
CHURCH GROWTH/VITALITY	TOM KIESEL & MARY ANNE JACOBSON
CHURCH GROWTH/VITALITY ELECT	LISA FRAVEL DEAN
EDUCATION	CHRIS GELPI
EDUCATION ELECT	JENNIFER PROVENZANO
HOUSE & GROUNDS	GARY LEIDHEISER
HOUSE & GROUNDS ELECT	MARK BROWN
JUSTICE & MERCY	DAWN GEORGE
JUSTICE & MERCY ELECT	NICOLE MOSS
MUSIC, ARTS & HERITAGE	JOEL MATHIAS
MUSIC, ARTS & HERITAGE ELECT	DREW WADE

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

YOUTH AT-LARGE	MIRIAM MYERS
MEMBER AT-LARGE	PAVAN PETER
NOMINATING CHAIR	BRIAN CAVE
DEACON (5), 3-YR TERM	SHELLY GIES
	DAYNA MCCRARY
	CORI PAGE
	ALLISON LOWERY PALMER
	JAMES VELO
TRUSTEE (2), 4-YR TERM	MARY LIGHTBODY
	JOHN MARTIN

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.

Our Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, believe the following represents our commitment and desire to reach out and welcome all those in need of and searching for God's love: We believe that we are all created in God's image, female and male, and we are called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, and called to unite all people in God's love. We welcome and affirm all people. We invite those who are seeking God's presence in their lives to join us on our common journey. Our faith community seeks to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, mental and physical abilities, socioeconomic levels and political and theological 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)

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