



WORSHIP AT TEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 27, 2019

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 166 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 white roses and Ushers wearing red roses can assist you.

Cards requesting prayer are in the Welcome Notebooks and should be 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 Be Thou My Vision arr. Eugene Butler

ENTER TO WORSHIP Joe Baszynski

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

* *Then all stand.*

L: The Spirit of God is upon us.

P: We are called to be God's people.

L: The Spirit of God is upon us.

P: We are called to be the body of Christ.

L: Come let us worship God,

P: who binds us together in love and service

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 435 We All Are One in Mission
Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

* INVOCATION The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

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.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens
Please find the attendance pad in the Welcome Notebook at the end of each 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 Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10 (O.T. p. 436)

Mr. Baszynski

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MOTET O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit Thomas Tallis

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy name, all the days of our life: that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a (N.T. p. 174) Mr. Baszynski

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

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 325 Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers

Nun danket all' und bringet Ehr

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 sermon. 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 Luke 4:14–21 (N.T. p. 61) Rev. Ahrens

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Part of It" Rev. Ahrens

A time of reflection follows.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Corzine

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 Amy Wagner

Cash and designated checks go to **Laundry Love**. The children and youth of First Church invite you to join them in this continuing yearlong 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 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be. Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.
 —Percy Dearmer

* PRESENTATION HYMN 62 Bring We the Frankincense (*stanza 1*)
Epiphany Song

**Bring we the frankincense of our love
 To the feet of the holy Child,
 Ever remembering God's great gift
 Of a love that is undefiled.
 Holy the Infant and holy the mother
 And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
 Praise to Creator and praise to the Spirit
 And praise to Christ Jesus our King.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Corzine

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 421 The Church of Christ Wareham

* BLESSING Rev. Ahrens

There is no Postlude today because of the Annual Congregational Meeting that follows immediately. You are invited to move forward and sit in the front section of the Nave.

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 nametag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please stay for the Annual Meeting held in the Nave immediately following worship.

† CRUCIFER: Samantha Myers

† ACOLYTES: Grace Glaros and Lincoln Glaros

† MUSIC: The First Church Ringers; The First Church Choir, Kevin Jones, organist and director

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by the Rev. Emily and Jeff Corzine to the glory of God.

† GREETING AT THE BROAD STREET EXIT TODAY: Rev. Corzine

ANNUAL MEETING IS TODAY, JANUARY 27

A reminder that today, January 27, 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.

2019 NOMINATIONS SLATE

Below is the 2019 nominating slate that will be submitted for approval at the annual meeting immediately following 10 a.m. worship this morning. The persons holding the elect or assistant positions traditionally have moved up the following year. The constitution requires public notice of these nominations at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	LYNN WALLICH
MODERATOR ELECT	ALEC DEITZ
TREASURER	MATT MYERS
ASSISTANT TREASURER	JIM FEWLASS
SECRETARY	JIM GRIFFIN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	NICOLE MOSS

COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATION	GREG KELLISON
ADMINISTRATION ELECT	ANDY BENSING
CHURCH GROWTH/VITALITY	MARIA BROWN & LISA FRAVEL DEAN
CHURCH GROWTH/VITALITY ELECT	CHERYL HOSKINSON & FRAN PANEK
EDUCATION	JENNIFER PROVENZANO
EDUCATION ELECT	STACIE SHOLL
HOUSE & GROUNDS	MARK BROWN
HOUSE & GROUNDS ELECT	VICTOR JOHN
JUSTICE & MERCY	NICOLE MOSS
JUSTICE & MERCY ELECT	KAYE MARTIN
MUSIC, ARTS & HERITAGE	DREW WADE
MUSIC, ARTS & HERITAGE ELECT	DAVID MAILER

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

YOUTH AT-LARGE	ALEX PALMER
MEMBER AT-LARGE	PAVAN PETER

NOMINATING CHAIR	JOE BASZYNSKI
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DEACON (6), 3-YEAR TERM	SARAH GIFFEN
	LANIER HOLT (2-YEAR TERM)
	CAROL ERNST-KING
	MARC SCHOLL
	ANDY SMITH-VERHAGE
	AL WADDELL

TRUSTEE (2), 4-YEAR TERM	ALLEN BAKER
	KEVIN CUBICK

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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