

# Depart to Serve

## Christianity 101: A Lenten / Easter Journey

### Sermon Titles

Ash Wednesday, February 26 – services – noon and 7:30 p.m.

Sermon Title: “In the Beginning: Becoming Christian”

Lent I – March 1 – services – 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Communion Meditation Title: “What is the Bible and How Do We Read It?”

Lent II – March 8 – services – 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Sermon Title: “What do Christians Believe about the Trinity?”

Lent III – March 15 – services – 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Sermon Title: “A New Way of Being Church”

**Lent IV – March 22 –  
Sermon Title: “Is Christianity a Religion of Love?”**

Lent V – March 29 –  
Sermon Title: “Why Do We Need ‘the Church’ and How Do We Seek God’s Kingdom?”

Palm Sunday – April 5 –  
Sermon Title: “As Closely As You Can”

Maundy Thursday – April 9 –  
Tenebrae service – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 10 –  
Sermon Title: “On the Death of Jesus”

Easter Sunday – April 12 –  
Sermon Title: “Jesus Christ’s Resurrection and Eternal Life”

*Services are streamed live on the First Church Facebook page and are available as podcasts from [www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org)*

## We’re Online ...

As we adapt ourselves to this new social distancing lifestyle you will notice upcoming meetings and gatherings being conducted through a program called Zoom.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, it is a communications program allowing for video and audio conferencing. It provides services allowing for online meetings, chats and other mobile collaboration. It’s web-based with an app for phones.

Several meetings and other church groups have had Zoom meetings, and other groups using Zoom will send out invites. Staff will do their best to help answer questions on this new method of coming together.

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## “Christianity 101” Online Class ...

Rev. Nancy Livingston will teach online each Friday afternoon on the curriculum “Christianity 101.” The sessions will be at 2 p.m. with the first one starting on March 20. The intent is these will run each Friday through May 1.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/967443994?pwd=K3pvTEpTL2YycGV0VGpmWVBBVmFHdz09>

Meeting ID: 967 443 994  
Password: 167654

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## Spring Flower Sale

Youth groups are taking orders for their spring flower sale now through **April 6**. There are many varieties of flowers and hanging baskets to choose from, and several varieties of vegetables. The order form can be viewed online from the church website. Please mail your order, along with payment, to the office. Plants will be available for pick up May 9-10.

## This Week at First Church

### Sunday, March 22

11 a.m. — Worship Streaming (Virtual)

6 p.m. — Youth Groups (Virtual)

### Tuesday, March 24

7 p.m. — Deacon's Mtg. (Virtual)

### Saturday, March 27

1 p.m. — Faith Mission Dinner Prep (Kitchen)

### Keep in Prayer

Our senior minister, Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens as he faces two surgeries in the coming weeks and months; Joan Lebold; Dr. Karl Danneberger, Sallie, Marc and Kyle Danneberger; Paul Flocken; Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; Emma, great niece of Shelly Gies; Christine Nichols, friend of Victor John; Richard Brant; Mike Bittle, brother-in-law of Melva Fisher; John Bigelow, brother-in-law of Virginia O'Neill; Nolan and Sissy Anderson, friends of Melva Fisher; Ann Richards, mother of Jonathan Miller; Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Taco, service dog for Mariner Taft; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Arlene Reynolds; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Andrea Gonzales, on the dath of her brother-in-law, Silverio Gonzalez; Melanie Brown, on the death of her sister of Kathy Erskine; and all those affected by illness, especially the Coronavirus, locally, nationally and globally.

Congratulations on the birth of Graves Smith Wills, grandson of Jeff and Rev. Emily Corzine, born March 19th.

### Sanctuary Flower Dedications ...

Sanctuary Flowers will now be distributed to members of our congregation as a bouquet. If you would like to deliver flowers or know of an individual who should receive flowers please contact Amy Wagner at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org).

## Church Leadership

### Church Staff

Senior Minister **Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahrens, D. Min.**

Associate Minister **Rev. Emily Corzine, M. Div.**

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At First Church, our financial resources enable us to "Enter to worship, depart to serve." You can give now by scanning the QR Code or by sending your check to the church (First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215).



Today our offerings go to **Horizon Prison Ministry**, which offers well-established programs in two prisons: London Correctional Institute for Men and the Ohio Reformatory For Women. Horizon works to break the cycle of incarceration and its effects on society. They help the incarcerated become aware of self, others, and the faith tradition at the center of their lives.

Thank you for your generosity.

The mission and ministry of First Church can be supported by using either EasyTithe, PayPal, the QR code above, or sending your offering directly to the church. You can also make payments through your bank's bill pay option. For more information, please contact Pam Mantor at [pmantor@first-church.org](mailto:pmantor@first-church.org) or Rev. Emily Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org).