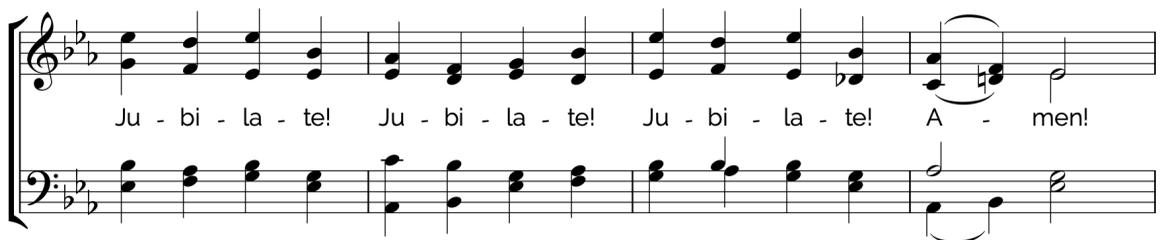




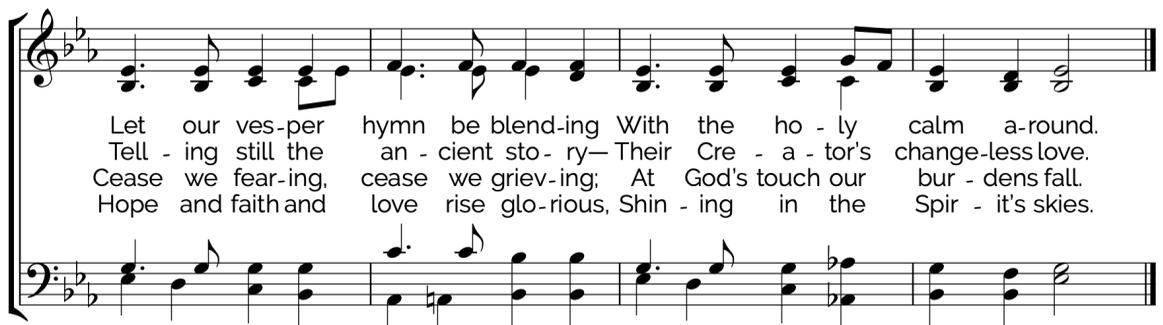
1. Now, on land and sea de-scend-ing, Brings the night its peace pro-found;
 2. Soon as dies the sun - set glo - ry, Stars of heaven shine out a - bove,
 3. Now, our wants and bur - dens leav - ing To God's care who cares for all,
 4. As the dark-ness deep-ens o'er us, Lo! e - ter - nal stars a - rise;



Let our ves - per hymn be blend-ing With the ho - ly calm a - round.
 Tell - ing still the an - cient sto - ry— Their Cre - a - tor's change-less love.
 Cease we fear - ing, cease we griev - ing: At God's touch our bur - dens fall.
 Hope and faith and love rise glo - rious, Shin - ing in the Spir - it's skies.



Ju - bi - la - te! Ju - bi - la - te! Ju - bi - la - te! A - men!



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

Psalm 115, sung in the Myles Coverdale translation

chant by Gerald Knight

(1908–1979)

- 1 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise *
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
 - 2 Wherefore shall the heathen say *
Where is now their God?
 - 3 As for our God, he is in heaven *
he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
 - 4 Their idols are silver and gold *
even the work of men's hands.
 - 5 They have mouths, and speak not *
eyes have they, and see not.
 - 6 They have ears, and hear not *
noses have they, and smell not.
 - 7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not *
neither speak they through their throat.
 - 8 They that make them are like unto them *
and so are all such as put their trust in them.
 - 9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord *
he is their succour and defence.
 - 10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord *
he is their helper and defender.
 - 11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord *
he is their helper and defender.
 - 12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us *
even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
 - 13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord *
both small and great.
 - 14 The Lord shall increase you more and more *
you and your children.
 - 15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord *
who made heaven and earth.
 - 16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's *
the earth hath he given to the children of men.
 - 17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord *
neither all they that go down into silence.
 - 18 But we will praise the Lord *
from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.
- 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

Isaiah 43:14—44:5

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Accuse me, let us go to trial; set forth your case, so that you may be proved right. Your first ancestor sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against me. Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, I delivered Jacob to utter destruction, and Israel to reviling.

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, "I am the Lord's," another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, "The Lord's," and adopt the name of Israel.

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.
The Magnificat

Sunsion
Service in A Major

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 on them that fear him 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

John 4:27-42

Just then Jesus's disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Nunc dimittis

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.

Please remain standing.

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 Prayers

Sumsion

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 will sing the Lord's Prayer.

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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for 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

He Comes To Us

Jane Marshall
(1924–2019)

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside; He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: 'Follow thou me!' and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

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 Master, 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.

—Albert Schweitzer (*The Quest for the Historical Jesus*); Nicolai, trans. Catherine Winkworth

ending with

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.

Hymn

Sing of God Made Manifest
(The hymn may be found on page 9)

Salzburg

During the singing of the Closing Hymn, we invite you to support the First Church Choir's 2022 Winchester Cathedral Tour Fund. To give electronically, please use this QR code for the link, or <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/Firs444421> and choose "Choir Tour Fund" for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.



Closing Voluntary

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Helmut Walcha
(1907-1991)



Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Leadership in the Liturgy

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Livingston, *officiant*
The Reverend Emily Krause Corzine, *verger*
Christopher Humbert, *precentor*
The First Church Choir
Kevin Jones, *conductor and voluntary organist*
Tyler W. Robertson, *service organist*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, conductor

Soprano: Marti Baumer, Brianna Burkett, Candace Cummings,
Melissa Lawson, Joan Lombardi, Emily Noël, Susan Pusecker,
Megan Smith, Lissa Wade, Margaret Wells, Lexi White

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Cindy Deliman, Allison Ellenberger, Marcia Essig, Brad Findell, Jennifer Fry,
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SallyJane Mathias, Dora Paolucci, Cathy Redenbarger, Jan Wade

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Bill Lange, Justin Meyer, Pavan Peter, Rick Sayre

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John Deliman, Jim Gieseke, Christopher Humbert,
Ryan Jones, Sebastian Knowles, David Stang

Please mark your calendars for our next concert event, Tuesday,
Feb. 2, at 12.15 p.m., as *First Tuesdays* presents
organist/choirmaster emeritus G. Dene Barnard.

Choral Evensong will be sung next on
Sunday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m.

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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.

We are grateful for your presence with us today. We are also grateful for your financial gifts that allow us to present Choral Evensongs, and many organ and musical events throughout the year. If you would like to become an annual donor to the Concert Fund, please click on the link below:

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This list was accurate as of January 15, 2021. If anything is in error, please accept our apologies. To correct any errors or omissions, please contact Amy Wagner (awagner@first-church.org) right away.