



*Please be seated as the Choir chants the psalm appointed for this day.*  
Psalm 34, *sung in the Myles Coverdale translation*

chant: Thomas Norris  
(1741?–1790)

- 1 I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:  
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him :  
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him  
and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger :  
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14 Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous :  
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil :  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them :  
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart :  
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.
- 21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly :  
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants :  
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

*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

Genesis 44:1-17

Then Jacob commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the top of his sack. Put my cup, the silver cup, in the top of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. When they had gone only a short distance from the city, Joseph said to his steward, "Go, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you returned evil for good? Why have you stolen my silver cup? Is it not from this that my lord drinks? Does he not indeed use it for divination? You have done wrong in doing this.'" When he overtook them, he repeated these words to them. They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing! Look, the money that we found at the top of our sacks, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan; why then would we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? Should it be found with any one of your servants, let him die; moreover the rest of us will become my lord's slaves." He said, "Even so; in accordance with your words, let it be; he with whom it is found shall become my slave, but the rest of you shall go free." Then each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. He searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. At this they tore their clothes. Then each one loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city. Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house while he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him. Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practice divination?" And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found." But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

*Officiant* Here ends the reading.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)      *Service in G Minor*      Henry (or Daniel) Purcell  
*Verse group I choristers:* Emily Noël, Catherine Goode, Jamie Blair  
*Verse group II choristers:* Brad Findell, Dustin Jarred, Christopher Humbert

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 5:25-29

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

*Officiant*    Here ends the reading.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

Purcell

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

Morley

*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 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 God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through 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

Hear My Prayer, O Lord, Z 15

Purcell

Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto thee.  
—Psalm 102:1

### 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 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

*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

A Trumpet Air

John Reading  
(1685/6–1764)

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

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## Remaining Concert Events

- Friday, April 10, 7:30 pm  
The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday featuring  
Heinrich Schütz *Passion According to John*
- Sunday, April 19, 7:30 pm  
Clark Wilson accompanies Cecil B. DeMille's silent film  
masterpiece, *King of Kings*
- Sunday, May 3, 4 pm  
Choral Evensong and CD release concert

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# Leadership in the Liturgy

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Livingston, *officiant*

Mark S. Williams, *verger*

Christopher Humbert, *precentor*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *conductor*

Tyler W. Robertson, *organist*

## The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *Minister of Music*

*Soprano:* Marti Baumer, Brianna Burkett, Candace Cummings,

Catherine Goode, Rose Kandel, Melissa Lawson,

Joan Lombardi, Emily Noël, Dora Paolucci,

Susan Pusecker, Megan Smith, Margaret Wells, Lexi White

*Alto:* Janet Axt, Jamie Blair, Cari Brackett, Susan Brooks,

Cindy Deliman, Allison Ellenberger, Marcia Essig, Brad Findell, Jennifer Fry,

Cheryl Hoskinson, Mary Anne Jacobson, Sarah Lange, Nancy Loy,

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# About Choral Evensong...

Choral Evensong, or sung evening prayer, is intended as a daily liturgy in the Anglican church. When Thomas Cranmer penned the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, he combined all of the hourly monastic prayer services into two daily services, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. In most British Cathedrals, Choral Evensong is sung six days a week. It is increasingly popular in the United States, and has spread beyond The Episcopal Church into some protestant churches with traditional liturgies and music. The liturgy we offer today is adapted from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, still in use today in most Cathedrals.

A service of prayer, Choral Evensong can be led by a layperson and consists of introductory sung prayers (Preces), the Psalm for the Day (usually sung to Anglican chant), two readings from the Bible interspersed with two Canticles (the Magnificat or "Song of Mary"; and the Nunc dimittis or "Song of Simeon."), the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, closing prayers (Responses and Collects) and an anthem. It is a brief service lasting between 35-40 minutes.

The service is essentially that composed by Cranmer in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, but contains texts and melodies which are much earlier. The solemn worship of God, with all the resources and creativity at our disposal, is our core purpose, pointing as the flèche does on this building, to our belief in the centrality of God in the life of the world.

The essence of this service is praise: words, inspired by God, used to worship God and lift our minds and hearts. The singing of psalms and the reading from the Hebrew scripture unite us with our spiritual ancestors, and with Jesus Christ, who himself used them to praise God. Our meditation on the word of God leads us to Jesus who is the Word made flesh, and so the Magnificat acts as a pivot, pointing us to the new relationship with God that he brings about. The remainder of the service celebrates that new covenant and, in the prayers, commits us to the life of service to which Christians are called.

There is not as much opportunity for congregational involvement as you might find in other forms of worship, but we hope that you will find prayerful reflection on what is said and sung a worthy offering to God. In our busy world, it is easy for us to become distracted. It is our prayer that this act of worship may both glorify God and provide an opportunity for the recharging of our spiritual batteries.

# 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 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Parish Hall), 11 a.m. (Sanctuary), and 4 p.m. (Choral Evensong, third Sundays as announced). 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 free will offering today. If you would like to make an additional donation to the Concert Fund, please fill out the donor information below. Make checks out to First Church and mark them Concert Fund. You may place the card and your check in the offering plate. Thank you!

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*This list is current as of 12  
March 2020. Please contact  
Kevin Jones to correct any  
error or omission in this list.*

## 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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