

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY AT 4 P.M. The First Church Choir will sing the Preces / Responses by Richard Ayleward, Evening Service in A Major by Stephen Caracciolo, the current director of LancasterChorale, and the contemplative anthem “I will lift mine eyes” by Jake Runestad.

YOUTH SELLING FUDGE FOR HOLIDAYS The First Church Youth Groups will be selling a variety of fudge again this year as a fundraiser during the holiday season. The fudge, either 1-pound or ½-pound boxes, will be on sale after each worship service and during office weekday hours beginning the end of November through December. Order forms are available in the office. Contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org for more details regarding special orders.

FIRST CHURCH’S 2017 ORNAMENT NOW AVAILABLE First Church is continuing our exciting program in celebrating the history of the church through an ongoing keepsake ornament project. Each year, one of our beautiful stained-glass windows is featured as a keepsake ornament. The 2017 collectible features the Clerestory Windows of the Nave. This series started eleven years ago. All the keepsake ornaments, except 2007, are still available in limited quantity at \$10 each or you can purchase all the previous nine ornaments for a discounted price of \$50. This year’s ornament is available after the 9 a.m. service and during the Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service, as well as in the church office. The 2017 ornament is \$18. Contact Mark S. Williams, (mwilliams@first-church.org) for more information.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: NOVEMBER 26 FROM 6-9 P.M. Come at 6 p.m. for pizza and fellowship and help us prepare for Advent. People of all ages and skill levels can participate. From hanging wreaths to tying bows to stringing lights on the tree in the Nave, many hands make light work. Please respond to the church office if you can attend.

LAUNDRY LOVE IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 Please contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org if you can volunteer this Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 – WOMEN’S RETREAT –
An Advent Journey, from 9 a.m.-Noon

ARE YOU A RECENT NEW MEMBER WHO JOINED BETWEEN 2014 AND 2017? YOU’RE INVITED TO LUNCH—ON US! Come join our lively conversation and lunch on **December 3** after the 11 a.m. worship. **Connect with our Vision** Luncheon is for prospective new members and recent new members who have joined First Church since 2014; you are invited to join in this discussion about our greatest values and living a life that matters. Please RSVP with the bulletin insert or to Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org, so we can prepare enough food. Identify any food restrictions you may have.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES will be held at the 10 a.m. hour on **December 3, 10 and 17**. New members are also invited to a special luncheon after worship on December 3 to engage more with newer members and leadership of this church. New members will join in worship on December 17. See the insert for more information and return it to the main office by placing the tear off section in the offering plate or emailing Rev. Emily Corzine directly at ecorzine@first-church.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: COOKIE MISSION - SPREAD THE JOY!

Christmas is a time for giving to others and this is one simple way church members can give back to the other members in need and in our church community. You can bake, help prepare packages for delivery or deliver. If interested simply call the office at 614-228-1741. Here’s how you can help:

- Bake 4-dozen cookies/candies and deliver to the Ralph Fanning Room between 8:30–11 a.m.
- Prepare cookies tins for delivery; meet at 10 a.m. in Ralph Fanning Room
- Deliver cookies after 9 and 11 a.m. services; address and phone number provided.



NEED A HOSTESS GIFT OR A GIFT FOR FRIENDS OR FAMILY? Sacred Earth is offering holiday chocolate, coffee, and tea baskets with fair trade items for just \$15. Baskets will be available starting Sunday, December 3, during our Fellowship Hour and again on Sunday, December 17 (the first and third Sundays of December). Please look for a sign up in the church office where you can indicate which option you would like and date you prefer. If you need a basket for another time, please call Sarah Giffen at 614-471-9665.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Herb Goetz; Grace Glaros; Sophie Baird; Kathy Brownfield; Virginia O’Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including: Mark Williams, on the death of his sister-in-law, Nancy Williams; Geneva Rice, on the death of her sister, Becky Appleyard; Jennifer Okezie-Watts and family, on the death of her sister-in-law, Angela Watts; the family of Don Erickson; and the family of Evelyn Shaheen.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Tim and Heidi Binkley, friends of Jeff Corzine; The O’Rourke Family; Alice Anderson, mother of Eddie Anderson and sister of Duan Cannon; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the political unrest in that country. We pray for the victims and families affected by the earthquake along the Iran-Iraq border on Sunday.

IN THE UNITED STATES We pray for the victims and community of the gun violence in Rancho Tehama, California. We pray for those still affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and who continue to rebuild.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER Cycle This week we pray with and for the people and churches of East Timor, Indonesia, and the Philippines

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Ann Gregory, serving in Thailand.

Need Prayer? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager at awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or the ministers: ecorzine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or tahrens@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

Parent/ Children Worship Resources

A Worship Activity Pack for Parents and Children, crayons and Children’s Bulletins are available at each entrance. Included in the pack is a wonderful coloring book, “Be The Church,” that teaches wonderful lessons about who we are as a faith community.

Ask an usher/greeter or Deacon for your own copy!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, October 19

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing, Room D
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth – Parish Hall

Monday, November 20

1 p.m. – Deadline for Newsletter Articles
7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, November 21

11:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, November 22

Building and Office Close All Day

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day – Office and Building Closed

Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day – Office and Building Closed
1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

Sunday, November 26: Reign of Christ Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choirs – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
6 p.m. – Hanging of the Greens – Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Paul Flocken, Larry Thorne; 11/20 – Schlelia Gray, John Matchett; 11/21 – Anita Babu, Allison Palmer; 11/22 – Natalie Barker, Kristen Blanks, Adeline Brown, Madeline Helmer, Jane Weddle; 11/23 – Bill Wagner; 11/24 – Mike Bukach, Andy Rozmiarek; 11/25 – Sarah Ahrens

ABOUT YOUR OFFERING TODAY All our offerings support the Ministry of First Church through its programs, outreach, and related groups as, together, we witness to God’s love. Thank you for your gifts.

- **Offertory envelopes** are provided in the pews for members or visitors.
- **Submitting a pledge?** Please use an envelope found in the pew, marking the “Pledge” box.
- **Church Support:** Checking this box directs your gift to general ministry support.
- **Mission:** Please specify today’s mission so your gift is distributed correctly.
- **Online Giving:** Go to our web site www.first-church.org click on **Give** or <http://www.first-church.org/give.aspx> and then click or copy the link into your browser to set up an account and pay with your credit card or through your checking or savings account.

easyTithe

<http://www.easytithe.com/dl/?uid=Firs444421>

PayPal

<https://www.paypal.com/signup/accountCreate>

- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, Building Endowment, House and Grounds Special Projects, etc.*

OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION

November 12 – \$1,768.50 – Broad Street and Gladden House Food Pantries

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING

Gladden Community House – Christmas Fund

COPIES OF TODAY’S SERMON can be found in the office or at the Broad Street entrance to the Sanctuary.



CHURCH STAFF

Senior Minister	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min.
Associate Minister	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
Minister of Music	Kevin Jones, M. M.
Director of Christian Education	Mark S. Williams, M. Ed.
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice	Tom Brownfield
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction	Jacquelyn Dean
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
Treble Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	William Lee, Jimmy Sibirian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Kent Shimeall
Moderator-Elect	Joe Baszynski
Treasurer	David Holt
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Secretary	Pat Patterson
Assistant Secretary	Nancy Loy

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Sue Cook, Elect - Chris Glaros
Church Growth/Vitality	Kent Rambo and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson
Education	Helen Ninos, Elect - Chris Gelpi
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth, Elect - Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Chris Farquhar, Francille Firebaugh, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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Dietary Restrictions for December 3 lunch: _____

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