



Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

November 15, 2020

11/15	
9 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour
11 a.m.	Worship
12 noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m.	Confirmation
4 p.m.	Choral Evensong
6:30 p.m.	Youth Connections
11/16	
12 noon	Grief Support Group
6 p.m.	Budget & Finance Mtg
7 p.m.	Formative Discussions for Adults
7 p.m.	Book Study
11/17	
7 p.m.	Church Council Mtg
11/18	
9:30 a.m.	Largest Table Food Prep & Delivery
10:30 a.m.	Book Study

Faith Formation

Faith Formation is online with great lessons and fun as we grow in our faith. The PreK–5th grades will have a Wednesday Connections video lesson posted each Wednesday for families to view at their convenience.

The Youth Connections (6th–12th) will meet each Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. The link for the youth will be sent out through email.

Formative Discussions for Adults

A study on the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving began on November 2. The book is available at all local bookstores and online resources. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will lead the four-session study on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Click [here](#) for full Zoom meeting information. Click [here](#) to “Learn More” about *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving.

Children’s Christmas Play

Parents of children ages 3–11 should double check their email concerning the Children’s Christmas Play from Mr. Mark. If you have not responded, please do ASAP so we can plan accordingly. The play will be performed on Zoom and it will be a great time for all the children. If you did not receive the email, contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org.

Advent Drive-By

Mark your calendar to attend the Advent Drive-By on Sunday, November 29 from 1–2:30 p.m. in the west parking lot. Each family will receive “Advent in a Bag” resource kit plus more! We only have 100 bags so plan to get there early. The staff and volunteers will greet you as you drive by the west side of the church. We ask you enter the west parking lot from Cleveland Avenue and follow the arrows. Due to COVID-19 and church protocols, everyone must stay in their car during this event.

Volunteers Needed for Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 22
12:30–3 p.m.**

Following our church protocol, we will limit the number of volunteers to 10 and will appropriately distance in the sanctuary. Masks will be required.

Please contact Rev. Corzine, ecorzine@first-church.org if you are interested in helping.



Join the Virtual Coffee Hour!

Immediately following each Worship Livestream.

9 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527907526?pwd=L-014R1dIdmE4UzIUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09>

Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526

Password: 601438

11 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88494216574?pwd=cDN-VS0dKaEdvTGhMcVozc0twU2pyZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 9421 6574

Password: 693317

Keep In Prayer

Barbara Clapham; Mary Kay and John Carter; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz.

David Livingston, brother of Nancy Livingston; Bill and Donna Kelley, friends of Amy Wagner; William Taylor, friend of Melva Fisher; Strick Stickland, nephew of Pat Patterson; Jonathan and Will Nirote, son and grandson of Bill and Arevena Nirote; Bob Prickett, friend of Steve Ferris; Michael Swift, son of Jilda Swift; John Busey, brother of Melody Leidheiser; Tom and Susan Murrell; Erna Temple, mother of David Temple; Dwight and Elaine Holt, parents of David Holt; Jane Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; and Colin, Deb, Alaina and Caroline Thompson on the tragic loss of their dog, Lincoln.

We hold in prayer Lou Coey, 91-year-old aunt of Pam Kallner, in the hospital with COVID19; and all our friends and family with COVID19 or those who have lost someone from COVID19.

Emergency Pastoral Care Line

If you need to be in touch with Rev. Ahrens or Rev. Corzine, for emergency pastoral care or name a prayer request, please call **614-733-4547** and leave a message. Someone will return your call as needed.

Pastoral Visits

Rev. Emily Corzine is making Pastoral Care Lawn or Patio visits on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in a socially distant lawn or patio visit, please contact Office Assistant Pat Patterson at ppatterson@first-church.org to arrange a visit with Rev. Emily.

Rev. Emily has office hours at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. This could be a time to chat, discuss pastoral concerns or have prayer. These are 20 minute blocks beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Rev. Emily for a time slot at ecorzine@first-church.org.

Food Pantry Information

Since First Church is worshipping virtually, contributions to both Broad Street Presbyterian Pantry and the Gladden Food Pantry can be made directly.

Here are recommended items:

- Canned vegetables and fruit, especially tomatoes and pineapple
- Pasta, Rice, Dried Beans, Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed meals such as Hamburger Helper
- Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken)
- Cereal
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese Mix
- Soup (Chicken Noodle, Chicken and Stars, Chicken and Rice)
- Jelly
- Cornbread Mixes (Jiffy, etc.)
- Cookie Mixes
- Sugar

Additionally, families especially appreciate personal hygiene items and household cleansers.

Thank you for your generosity.



CONCERTS

AT FIRST CHURCH

2020 – 2021

First Congregational Church • United Church of Christ
444 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Choral Evensong - livestreamed
on www.concertsatfirstchurch.org/webcasts/



4 pm



The First Church Choir sings Choral Evensong
with organist Tyler W. Robertson
Responses: Richard Ayleward
Psalm 19, chant by S.S. Wesley
Canticles: Caracciolo in A Major
Anthem: Runestad "I Will Lift Mine Eyes"



Give

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to “Enter to worship, depart to serve.” You can support the mission and ministry of First Church now by scanning the QR Code presented below, using either EasyTithe or PayPal, by visiting www.first-church.org/give.aspx, or by sending your offering directly to First Congregational Church, 444 E Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, please contact Annette McCormick at amccormick@first-church.org.



Cash and designated checks go to Broad Street Presbyterian and Gladden Food Pantries. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like more information on either of these organizations, please visit:

<https://bspc.org/foodpantry/>

<http://gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry/>

Upcoming Mission Offerings

November 22 Gladden Christmas Fund

November 29 CWS

Power of the Plate

The Annual Stewardship Campaign committee is pleased to report the total pledge revenue as of 11/11 is \$444,144. We celebrate that we are ahead of our giving at this time last year. We have 106 of 276 giving units received. So far, 61 have increased their pledges over 2020. We are waiting to hear from 170 giving units who made a pledge last year. If you have not already done so please inform the church office of your intentions to contribute in 2021.

Please return those to the church office by Monday, November 30. You can do that by email to Annette McCormick, Business Administrator at amccormick@first-church.org. To make an online pledge visit the web-pledge link: <https://www.first-church.org/AnnualGivingForm.aspx> or mail a stewardship card to the church. Thank you for your faithful commitment to First Congregational Church.

Church Leadership

Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, M.Div., D. Min.

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

Minister of Music Kevin Jones, M.M., M.S.E.

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Communications Consultant Melissa Kulwicki

Business Administrator Annette McCormick

Building and Grounds Superintendent Mark Dahnke

Building and Grounds Assistant Darrell Cross

Custodian Jimmy Sibrian

Wedding Coordinators Amy Wagner, Janet Newcity, Shelly Gies, Margaret Cipriani, Katie Wagner

Nursery Staff Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor, Blessing Weekly, Miranda Gumbita

Senior Deacon James Velo

Deacons Carol Ernst-King, Shelly Gies, Sarah Giffen, Scott Graham, Greg Halbe, Lanier Holt, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, James Lowe, Dayna McCrary, Allison Lowery Palmer, Mark Sholl, Andrew Smith-Verhage, Al Waddell, Marty Worth

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