



Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

November 29, 2020

This Week at First Church

11/29	
9 a.m.	Advent 1 Worship
9:45 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour
11 a.m.	Advent 1 Worship
12 Noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
1 p.m.	Advent in a Bag Drive-By
6:30 p.m.	Youth Connections
11/30	
12 Noon	Grief Support Group
7 p.m.	New Members Class
12/1	
7 p.m.	Justice & Mercy Mtg
12/2	
10:30 a.m.	Book Study
12/5	
8 a.m.	Youth Parent Taping Day
10:30 a.m.	Sacred Earth Mtg

Advent Drive-By Today!

Join us, 1–2:30 p.m. in the west parking lot. Each family will receive an “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.

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.

New Member Class

Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m.

Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m.

Zoom

This year’s class will be held remotely. Members will be officially received into membership during the 11 a.m. service on December 13.

Contact [Rev. Emily Corzine](#) or [Pat Patterson](#) for more information.



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

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.

Keep In Prayer

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

Judy Burkholder, friend of Donice Wooster; Olive Weller, grandmother of Gretchen Weller; 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 Elaine Holt, parents of David Holt; and Jane Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; Sr. Rita Schwarzenberger with Prioress following surgery in Nigeria. Letina Reda, the mother of Million, who is very concerned about her father and brother who are in a refugee camp in Ethiopia.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, on the death of her brother in Holland, Jim Reuchlin Gretchen Weller on the loss of her grandmother Betty Norman; family and friends of former staff member, Bruce Vaughn; and Kathy Reed on the loss of her 97-year-old, WWII veteran uncle Don Detmer from COVID19; and those who suffer from COVID19 such as Robert Reber; Ashley Warner who is 6 months pregnant, friend of Melva Fisher; Renee and Kyle Bayless, cousins of Mark Williams; Johanna Guerrero, daughter of Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen; and Kathy Milia, aunt of Mel Prendergast.

Home for Christmas

Advent & Christmas 2020 at First Church

Sunday, November 29
9 and 11 a.m.
1 p.m.

Advent I
Worship "It's Sufficient" Rev. Corzine
Advent in a Bag

Sunday, December 6
9 and 11 a.m.

Advent II
Worship "Comfort Found at Home" Rev. Ahrens

Wednesday, December 9
7 p.m.

Service of Remembrance and Hope

Sunday, December 13
9 and 11 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Advent III
Worship "Candlelight from our Windows" Rev. Ahrens
Children's Christmas Play

Sunday, December 20
9 and 11 a.m.
4 p.m.

Advent IV
Worship "Rich Promises" Rev. Corzine
The Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 24
3 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m.
11 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Family Christmas Eve Service
"Returning Home" Rev. Ahrens
Music in Liturgy
"Opening the Doors to our Hearts" Rev. Ahrens

The Power of the Plate: Love in Generosity 2021 Annual Campaign Update

The Annual Stewardship Campaign committee is pleased to report the total pledge revenue as of 11/24 is \$636,934. We have 166 of 276 known giving units received. So far, 140 have increased their pledges over 2020. We stand at 60% of our Giving Unit Goal. We invite everyone to participate in getting us to 100% participation. We are waiting to hear from 110 giving units who made a pledge last year. If you haven't pledged before and you wish to support the ministry and mission of First Church, we invite you to do so through this link:

<https://www.first-church.org/give.aspx>

If you have not already submitted your intention for 2021, please inform the church office, Amccormick@first-church.org, by November 30, 2021. We invite you to participate in the mission and ministry of First Church.

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 **Church World Service-Blankets and Hygiene Kits**. The Emergency Blanket and Hygiene kits support people in the United States and other countries impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding or other crises (including homelessness or poverty). In 2019, congregational gifts provided over 154,334 Blankets and Kits worldwide. Blankets (\$10) can provide warmth on a cold night. Hygiene kits (\$15) provide personal supplies to those in need or displaced from their homes. Both of these supplies are most in need. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information visit <https://cwsblankets.org/>

Upcoming Mission Offerings

December 6 Downtowners
December 13 Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS)
December 20 Columbus Coalition for the Homeless
December 27 J. Jireh Development Corp

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.
Director of Christian Education Mark S. Williams, M.Ed.
Administrative Manager Amy Wagner
Office Assistant Pat Patterson
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

Church Council Leadership

Moderator Lynn Wallich; **Moderator-elect** Alec Deitz;
Treasurer Dennis Secor; **Treasurer-elect** Matt Myers;
Secretary Jim Griffin; **Secretary-elect** Peter Murray

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