

CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH

presents

Choral Evensong

February 20, 2022 4 o'clock p.m.
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Aria

Herbert Sumsion
(1899–1995)

Please stand at the Entrance of the Choir and Clergy.

PRECES

Herbert Sumsion

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Precentor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Precentor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Precentor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN 550

O Light whose splendor thrills the darkness

Les Commandements de Dieu

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston

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

PSALM 145, *sung in the Myles Coverdale translation*

chant: Joseph Barnby
(1838–1896)

- 1 I will magnify thee, O God, my King :
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee :
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised :
there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another :
and declare thy power.
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship :
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

- 8 The Lord is gracious, and merciful :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving unto every man :
and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord :
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
- 11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom :
and talk of thy power;
- 12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom :
might be known unto men.
- 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom :
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall :
and lifteth up all those that are down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord :
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
- 16 Thou openest thine hand :
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
- 17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways :
and holy in all his works.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him :
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
- 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
- 20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him :
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
- 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

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

Proverbs 1:20–33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT (The Song of Mary)

Evening Service in C Major, Bryan Kelly
(b. 1934)

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 upon them 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

Mark 10:35–45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (The Song of Simeon)

Kelly

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

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

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, 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

O nata lux

Morten Lauridsen
(b. 1943)

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes precesque sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis,
nos membra confer effici
tui beati corporis.*

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with kindness deign to receive
the praise and prayer of suppliants.
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be made members
of your blessed body.

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

Sing of God made manifest

Salzburg

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:



(The hymn follows on page 6.)

1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4. 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.

VOLUNTARY

Gravement (*Pièce d'Orgue*, BWV 572)

J.S. Bach
 (1685–1750)

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

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Livingston, *officiant*

Mark S. Williams, *verger*

Jon Szabo, *precentor*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *conductor*

Dr. Tyler W. Robertson, *organist*

THE FIRST CHURCH CHOIR

Kevin Jones, *Minister of Music*

Soprano: Marti Baumer, Candace Cummings, Ann Eliot,
Rose Kandel, Allison Lange, Melissa Lawson,
Joan Lombardi, Elizabeth McConnaughey, Dora Paolucci,
Susan Pusecker, Megan Smith, Maura Stevenson, Margaret Wells

Alto: Janet Axt, Jamie Blair, Cari Brackett,
Cindy Deliman, Allison Ellenberger, Marcia Essig,
Jennifer Fry, Cheryl Hoskinson, Sarah Lange,
Nancy Loy, SallyJane Mathias, Missy Obergefell,
Cathy Redenbarger, Jan Wade, Peggy Wigglesworth

Tenor: Leigh Briggs, Bill Catus, Kevin Cubick,
Jim Griffin, Dustin Jarred, Bill Lange,
Rick Sayre, Dan Stevens, Mike Wigglesworth

Bass: Joseph Bellissimo, Jonathan Bethke, Craig Clay,
Jeff Corzine, John Deliman, Jim Gieseke,
Ryan Jones, Sebastian Knowles, Bob Moreen,
Alex Munson, David Stang, Jon Szabo

The Choir's semi-annual Pasta Dinner and Auction will be held on Sunday, February 27. This year's dinner is carry-out only. Tickets are only available by reserving and purchasing them at

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/t/first-church-choir-carry-out-pasta-dinner-8bfe0ed368>.

The auction will be held this year online only and is now open! Go to <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/First-Church-Choir-Silent-Auction-2022-28782> to peruse an incredible selection of items for auction and make your bids.

All proceeds from the dinner and the auction go to support the Choir's August 2022 Pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU for supporting Concerts at First Church. Through your generosity we can offer programs that feature our outstanding organs and choirs, and that offer the congregation at First Congregational Church, UCC, and the greater Columbus community both musical variety and excellence.

GABRIEL (\$1,000+)

Leigh Briggs
Todd, Catherine, and
Aran Cunningham

Thomas Gerke
Gail Johannes
Kevin Jones and Joseph Bellissimo
Marti and Rob Rideout
Allen Baker and Al Waddell
Drew and Lissa Wade

ARCHANGEL (\$500-\$999)

Barbara Clapham
Jeff and Emily Corzine
Ruth K. Decker
Mary Day Fewlass
The Rev. and Mrs. Earl and
Pauline Fritz

Sarah E. Giffen
Mary Jane John
Jefferson and Kathryn
McConnaughey
William R. Mitchell, MD
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Philip and Candace Schneider
Jan Wade
Lynn Wallich
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SERAPH (\$250-\$499)

Stanford and Jane Ackley
Gretchen Atkinson
Marti Baumer
Nancy Gilson Braverman
Bert and Bev Cook
Cindy and John Deliman
Marcia Essig
William Davis and Ronald Jenkins
Carol and Jim Gallagher
Jim Gieseke and Deb Fox
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Nancy Livingston
Dennis and Joan Lombardi
Sandra and Joel Mathias
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In memory of Dr. Amos White
and Dorothy Cromartie
Anne Jeffrey Wright

CHERUB (\$100-\$249)

The Rev. Tim Ahrens and
Susan Sitler
Deborah M. Anderson
In memory of Helen Bakes
G. Dene Barnard
Carol Ann Bradley
Susan Vining Brooks
Bobby Carrington
Sue and Frank Cook
Jhan and Joan Corzine
Kevin Cubick
Carol Ernst-King
Sharon Ferguson
Francille and John Firebaugh
Melva Fisher
Mark and Shelley Gallant
The Rev. Mary Ann Goetz
Leslie Huntington
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The Rev. Laurence E. Miller Jr.
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Robert Moreen
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In memory of Amalie K. Nelson
Todd and Nyla Phillips
Rick Sayre
In memory of Dana Navin Schultz
by Hugh Schultz
Lisa Morris and Kent Shimeall
Judy Smith
Hilary Stai
Gleva Stephens
Matthew Stevens and James Velo
Elaine Warren
In memory of Henry and
Helen Wilson

ANGEL (\$50-\$99)

Anonymous
Anonymous
Gene and Sue Babb
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Lyle and Meg Barkhymer
Gene E. Beard
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Lora Gisondi
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Jerry L. Meyer
Virginia O'Neill
Rita and Michael Preston
Jane Pribble
Nancy E. Renneckar
Daniel E. Schlepfi
Andy and Geoff Smith-VerHage
G. West

FRIEND (\$1-\$49)

Peter Anderson and Kathleen
Sandman Ron and Beth Kenreich

This list was accurate as of Jan. 31, 2022. 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.

CONCERTS 2021–2022

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERTS – SUNDAYS AT 4PM

- 19 Sep – Nathan Laube, *organist*
24 Oct – Lynn Eustis, *soprano*, and Kevin Jones, *pianist*
7 Nov – Hymn Festival with James E. Bobb
19 Dec – Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols
13 Feb – Kevin Jones, *organist*, celebrating the Beckerath's 50th Birthday
13 Mar – Chatham Baroque
24 Apr – FCC Alumni Organist Gala with John Schaefer, G. Dene Barnard,
James E. Bobb, Marti Rideout, and Kevin Jones

ORGAN MEDITATIONS – WEDNESDAYS AT 12.15PM

- 1 Dec – Amanda Mole, St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus
8 Dec – Kevin Jones celebrates the Kimball's 90th Birthday
9 Mar – Bach's Birthday Concert - Kevin Jones, *harpsichordist*
16 Mar – Nicole Keller, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland
23 Mar – Bruce Barber, Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington, Del.
30 Mar – Tyler Robertson, Christ Church Glendale

CHORAL EVENSONG – *SUNDAYS AT 4PM

- 17 Oct – Ayleward; Sumsion in A
20 Feb – Sumsion, Kelly in C
10 Apr – Leighton; Esenvalds Merton College
1 May – Leighton; Howells St. Peter's Westminster
21 July – Bon Voyage Evensong – Sumsion; Howells Westminster (*7.30pm)

MUSIC IN LITURGY

- 24 Dec – Bach *Canonic Variations*, BWV 769 – 10.45pm
15 Apr – Eric Milner-White and Philip Moore *Via Crucis* – Noon



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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.

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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God is still speaking,

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