



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 16, 2022

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 24

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 170 years our Covenant has been: We covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another, and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and holy scripture. The church acknowledges that all members have the right of individual interpretation of the principles of the Christian faith and respects them in their honest convictions. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord, the church recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.*

*Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve. Please use this time for quiet preparation for worship.
'We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.'
(Psalm 48:8)*

PRELUDE

PASTORALE IN F

J.S. Bach

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Dr. Lynn Wallich

Leader: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

** Then all stand as you are able.*

P: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

L: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

P: Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

L: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

P: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us. Amen.

1. O God of Beth - el, by whose hand Thy peo - ple still are fed,
 2. Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent Be - fore Thy throne of grace;
 3. Through each per - plex - ing path of life Our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
 4. O spread Thy cov - ering wings a - round Till all our wan - derings cease,

Who through this wea - ry pil - grim - age Hast all Thy ser - vants led,
 God of past a - ges, be the God Of each suc - ceed - ing race.
 Give us each day our dai - ly bread, And rai - ment fit pro - vide.
 And at our God's be - loved a - bode Our souls ar - rive in peace.

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: O God, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mr. Mark S. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 32:22-31 (O.T. p. 30)

Dr. Wallich

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 32.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell

me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

THOU KNOWEST, LORD, THE SECRETS OF OUR HEARTS

Henry Purcell
1659-1695

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

II Timothy 3:14-4:5 (N.T. p.213)

Dr. Wallich

A reading from Second Timothy, chapter 3.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God.

1. O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb.
 2. O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
 3. O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 18.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Here and Now"

Rev. Ahrens

Part six of the sermon series, "Revive Us Again: A Return to Jesus' Original Program"

A period of silence follows.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Samuelson

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO ANNUAL CAMPAIGN GIVING

Dr. Gregory Halbe

THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

Mr. Jim Griffin

Designated gifts go to support **Columbus Humane**. Since 1883, Columbus Humane has been fighting animal cruelty, helping animals in need and advocating for their well-being. They provide a variety of services to more than 9,000 pets and their people annually. It takes all of us to Make Columbus Humane! Their mission is made possible by generous supporters to help animals in need. Thank you for your generosity.

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,
 Where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.
 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
 Ask and it shall be given you; Seek and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
 For every one that asketh, receiveth, And he that seeketh, findeth,
 And to him that knocked it shall be opened.*

* PRESENTATION HYMN

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

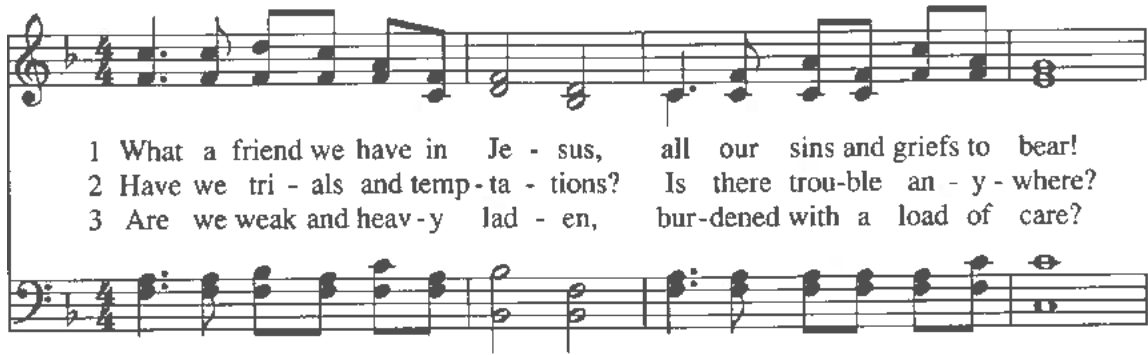
Rev. Ahrens

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

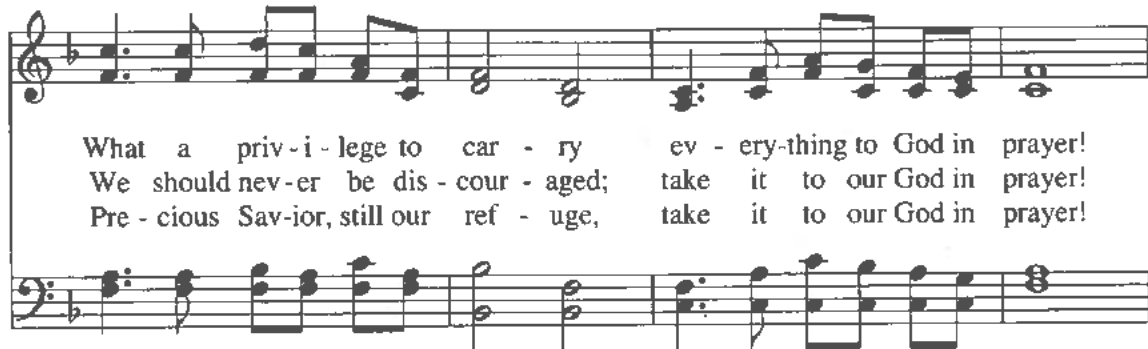
Mr. Williams

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

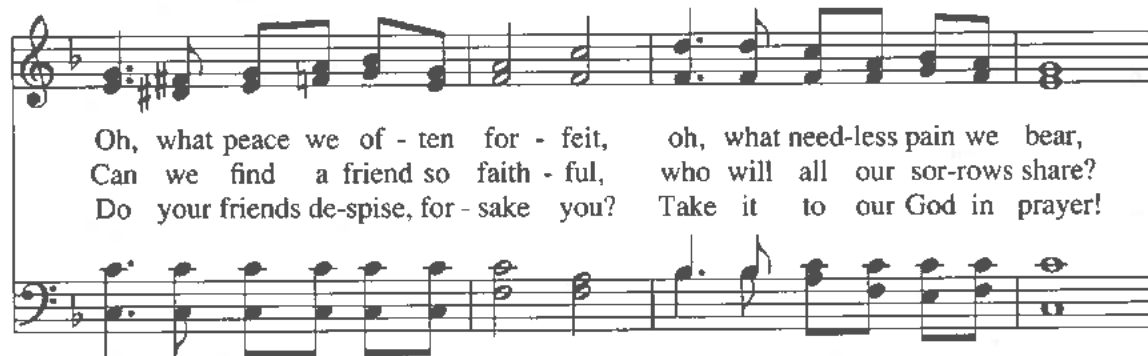
P: Thanks be to God.



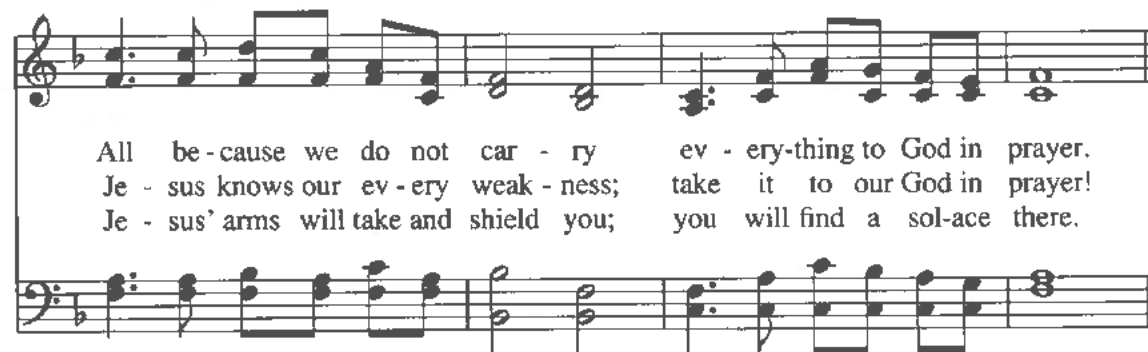
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Please be seated for the Postlude

† THE ORDINARY TIME BANNER, created by Deb Anderson, shows the monogram of the Chi (C) Rho (P), one of the earliest forms of a christogram, as well as the cross represented by gold colors in the reeds. Water is required for life. Broken bread is seen in the lily pads. Brown represents the reredos of our church. The colors overall relate to those in the tapestries in the transepts, especially the greens and pale colors.

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God, by Jane Carter and Robert Monahan in gratitude for family.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS

Rev. Ahrens – Broad Street

Rev. Samuelson – Education Wing breezeway

Mr. Williams – Education Wing north door

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson, *liturgist*

Mr. Mark S. Williams, *liturgist*

Dr. Lynn Wallich, *liturgist*

Will Haslett, *crucifer*

Aubrey Schmitt, *acolyte*

Barry Moenter, *organist*

Jim Gallagher, *choir director*

Peter Murray, Mike Kennedy, Geoff Dean, *livestream ministry*

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Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

October 16, 2022

This Week at First Church

10/16

- 9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Parish Hall & Virtual)
- 10 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages
(Various Classrooms)
Coffee Sales (Ed Wing)
- 11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)
- 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Classroom C)
- 6 p.m. Youth Connections (Parish Hall)

10/17

- 12:30 p.m. BREAD House Mtg (Virtual)
- 7 p.m. New Members Class
(Classroom C & Virtual)

10/18

- 6 p.m. Music Committee (Virtual)
- 7 p.m. Church Council Mtg
(Classroom C & Virtual)

10/19

- 10 a.m. Largest Table Food Prep & Delivery
(Education Wing)
- 10:30 a.m. Book Study (Virtual)

10/20

- 6 p.m. Time Out Thursday
(Valters at the Maennerchor)
- 7:15 p.m. First Church Choir Rehearsal
(Parish Hall)

10/23

- 9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Parish Hall & Virtual)
- 10 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages
(Various Classrooms)
- 11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)
- 12:30 p.m. BREAD House Mtg
(Parish Family Rm)
- 6 p.m. Youth Connections (Parish Hall)

Faith Formation for Adults

This Week

Sunday, October 16

10-10:50

Classroom C

“On Caring and Healing”

You are invited to participate in a group conversation facilitated by First Church member Jan Hamilton. Jan will draw upon her experience as a congregational nurse to speak to the ways that we show our care for those within our community and the resultant healing work that we do together as we move through the various transitions in our lives and our life together as a congregation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rev. Joanna.

If you plan to join this conversation by Zoom, please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85931053764?pwd=a042K3RmRDZTWXBQY1VWYXQ5bUx-BQT09>

New Members Class

A new members class is forming! The two-session class will meet in person at the church and on Zoom on Monday, October 17, and on Monday, October 24. Each session will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude by about 8:15 p.m. New members will join the church on Sunday, October 30, during the 11 a.m. service.

If you are interested in learning more about First Church and being part of our community of faith, contact Rev. Tim Ahrens (tahrens@first-church.org), one of our Deacons, or Pat Patterson (ppatterson@first-church.org).

Register at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=OGYyZTI0YWYtY-WI0Mi00OGY5LWFY2UtYWYyNTAxMmQ2M-WFk>

Plan to Donate a Basket

This year, the youth Silent Auction will be online. The youth will be auctioning themed baskets during the second and third weeks of November. Please consider donating a themed basket from your committee or family. Here are some ideas: an Italian Dinner Basket, OSU Basket, Gardening Basket, Blue Jacket Basket, Chocolate Lover's Basket, Kitchen Tools Basket, Children's Summer Fun Basket, Music Lovers Basket, Family Emergency Weather Basket, Crew Basket, Children's Books Basket, Snack-Attack Basket, and Cookout Basket. We know there are many more great ideas out there for a gift basket. Be creative and join the fun! We hope that all baskets will have a value around \$50 or more. We would need your basket by October 31 to include in the online auction. Please contact Mark Williams (mwilliams@firstchurch.org) if you choose a theme and are willing to donate.

Liturgical Banner Exhibit

First Church will celebrate the fabric artwork of one of our members, Deb Anderson, with an exhibit of her work from October 2 – November 20, 2022. The exhibit will be on display in the Chapel.

The exhibit will be open after 11 a.m. services on Sundays from October 2 - November 20. Other viewing times may be arranged by appointment by contacting Commissioner of Music, Arts, and Heritage Sandra Mathias via email at sjmath5659@gmail.com. Guided tours of the exhibit given by Textile Artist, Deb Anderson will be: October 2, 9, 30, and November 1 (1 p.m.), 11 (1 p.m.), 13, and 20. Self-guided tours of the exhibit will be: October 16 and 23, and November 6.

BREAD House Meetings

BREAD held its first two House Meetings at the end of September. Five more are scheduled for October and hopefully, you will be able to find a date that works for you. Each meeting is open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about BREAD and the campaigns we are sponsoring this year. So please look at the schedule below and contact the person who will be leading these groups if you need more information or would like to attend.

In addition, there will be opportunities to get involved with our research process as we are looking to make recommendations for proven ways to improve solutions to our problems.

October 17: 12:30 p.m. House Meeting; Rev. Tim Ahrens leading (614-228-1741) Place and type of meeting TBD.

October 23: 12:30 PM House Meeting (In Person); at the Church; Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen leading (240-557-9770)

Annual Campaign



The 2023 Annual Campaign, "Together in Mission. Sharing God's Love," has begun. Information is coming to your mailbox and an online pledge form can be found at www.first-church.org/annual-campaign.

**German Village
Historic Walking Tour
Sunday, November 6, 2022
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

Join us for a walking tour of historic German Village offered by the German Village Society! This private, guided tour will start with a 10-minute award-winning video at the Meeting Haus followed by an approximately one hour, 1 mile, narrated neighborhood walk.

The tour will provide an overview of the history and renewal of German Village including the influential people, the architectural elements, and the personal stories of the community. Your guide will take you through brick streets lined with quaint homes, gardens, shops, galleries, and restaurants. Come enjoy the fall air and learn all about this lovely, internationally recognized historic district just blocks from downtown Columbus!

Please register through REALM (this allows us to know who's attending) and then please pay via the link provided below (this goes directly to the German Village Association).

You must use this link to pay: (please select guided tour)

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GVSTourPayment>

The cost is \$10/Student \$15/adult, \$12/senior (60 and over)

Register at:

<https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MDk5NjRiNTEtNDg-1Zi00ODcyLTlmZmItYWYxOTAxMGM1NTA2>

October First Serves

The October First Serves will support the Gladden Community House Halloween Party. We are asking for bags of candy and monetary donations. We will compile the bags on October 23 during the 10 a.m. hour. Also, they are asking for volunteers to help with their party on October 31. Please contact Kris Brant (kbrant2408@gmail.com) if you wish to help.

**Time Out Thursday
October 20, 6-7 p.m.
Valter's at the Maennerchor,
976 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43206**

Please join us for dinner at a German Village landmark! Valter's, located at the Columbus Männerchor, serves German food and beers along with some new American twists, in this beautiful and historic place. The

Männerchor was founded over 168 years ago and has become the nation's largest and longest continually active German singing society and social club. Let's share a meal and enjoy the history, culture, and community. Please register at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YzVkYTc0MzktYWQ5OC00YTE0LTk1NmMtYWYxOTAxMGYyYjc4> by October 17. Prost!

Lunch Bunch

October 27, 12-1 p.m.

Can't Believe It's Vegan

584 W. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH 43081

Let's embrace plant-based nutrition that only Chef Clayton can provide! He is known for his natural talent of combining flavors and perfect seasonings into dishes that are delectable and satisfy even the most ardent omnivores. We look forward sharing this time of church fellowship with you. Please register at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NzZhMDM3ODItODA1NS-00MzNjLWl0ZmQtYWYxOTAxMTRjZWFi> by October 24.

Give

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First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, please contact Annette McCormick at amccormick@firstchurch.org.

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Global Mission Partner Lydia Yang, Korea

Ms. Yang is a Global Mission Intern with The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) which works to promote peace and justice not only within the Korean peninsula but also abroad, accepting “that all social problems are issues of faith.” PROK is active in working for peace and reunification of the two Koreas and is committed to training and educating church leaders through Hanshin Graduate School of Theology.

Lydia’s time is divided among three placements: the general office of PROK, the general office of the National Church Women’s Association of PROK, and Durebang (“My Sister’s Place”). Within the general offices of PROK and PROK Women’s Association, she provides administrative support, assists in translating documents and newsletters, and participates in gatherings and events. Her role with Durebang is to work with the staff to support Korean and migrant women who have been forced or deceived into working in red-light districts near U.S. military bases.

Keep in Prayer

Members Rick and Lourdes Henderson; Kay Neffenger; Katie Kutschbach; Mark Williams and Tim Carsey; Larry Dixon; Martha Huey; Sarah Ahrens Stadie; Bob Davis; Twink Starr; Lola Edwards; Rick Brant; Betsy Zahn; Janice White; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter.

Family and friends Carol Gallagher’s cousin’s husband, Fred Schell; Nanette Maciejunes’ husband, George Maciejunes; Tom Gies’ sister, Monica Depinet; Annette McCormick’s father, Charles McCormick, and friend, Vicki Sherman; Nancy Mayle; Pat Patterson’s son, Jay Patterson; Charlie Weaver’s daughter and family, Stefanie and Chris Bonhert and twins Malcolm and Madeline; Martha Huey’s sister, Stephanie Childs; Melissa Kulwicki’s friends and neighbors, John and Carrie Mosley; Heather Jones’ father, Sam Gray; Bev and Bert Cook’s sister-in-law, Sue Jones; Gretchen Atkinson’s cousin, Linda Lambeth; and Amy Wagner’s friend, Ken Burke.

Those who mourn loved ones Tim Ahrens’ friend Karla Rothan on the loss of her wife, Linda Schuler; and the family and friends of Barbara Knox on her death.

For the families, staff, the wider community, and all who are devastated by the loss of life, as a result of the mass shooting at a childcare center in Thailand this past week.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico. We pray for Global Ministries worker Lydia Yang in Korea.

Please note that individuals will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless specified to clergy or staff.

Coming Soon Coffee Hour returns on October 30!

Church Leadership

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

Interim Associate Minister: Rev. Joanna Samuelson, M.Div.

Director of Christian Education: Mark S. Williams, M.Ed.

Interim Organist: Barry Moenter

Interim Choral Director: Jim Gallagher

Commissioned Minister for Social Justice: Tom Brownfield

Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction: Jacquelyn Dean

Administrative Manager: Amy Wagner

Office Assistant: Pat Patterson

Communications Consultant: Melissa Kulwicki

Business Administrator: Annette McCormick

Building and Grounds Superintendent: Mark Dahnke

Custodian: Jenkins Smith

Wedding Coordinators: Amy Wagner, Shelly Gies, Margaret Cipriani

Nursery Staff: Miranda Brooks, Shelly Gies, Courtney Palmer

Senior Deacon: Martha Wilson

Senior Deacon-elect: Lynn Wallich

Deacons: Scott Graham, Greg Halbe, Tom Kiesel, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, Nan Kreimer, Gail Lowe, James Lowe, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dayna McCrary, Hank Wilson, Marty Worth

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Justice & Mercy-elect:

Music, Arts & Heritage: Sandra Mathias

Music, Arts & Heritage-elect: Melissa Kulwicki

Members-at-Large: Dayna McCrary and Alyssia Palmer

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.

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 God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.

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)

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God is still speaking,

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