

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ

Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.



OCTOBER 24, 2021
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JAZZ WORSHIP



*We respond to God's call
by welcoming everyone
regardless of ability, age,
ethnicity, race, gender identity,
sexual orientation or
socio-economic background.*

*To proclaim in word and deed
the love of Christ,
we affirm that all may share
in the full life, ministry, fellowship,
responsibilities and blessing
of our congregation.*

*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Order of Worship

An asterisk () indicates that worshipers are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

If you would like a personal joy or concern read aloud and you are at home, you may text 314-858-6710, or fill out a prayer card, found in the pew box.

“Environmental justice,
for those of you who may not be familiar with the term,
goes something like this:
no community should be saddled with more environmental burdens
and less environmental benefits than any other.”
— Majora Carter

Gathering as Stewards of God’s Creation

Prelude	“Sandu” Oïkos	by Clifford Brown
Ringling of the Bells		
Lighting of the Candles		
Welcome		Helen Moody
Introit	“Prayer” Oïkos	by Keith Jarrett
*Call to Worship		Logos Readers
*Raising the Covenant		Helen Moody

We who are called of God into this Christian community covenant together: to seek to know the will of God, to experience the joy and struggle of discipleship, to proclaim in word and deed the love of Christ, and to work for peace and justice among all people. We trust God’s promise of grace and forgiveness and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our trials and rejoicing.

Hymn 448	“Take My Life, God, Let it Be” Oïkos	Vienna
Not For Children Only		Cliff Aerie

Discerning God’s Word for our Fragile World

God’s Word for Today	Psalm 8 (A Sacred Psalm Blues)	Logos Readers & Oïkos
Message for Today	“Environmental Racism: I Can’t Breathe!”	Elston McCowen with Dave Denoon
Choral Meditation	“Blue Boat Home” Chancel Choir & Oïkos	by Peter Mayer

Dedicating Ourselves to Live “As One”

Offering of our Gifts (invitation) Helen Moody

Offertory “Singing All My Blues Away” by Cliff Aerie & Chris Bakriges
Oïkos

Prayers for the Earth and It’s People Jan Barnes

Prayer of Our Savior

[Chime] **Our Father who art in heaven . . .**

[Chime] **Hallowed be thy name . . .**

[Chime] **Thy kingdom come . . .**

[Chime] **Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven . . .**

[Chime] **Give us this daily our daily bread . . .**

[Chime] **And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors . . .**

[Chime] **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil . . .**

[Chime] **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever . . .**

[Chime] **Amen!**

Hymn “As One” by Cliff Aerie
Oïkos

**The world no longer can be a place where fear and hatred abound.
If love is our guide, peace shall reside, and unity bind us as one.**

**The world no longer should be defaced and scarred by garbage and greed.
Let’s clean up this mess, ease the distress, embracing our planet as one.**

**The world God gave us should be a place where no one wanders alone.
Let’s open the door, strangers no more, together and living as one.**

Blessing and Benediction Jan Barnes & Cliff Aerie

Postlude “Yes, God is Real” by Kenneth Morris
Oïkos and Chancel Choir

Commissioning

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Logos Readers: Sue Leary, Merrimon Boyd, Leon Burke III, Jan Barnes

Oïkos Ensemble: Kim Fuller Barnes, Carolbeth True, Glen Smith, Dave True, Cliff Aerie

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Sunday worship each week is shared in person for those who wish to attend and streamed live on YouTube, starting at 10:00am (bit.ly/FCCWG-YT).

Please wear a mask in the Sanctuary and in the halls. Masking and distancing are optional in Memorial Hall.

Thank you to this Week's Hospitality Team

Lelia & Eric Lindhorst, Doug Miller, Laura Cooper, Nancy Rudolph and Jeanene Harris

Electronic Device Users

If you wish to access our wi-fi, our network connections are: fccwg1, fccwg2 or fccwg3. The password for each is firstchurch.

Finding Your Way at First Church

The Nursery: The Nursery is attended today. The Nursery is located through the double doors at the end of the Narthex (foyer), turn left. Nursery/Toddler Room is on your right (Dutch doors).

Restrooms: Family restrooms are located to the right of the Narthex (foyer) as you go to the Library (look for the blue library banner) and to the left of the Narthex just before the double doors.

We Hold in Our Prayers

- Our residents in assisted living and skilled care – Sharon Beal, Joyce Berger, Shirley Chase, Paul Davis, Margery Gable, Charles Griffith, Bill & Shirley Moore
- All people who are living with dementia, their families, and their caregivers
- People we love who are living with cancer – Bill Barrett, Margaret Gustafson, Peter McHugh
- Health concerns in the Hayes family, Herb Niemeyer
- All those the world regards as disabled – especially David & Becky Scott
- People with mental illnesses, as well as the people who love and care for them
- People who are alone or ill due to Covid-19
- Those whose employment and businesses are at risk
- First responders and their loved ones
- For our governmental leaders, and for healing for our country and all its people
- Peace with justice

“Wonder and Wander”

New webinar discussion

“Wonder and Wander” is a new webinar-style gathering for spiritual misfits and anyone interested in exploring faith beyond borders that no longer work for them. Join Dave Denoon, Halley Kim and Merrimon Boyd. New each Thursday on YouTube. Wonder and Wander is fun and enlightening conversation about reimagining faith. bit.ly/FCCWG-YT

Meals Needed for the Saavedra Family

The Saavedra family has grown by 10 fingers and 10 toes! Celia, Eric, and big brother Kai welcomed Macie John Saavedra on September 20, 2021. Macie is also Nancy Rudolph's granddaughter. Please consider providing a meal for the Saavedra family during this busy time! Meals must be GLUTEN-FREE so plan accordingly. Sign up here: <http://carecalendar.org> (Login ID: 300623, Passcode: 1876). Thank you!

Fresh Pecans Coming Soon!

This year, the profit made from the sale of our wonderful, fresh pecans will go towards our Second Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Party in the Jubilee Garden. We are once again purchasing the 1-pound bags of Mammoth Pecan Halves. They will be \$14 each and are expected to arrive in mid-November. Please email Debbie in the office and let her know how many bags you would like her to save for you.

Lady Elect — October 26

All women of the church are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month, except in November and December. The meetings are held in the Parlor at 7:00 pm, unless noted. **October 26, 7:00 pm – program by Young at Harp. This program will be in the Inglis Room.** Please contact Laura Cooper with any questions or if interested in attending any program.

How to Donate to First Congregational Church

You may leave a donation in the offering plate in the Narthex.

Send a check made out to FCCWG at:

First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

10 W. Lockwood Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

or visit <http://firstchurchwg.org/donate> to make an electronic contribution

Gift Cards for Afghan Refugees

International Institute was contacted after the Afghanistan evacuation to find out what support interested members of First Congregational Church could offer to incoming refugees. Staff followed up by informing us that they have finalized the manual on their “Community Support Program” and are inviting 5-10 of us to attend a Zoom orientation meeting.

We would like to know who is interested in the Zoom meeting, to learn more about how we can help the Afghani's who are re-settling in St. Louis. We do not know date/time for Zoom meeting and will share that with those interested when we know more.

We are still collecting gift cards through the end of October, when the gift cards will be delivered to the International Institute. Gift cards can be purchased from major grocery stores, chain stores such as Target, Walgreen's, etc. **Global Foods in Kirkwood** is doubling \$25 gift cards (up to a total of \$1500); Global Foods has also stocked up on foods used by Afghani's. You can drop your gift card off at the church; you can also give them to Pat Doyle-Grace or Laura Cooper as they will personally deliver these at the end of the month. Please call the office if you have questions and thank you!

In addition, the Benevolence Committee awarded \$1,000 to the International Institute.

Pat Doyle-Grace and Laura Cooper

Material Aid Requested for St. Louis School

Two faith-based organizations - the Universal African People Organization (UAPO) and Preachers And Community (PAC) - are sponsoring a clothing drive for the students and families of the Walbridge STEAM Academy (also called Walbridge Elementary Full Service School).

During the month of October UAPO and PAC are asking faith communities and individuals to collect personal items: socks, underwear, bras, t-shirts, hats, scarfs, gloves, coats, etc. for children ages 5 - 12. There will be a collection box in the narthex, beginning this Sunday. For more information, please contact Rev. Elston K. McCowan at (314) 496-7861.

Parish Life's Fall Hygiene Drive for Webster Rock Hill Ministries

Collection on October 24 & 31

Items Needed

Shampoo • Deodorant • Toilet Paper • Tissue • Paper Towels • Diapers (all sizes), & pullups

A Word from the Stewardship Committee

Hello, this is John Paci from the Stewardship Committee. This past Sunday Jane Porchey announced the beginning of this year's Stewardship Campaign. You may have already received your letter and pledge card in the mail. This time of year is always very hopeful for us as a church and as a community. This is when we consider what the church means to us, as we renew our pledges. By "Pledge," I mean not only the financial pledge to the church, but also our pledge to each other.

This year's campaign theme is "Rooted In Love," and the scripture quote is from Psalm 1, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season." The people who seek to know the will of God have roots that are firmly planted and growing deeper. We are committed to this spot, we take from it and give back to it.

The Stewardship Committee members have already considered their pledges, and I ask you now to do the same. You can either mail in the pledge card, you can bring it in and drop it in the office or in the Offertory basket, or you can do as I did and pledge online. Just go to our website, firstchurchwg.org. Then on the Home page scroll down and click on "Donate." Then scroll down to where it says "Please feel free to make your 2022 pledge by using the form below." Then simply fill out the form. It took me less than a minute to do that.

We have a lot of really good things going on now at our church, as Jane mentioned in the letter, and we are trying to keep it going with things still not at "Normal" with our facility usage. Please consider increasing your pledge for 2022.

John Paci
Stewardship Committee

Meal-A-Month October Shopping List

(Please leave donations in boxes in Narthex)

Canned Chicken & Dumplings (low salt) • Canned Green Vegetable (low or no salt)
Canned Fruit in own juices • Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk
Whole Wheat Flour • Peanut Butter • Real Fruit Jelly • Dried Fruits

October Birthdays

Joyce Haynes-McCowan – October 3
Kathy Weyhrich – October 3
Linda Smith – October 5
Patrick Byrne – October 7
Ian Didriksen – October 7
Jean Shoulberg – October 8
Rod Cooper – October 10

Barney Kitchen – October 11
Marilyn Claggett – October 18
Judy James – October 19
Pete Grace – October 24
Carol Mallette – October 26
Dave Denoon – October 3

What's Going on at First Church

Thursday, October 21

6:00 PM Oktoberfest Music at Eden Seminary
6:00 PM Canterbury Bells - Practice
7:00 PM Scout Troop 301G - Parlor
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Practice

Friday, October 22

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Vigil for Black Lives

Thursday, October 21

6:00 PM Waterloo German Band at Eden Seminary (see announcement)
6:00 PM Canterbury Bells Practice - Sanctuary
7:00 PM Scout Troop 301G - Parlor
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, October 22

6:00 PM Vigil for Black Lives - East Parking Lot

Sunday, October 24

9:00 AM Nursery Care Available
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Kid's Church
11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:15 AM Adult Ed – Environmental Justice.
Elston McCowen

3:00 PM Concert Series – APS award winner, Anna Laurenzo (soprano) in recital
7:00 PM Eden's Psalms Festival

Monday, October 25

4:00 PM Executive Ministry (Zoom)
7:00 PM Scout Troop 301B - Memorial Hall

Tuesday, October 26

10:30 PM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Lady Elect - Parlor – Young at Harp

Wednesday, October 27

9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club - Inglis Room

Thursday, October 28

8:30 AM Journeymen - Parlor
6:15 PM Canterbury Bells - Practice
7:00 PM Scout Troop 301G - Parlor
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Practice

Friday, October 22

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Vigil for Black Lives



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