

# Welcome!

First Congregational Church  
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



*Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.*

NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**This day shall be a day  
of remembrance for you.**

EXODUS 12:14, NRSV

*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.*

### TOLLING THE BELL

### WELCOME AND STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sharon Love, *Announcer*

### PRELUDE

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

arr. Dale Wood

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

#### \*RAISING THE COVENANT (Unison)

**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.**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

*For All the Saints*

W. W. How

*Pilgrim Hymnal*, No. 306, vv. 1,4

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### \*PRAYER OF APPROACH (Litany)

Iona Community

*Response.*

Let heaven be glad:

**Let the whole earth cry, "Glory!"**

#### \*SINGING GOD'S GLORY

*Glory to God in the Highest*

Peruvian melody

#### NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant*

*The children are invited forward for a time of enrichment.*

*Afterward, they may proceed to Kid's Church, or return to their seats.*

#### THE WORD SHARED

*From the Apocrypha*

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The Inclusive Bible

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no affliction will ever touch them.  
To the eyes of fools, they seem to be dead;  
their departure will be interpreted as a defeat  
and their going away will be considered a disaster –  
but they have found peace!  
For though, to mortals,  
they may have suffered punishment,  
their hope is in life everlasting,  
and after a time of trial

they will receive great blessings,  
because God has tested them  
and found them worthy.  
God purified them like gold in a crucible  
and found them as acceptable  
as a whole burnt offering on the altar.  
When their time of judgment comes, they will shine  
and will sweep over the world  
like sparks through the chaff.  
They will be appointed as judges and leaders  
over all nations and people,  
and the Holy One will be their Regent forever.  
Those who have put their trust in God  
will find out that this is all true,  
and those who are faithful will dwell in God's love.  
These are God's chosen ones,  
and grace and mercy belong to them.

*From the Apocalypse*

Revelation 21:1-6a

The Inclusive Bible

I saw a new sky and a new earth; for the first sky and the first earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of the sky from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day.

And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne,  
“Look! God's tabernacle is among humankind!  
God will live with them;  
they will be God's people,  
and God will be fully present among them.  
The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes.  
And death, mourning, crying, and pain will be no more,  
for the old order has fallen.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Look! I'm making everything new,” and added, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And that One continued, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

*Response.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

*“Remembrances”*

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

**WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

*Invitation*

*Offertory Anthem*

*Return Again*

Shlomo Carlebach

(Choir and Congregation)

Return again, return again, return to the home of your soul.  
Return again, return again, return to the home of your soul.  
Return to who you are, return to what you are,  
Return to where you are born and reborn again.

*\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)*

**God of those who have gone before us, and our God, from generation to generation  
we thank you and count your praises — for lives committed into your hand, for souls  
entrusted to you. Your compassion never fails; your loving kindness never ceases.**

**Receive back these gifts from your bounty and bless them to your work in Christ's name. Amen.**

**RITUAL FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE**

*\*Marking Today's Joys and Concerns*

*\*Invitation*

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

*\*Sursum Corda*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Lighting of Memorial Candles*

*Family members of those who have died (or their designated proxies) approach the altar to light candles honoring their loved ones when the name of the deceased is mentioned.*

**Carol Jean Strand McCoy**

November 10, 1932 – December 1, 2020

**Fred Zurn Kaul**

January 26, 1941 – February 27, 2021

**James C. Romeis**

February 14, 1946 – April 3, 2021

**James H. Bennett, Jr.**

September 2, 1926 – May 21, 2021

**Dennis D. Fales**

February 22, 1943 – May 22, 2021

**Robert Carl Wolford**

July 4, 1929 – June 6, 2021

**Robert Burchard McCoy**

June 24, 1927 – July 24, 2021

**Robert John Raymond Buerk**

January 28, 1946 – October 3, 2021

*\*Sanctus*

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest!**

*\*Words of Institution*

*\*Remembering the Holy Mystery*

**Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God!**

Consecration

*Response*

**Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.**

*Prayer of Our Savior*

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Distribution of Elements and Lighting of Memorial Candles*

***Instructions for receiving communion and lighting candles:*** *Maintaining safe social distance (at least 3 feet), please approach the bread and cup from the diagonal aisle nearest your seat, at the indication of an usher, and partake when you receive each (placing the emptied cup in the tray). Bread is gluten free; grape juice is red, wine is white. After the cup, proceed to the altar where you will be handed a candle to light and place in the votive box. Placement of candles begins at the back of the box (nearest the pulpit) so that later worshipers are not burned. When your candle has been placed, please return to your seat by the center aisle.*

*\*Prayer after Communion (Unison)*

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**\*PARTING HYMN**

*For All the Saints*

John Bell

Tune: O WALY WALY

For all the saints who've shown your love  
in how they live and where they move,  
for mindful women, caring men,  
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,  
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,  
who sang your songs and shared your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,  
and showed your reign is coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heav'n above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Sharon Love

**\*BENEDICTION**

“When Great Souls Die”  
from *Ailey, Baldwin, Floyd, Killens and Mayfield*

Maya Angelou

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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](https://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**

Jacquie Bryant, Liu Lin Theo, Rosemary Hensley, Tom Waltz, Sharon Love, and Carolyn Woodsmall

### **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, Herb Niemeyer
- Health concerns in the Hayes family
- 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

### **A Thank You...**

Thank you for all the meals and support for Melissa, Maggie and Trina Hill!  
The Hill Family

### **"Wonder and Wander"**

"Wonder and Wander" is a 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 on Wednesdays at 2:00pm for a fun and enlightening Zoom conversation about reimagining faith. *Each week's installment is recorded for streaming later.* View the series on YouTube at [bit.ly/FCCWG-YT](https://bit.ly/FCCWG-YT)

### **Fresh Pecans Selling Fast!**

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.

## What's Going on at First Church this Week

### Sunday, November 7 – Remembrance Sunday

9:00 AM Brown Baggers  
9:00 AM Nursery Care Available  
10:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Kids' Church  
11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship

### Monday, November 8

7:00 PM Scout Troop 301B - Memorial Hall  
7:00 PM Three Ministries (Zoom)

### Tuesday, November 9

10:30 PM Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Practicing Our Faith - Inglis Room

### Wednesday, November 10

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

### Thursday, November 11

#### Veteran's Day

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

### Friday, November 12

6:00 PM Vigil for Black Lives

### Saturday, November 13

8:00 AM Lady Elect – Pie Making

## November Birthdays

Eric Breitenbach - November 1  
Braeden Hood - November 2  
Lynda Morrison - November 2  
Becky Ruder - November 3  
Paul Wentzien - November 4  
Trina Hill - November 7  
Andrea Welnick - November 9  
Carrie Herrick - November 11  
Bill Moore - November 11  
Jan Ver Hagen - November 11  
Nina Thompson - November 12  
Joseph Weyhrich - November 13  
Peter McHugh - November 15  
Lili Calder-Smith - November 17

Jean Kohler - November 17  
Rick Herrick - November 18  
Carolyn Woodsmall - November 18  
Jennifer Monaco - November 19  
Ellie Paci - November 19  
Mark Smith - November 22  
Shirley Moore - November 23  
Chris von Weise - November 25  
Kristy Barton - November 27  
Charleston McCoy - November 27  
Pat Schutte - November 27  
Anton Didriksen - November 30  
Joan Musbach - November 30

## 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

## Meal-A-Month November

*(Please leave donations in boxes in Narthex)*

Canned Salmon or Tuna (in water) • Canned Spinach (no salt) • Applesauce (in plastic, no sugar added)  
Powdered Milk • Shelf Stable Milk • Soy Milk • Soap • Deodorant • Toilet Paper



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