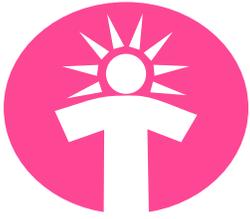


Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HERITAGE SUNDAY



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.

Due to the surge of infections from the Omicron variant of Covid 19, we are requiring that everyone wear a mask indoors at First Congregational Church.

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lind

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME Mark Edwards, *Announcer*

***RAISING THE COVENANT** *Covenant of 1977 (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.

***HYMNS**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Charles Wesley, arr. James Ward

On Jordan's Stormy Banks Samuel Stannett, arr. Jars of Clay

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

THE WORD SHARED

From the Gospels Luke 4:16-30 Mark Edwards

¹⁶ When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because our God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Response.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

For the Sake of Others

Halley Kim
Pastoral Assistant

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)

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.

REFLECTION

Halley Kim

***HYMNS**

Beautiful Things

Gungor

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

S. T. Francis, arr. A. Assad

***OPPORTUNITIES ARISING**

Rev. Denoon

***BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

Halley Kim

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Reprise of *O For a Thousand* or *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

During the Postlude, we encourage you to greet those around you safely, or to remain at your seat to enjoy the music until it has ended. In the spirit of diversity, please be attentive to the possibility that one who is seated may be meditating.

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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)).

#### **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.

#### **Volunteer (and other) Opportunities Arising**

February 5 - First Saturday Collection Volunteers | Kids' Church Volunteers  
Care Calendar Dinner's (as needed)

#### **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, Paul Davis, Margery Gable, 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
- 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
- Peace with justice

### **Who was this Jesse, anyway?**

**And why do we have a tree named for him?**

**We will gather in the sanctuary today, January 30, right after worship, to de-decorate the Jesse tree and learn the significance of each of the ornaments. *Sponsored by SAGE***

***EVERYONE is welcome!***

### **Our First "First Saturday"**

**February 5, 9:00am - Noon: Undergarment Drive for Walbridge School!**

First Saturdays drive-thru outreach efforts begin on the morning of Saturday, February 5, 9am to 12noon with an Undergarment Drive - Sizes 2T to Adult accepted (NEW IN-PACKAGE) - to benefit the Walbridge STEAM Academy, a Pre-K through 8th Grade elementary school in St. Louis City.

First Saturdays will be a monthly feature of our life together, offering opportunities to help others, work together, and form deeper connections as church members and friends! Volunteer with [this SignUp Genius form \(https://tinyurl.com/FCCWG-1stSAT\)](https://tinyurl.com/FCCWG-1stSAT).

As Rev. Elston McCowan describes it, Walbridge School is beset with a host of poverty issues. It serves the Walnut Park East neighborhood (zip 63121), which has the highest rates of unemployment, infant mortality, and sexually transmitted disease, in addition to being a food desert. The undergarment drive is one way we can partner with others to alleviate some of the hardship there - in this case the St. Louis NAACP, Universal African Peoples Association, and Preachers and Communities.

### **February Meal-a-Month**

Canned Tuna, packed in Water • Tuna Helper • Canned Carrots (low or no salt)  
Canned Fruit in own juices • Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk  
Diapers • Diaper Wipes • Formula with Iron

## 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  
10 W. Lockwood Ave.  
Webster Groves, MO 63119  
visit <http://firstchurchwg.org/donate> to make an electronic contribution or scan the QR code



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

### Sunday, January 30

#### *Heritage Sunday*

**9:00 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** Worship

### Tuesday, February 1

**10:30 AM** Staff Meeting

**1:00 PM** Communications Team

### Wednesday, February 2

**9:30 AM** Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

**6:00 PM** Bridge Club - Inglis Room

### Thursday, February 3

**6:00 PM** Canterbury Bells Practice

### Saturday, February 5

**9:00 AM - Noon**

First Saturday Drive-Thru Benefit for Walbridge School



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