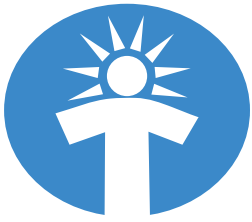


First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

OCTOBER 30, 2022
REFORMATION-RECONCILIATION 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 the Congregation standing, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Abide with Me* arr. Dale Wood
Leon Burke, organ; Cliff Aerie, wind synthesizer

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant / Liturgist*

OPENING WORDS
From the Prophets Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Pew Bible, p. 856

***GATHERING HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther
No. 438, vv. 1,3,4 – *New Century Hymnal*

***RAISING OF 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.

RITUAL OF APPROACH

We Bring Our Stories Before God

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God our Mother, help us to remember that we are related and interrelated with each other: our inactions have consequences for others. It's the same with our reluctance to share our time and energy; we let things lie rather than make an effort. Forgive us for valuing our own resources more than our neighbor's resources. As we consider our stewardship and our treatment of others, help us choose generosity over accumulation, and abundance over scarcity. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confessions

Words of Assurance

**Singing God's Glory* *Glory to God in the Highest* Trad. Peruvian

*The congregation repeats each line of the following after
the Minister:*

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!

*Next, the Minister leads the congregation in harmonizing the
following:*

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

THE WORD SHARED

From the Gospels

Luke 19:1-10

Pew Bible, p. 956

Response.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

When I Am Frightened

S. J. Denham

Leon Burke, piano and vocals; Cliff Aerie, wind synthesizer

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"Alongside the Sufferer"

Rev. David Denoon,
Pastor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Lift Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)

tr. Denoon

**Our Mother in heaven, make your name holy. Reveal
your love, and teach us your way. Make earth alike
with heaven. Provide bread for today, so that we do not
worry about tomorrow. And forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors. Keep us from things that would
keep us from you, but deliver us from the evil one. For
here is your love: where power and glory are shared,
now and forever. Amen.**

***PARTING SONG** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

John Newton

No. 547, vv. 1,3,4 – *New Century Hymnal*

***BENEDICTION**

OPPORTUNITIES ARISING

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor

J. S. Bach

While the Prelude is being played, children will be passing through the unoccupied rows to receive the candy adult worshipers have been supplied.

Connecting Remotely to Worship

Sunday worship each week is streamed live on YouTube, starting at 10am (bit.ly/FCCWG-YT).

How to Donate to First Congregational Church

You may leave a donation in the offering plate in the Narthex. Send a check made payable 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 accompanying QR code.

Wi-Fi Info

Recommended: fccwg1, fccwg2 or fccwg3
Password for all: firstchurch.

Finding Your Way at First Church

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

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.

TODAY

We Need Your Help Sending “Get Out the Vote” Postcards!

- The postcards are pre-addressed and pre-paid so it's very easy! They just need a quick personal touch! Do 10 postcards in Coffee Hour!
- Get involved with the St. Louis Area Voter Protection Coalition. Text "MOVPC" to 66866 or email info@movpc.org.
- The Peace & Justice team meets on the 4th Monday of each month. Join us on Monday, October 24th and November 28th at 7pm on Zoom.

Volunteer on November 5! First Saturday Drive-Thru Collection

We will be collecting new heavy socks, hats, gloves, and scarves along with new and gently used winter coats for all ages and sizes, for Webster Rock Hill Ministries. **No blankets please.** More info on volunteering to come! To volunteer, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/winter-wear>

We Hold in Our Prayers

- Our residents in assisted living and skilled care – Sharon Beal, Joyce Berger, Paul Davis, Margery Gable, Shirley Moore, Kitty Pearl, Jan Ver Hagen, Joan Whitford
- All people who are living with dementia, their families, and their caregivers
- People we love who are living with cancer – Margaret Gustafson
- Leo Gomez
- David & Becky Scott
- People with mental illnesses, and those who love and care for them
- Peace with justice

Tee-Shirts are Here!

If you ordered a tee-shirt, it can be found with your name on it in the church office on the desk by the kitchen. IF you haven't ordered one yet, we are overflowing with FCCWG shirts in the office! Come up here and buy one! They are \$15 each and we have a variety of sizes. Email Debbie at admin@firstchurchwg.org with questions.

“Living Buddha, Living Christ” Sundays 10/30 – 11/20, Inglis Room, 11:20 AM

Student Minister Gabriel Requadt will be the leader of our new four part Sunday Morning Book Discussion. He has chosen the classic work, *Living Buddha, Living Christ*, by Vietnamese Buddhist monk and peace activist Thích Nhất Hạnh (1926-2021). In this wonderfully insightful interreligious meditation, Thích Nhất Hạnh offers his perspectives on the similarities and resonance of Christianity and Buddhism. Along the way, he offers plenty of helpful advice about how to practice your religion so that it benefits not only you but everyone and everything around you. Practicers of these two religions, he argues, ought themselves to become living Buddhas and living Christs! Need a copy of your own? Let Halley know, and she will provide you one.

Wish Upon a Cloud: Funding Off-Budget Projects

Three donations have been made toward the sanctuary monitors!

These monitors will enhance our worship experience. They will project relevant images and information during worship services and can also be used for other events in the sanctuary. The cost for these are approximately \$1,400.00 each. **You can donate as little or as much as you like!** See the Wish Upon a Cloud display board for more information.

Wish Upon a Cloud donations give us the opportunity to purchase items that are not in our budget. For more information, grab a form off the board in the Narthex, or visit the Wish Upon a Cloud page (<https://firstchurchwg.org/donate/wuac/>) on our website.

Confirmation for Grownups on Wednesdays

Many newcomers have expressed their interest in learning more about the theology, traditions, history, and denomination of First Congregational Church. For them and any others who would like to retake Confirmation, or take it for the first time, Pastor Dave Denoon is offering a weekly class, on Wednesdays, at 7:00PM on Zoom.

If you would like to participate, please send an email to the pastor at ddenoon@firstchurchwg.org, so that he can include you in direct email messages to the group.

Stewardship Invitations in the Narthex

The 2023 Commitment cards have been mailed out. Please respond generously!

Thank You for Donations!

A belated thanks to FCC's CROP Walkers (Doug Miller, Gabriel Requadt, Annie and Sam Sampath, Laurel Hayes) and their sponsors (especially the ones from this congregation). Our team raised \$995 (we missed tying for 4th place by \$5). The Metro St. Louis CROP Walk (of which we were a part) raised \$9,440 for the work of Church World Service (75%) and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, Circle of Concern, and the Alton (IL) Crisis Food Center. Thanks again for your generosity.

What's Going on at First Church

Sunday, October 30

Reformation/Reconciliation Sunday

9:45 AM Nursery Care Available

10:00 AM Worship (All Ages)

11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship

11:20 AM Book Discussion

Monday, October 31

Reformation Day

7:00 PM Scout Troops 301 B & G

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints Day

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Communications Team

Wednesday, November 2

9:30 AM Yoga - Inglis Room

6:00 PM Bridge Club - Inglis Room

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation (Zoom)

Thursday, November 3

6:00–7:00 PM Canterbury Bells

7:30–8:30 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, November 5

10:00 - Noon First Saturday Collection - Winter Outerwear

Sunday, November 6

Remembrance Sunday

9:45 AM Nursery Care Available

10:00 AM Worship (All Ages)

11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship

11:20 AM Book Discussion



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