

# Welcome!

First Congregational Church  
of Webster Groves  
United Church of Christ



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

NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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

EXODUS 12:14, NRSV

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*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** *Chorale* Anthony Giamanco

**WELCOME** Linda Kopetti, *Liturgist*

**TOLLING THE BELL**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Litany)** Iona Community

*Response.*

Let heaven be glad:

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

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *For All the Saints* W. W. How  
*Pilgrim Hymnal, No. 306, vv. 1,4*

**\*RAISING THE COVENANT (Unison)** *Covenant of 1977*

**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)*

**Gracious God, what a comfort it is, knowing that we can come to you both in our trials and rejoicing. You have commanded us to steward our resources faithfully and continually. Sometimes, we have done well with this, but often we have not. Forgive us the lack of faith we've shown in maintaining our covenant with each other. Forgive us our lack of faith in you. Help us to be judicious but generous, and remind us that what none of us can do alone we can indeed accomplish collectively. Amen.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

*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!

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant*

*The children are invited forward for a time of enrichment.  
Afterward, they may proceed to Kids' Church, or return to their seats.*

**THE WORD SHARED**

Gabriel Requadt, *Student Minister*

*From the Apocrypha*

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The Inclusive Bible

*From the Apocalypse*

Revelation 21:1-6a

The Inclusive Bible

*Response.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

*"The Grace of Sadness"*

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

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

*\*We Lift Our Joys and Concerns*

*\*Invitation (Responsive – Minister; **People**)*

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 (Responsive)*

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 people who have been invited by an absent family) approach the altar to light candles honoring their loved ones when the name of the deceased is mentioned.*

Peter Michael McHugh

Charles Russell Griffith, Jr.

Kevin Lee Moore

Fred William Moore, Jr.

Shirley Ruth Chase

Herbert Fred Niemeyer, Jr.

Marjorie Jean Grandgeorge Kohler

William J. Barrett

The Rev. Robert Ray Oleson

The Rev. John A. Kerr

Grady Scott Wilson Engebretson  
William Harold Nienaber  
Kathryn Frances Fults VerHagen  
Marilyn Joyce Davis

*\*Sanctus (Unison)*

**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!**

*\*Fraction*

*\*The Paschal Mystery (Unison)*

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

*Elevation*

*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.**

*Lighting Memorial Candles and Receiving Communion*

*Instructions*

*Maintaining safe social distance (at least 3 feet) and at the indication of an usher, please approach the altar from the diagonal aisle nearest your seat in order to light a candle of remembrance. Placement of candles begins at the back of the box (nearest the pulpit) so that later worshipers are not burned.*

*Afterward, please go to the center aisle and partake of bread and either wine or juice (**Bread is gluten free; grape juice is red, wine is white.**) After you have received the elements and placed the emptied cups in the adjacent basket, proceed down the center aisle to return to your seat.*

*\*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

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.

**\*PARTING THOUGHTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

"Walking with Grief"

Northumbria Community

**POSTLUDE**

*Sarabande*

Anthony Giamanco

*During the Postlude, we encourage you to greet those around you, 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. When you are ready, please join other worshipers for refreshments in Memorial Hall.*

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**THE GLOBE IS LIGHTED** today in memory of loved ones lost this year. Faye and Marshall Dyer

**How to Donate to First Congregational Church**

You may leave a donation in the offering plate in the Narthex, OR

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.

**Connecting Remotely to Worship**

If you're joining us remotely, Sunday worship each week is streamed live on YouTube, starting at 10am ([bit.ly/FCCWG-YT](http://bit.ly/FCCWG-YT)).

**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.

## 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

## Stewardship Season Continues...

Our season celebrating generosity and engaging in it continues. Please, be considering what your response will be to all the good gifts God has presented you, and imagining a corresponding commitment to First Church for 2023. **Pledge cards are available from the church office, or make your pledge online at [www.FirstChurchWG.org/donate#pledge](http://www.FirstChurchWG.org/donate#pledge).** Our service to gather in and consecrate our pledges is next Sunday, November 13.

## 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](mailto:admin@firstchurchwg.org) with questions.

## Advent Help Needed

We need one more family to volunteer to light the 4th Advent candle and serve as liturgists on December 18th! Thank you to the families who have already volunteered for the other Advent services. Please email Halley at [halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org), to sign up for the 18th.

## “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.

## **Outdoor Christmas Tree Decorating Party Returns to the Jubilee Garden!**

**Sunday, December 4 from 11:20 am - 2:00 pm**

Join us in the garden after worship on Sunday, December 4, to decorate our outdoor Christmas Tree with ornaments suitable for our animal friends. It has been customary for everyone to bring a bird feeder ornament to put on the tree. There will be a bonfire, caroling and beverages! *Sponsored by Parish Life Ministry*

## **Maybe This Is the Year for You to Experience YANKEE SWAP?**

Mike Lenard will host this year's Swap at his home, 1467 Heritage Valley Drive, High Ridge.

The party will start at 1:30 PM\*, on December 4th, with a potluck meal, and then we will do our crazy gift exchange. And we will finish before dark.

### **Here Is the Drill:**

- Bring a handmade/homemade gift (unwrapped)-one per person
- Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert for the table (Sign up in the office for what you will bring)
- Pick up a map in the office.
- Call Garie Perry if you have questions. 314-698-2614
- Bring a generous donation for Webster Rock Hill Ministries

***\*Be sure to put an ornament on the tree in the Jubilee Garden before you leave church.***

## **Pianist Nada – Recital in our Sanctuary! Next Sunday at 3:00 pm**

Internationally renowned pianist Nada will perform a recital in our sanctuary, November 13 at 3:00 PM, featuring the piano works of Johannes Brahms. Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Nada is a US citizen of Lebanese/Hungarian descent, with a French education and is one of the most interesting people you will ever meet.

*You don't want to miss this free concert!  
We will be accepting donations to the music program at First Church.*

## **What's Going on at First Church**

### **Sunday, November 6**

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

**9:00 AM** Brown Baggers

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** Worship (All Ages)

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship

**11:20 AM** Book Discussion – Inglis Room

### **Monday, November 7**

**7:00 PM** Scout Troops 301 B & G

### **Tuesday, November 8**

**10:30 AM** Staff Meeting

**6:30 PM** Practicing Our Faith - Parlor

### **Wednesday, November 9**

~~**9:30 AM** NO Yoga – Inglis Room~~

**6:00 PM** Bridge Club – Inglis Room

**7:00 PM** Adult Confirmation – Zoom

### **Thursday, November 10**

**6:00–7:00 PM** Canterbury Bells

**7:30–8:30 PM** Chancel Choir

### **Saturday, November 12**

**10:00 AM** Memorial Service for Marilyn Davis



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