

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

NOVEMBER 13, 2022
IN-GATHERING / CONSECRATION 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

WELCOME

Rev. Cliff Aerie, *Liturgist*

TOLLING THE BELL

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive – Leader; **People**)

Isaiah 12:3b-6

Give thanks to Yahweh, and call out God's name;

**make known God's deeds among the nations; proclaim
that the holy name is exalted.**

Sing praises to Yahweh who has done gloriously; let this be known in all
the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* R. L. Edwards, alt.
No. 565, vv. 1,2,3 – *New Century Hymnal*

RITUAL OF APPROACH

We Bring Our Stories Before God

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Loving God, it is daunting to travel into an uncertain future,
down an unknown pathway, into a life yet unlived. Along the
way, we make mistakes. It's easy to trip, stumble and fall—
thinking “I” can do it alone, that “my” way is the right way, that
“I” have all the answers, that “I’m” in control. But you call us
into your family to share our journey of faith with others.
Forgive us for our big egos and closed minds. Help us to
cultivate generosity—in our attitudes and our commitment as
we seek to live as stewards of your love. Hear now, as we offer
our silent prayers of confession.**

Silence for Personal Confessions

**Singing God's Glory* *Glory to God in the Highest* Tune: PERUVIAN MELODY

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

From the Prophets

Isaiah 65:17-25

Gabriel Requadt, *Student Minister*

Pew Bible, p. 681

Response.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Fields of Corn
(Chancel Choir)

Traditional harvest carol

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

*“From Bread and Cup
to Faith and Giving”*

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; they 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

AFFIRMING OUR STEWARDSHIP AND CONSECRATING OUR COMMITMENTS

Invitation

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised
No. 493 – *New Century Hymnal*

John E. Bode, alt.

**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.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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**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](https://bit.ly/FCCWG-YT)).

### Wi-Fi Info

Recommended: fccwg1, fccwg2 or fccwg3

Password for all: firstchurch.

## Internationally Renowned Pianist Nada – Performs in our Sanctuary!

**TODAY at 3:00 pm**

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Nada is a US citizen of Lebanese/Hungarian descent, with a French education. Nada is one of the most interesting people you will ever meet.

Nada's formation as a pianist was hampered by the unrelenting civil war and terrorism which also cost her mother's life when her Beirut home was shelled. Her family escaped to the mountains where Nada was mainly self-taught. After only seven years of playing the piano, she was admitted to the famous Paris Conservatory where she became the first woman from the Middle East to take First Prize in piano. Since then, she has created a career with tremendous depth and breadth and is celebrated by audiences and critics all over the world.

### Nada will be performing:

- Naji Hakim - Variations on a theme by Jean Langlais (2020) written for Pianist Nada
- Robert Schumann - Symphonic Variations op. 13 (edited by Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms)
- Franz Liszt - Dante Sonata (Fantasia quasi Sonata "After a reading of Dante")

*You don't want to miss this free concert!*

*We will be accepting donations to the music program at First Church.*

## 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

### **First Congregational Tee-Shirts are for Sale and in the Office!**

The church office is overflowing with FCCWG shirts so please come up and buy one! There are still a few on the desk by the kitchen door that have been ordered and awaiting pick up. The shirts are heavy duty 100% cotton and cost \$15 each. We have a variety of sizes. **Email Debbie** with questions.

### **Fresh Mammoth Pecans have Arrived!**

Four cases of fresh pecans were delivered to the Yesterday. They are fresh, not frozen!

We will be selling them at the same price we did last year, \$14 per bag. Please contact Debbie and let her know how many bags you would like. You can email her at [admin@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchwg.org) or call her at the church at 314-962-0475 and let her know how many bags you would like. ***The Proceeds shall go towards the Minister's Discretionary Fund to help Pastor Dave, help our neighbors and friends.***

### **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.**

## What's Going on at First Church

### **Sunday, November 13 Consecration Sunday (In- Gathering for Pledges for 2023)**

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care

Available

**10:00 AM** Worship

**10:15 AM** Kids' Church

**10:00 AM** Worship

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship

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

**11:20 AM Adult Ed:** Lelia  
Lindhorst – Parenting Children  
with ADHD – Memorial Hall  
**3:00 PM** Afternoon Concert  
Series: Nada, piano – Sanctuary

### **Monday, November 14**

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

**7:00 PM** Three Ministries -  
Hybrid

### **Tuesday, November 15**

**10:30 AM** Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 16**

~~**9:30 AM** NO Yoga – Inglis  
Room~~

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

**7:00 PM** Adult Confirmation –  
Zoom

### **Thursday, November 17**

**6:00–7:00 PM** Canterbury  
Bells

**7:30–8:30 PM** Chancel Choir

### **Sunday, November 20**

*Covenant News deadline!!*

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care  
Available

**10:00 AM** Worship

**10:15 AM** Kids' Church

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship

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

**11:20 AM** First Friends Safety  
Presentation –Kishlar Room



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