

# Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves  
United Church of Christ



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE



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 the Congregation standing, in body or in spirit.*

**PRELUDE** *Retrospection* Felix Mendelssohn  
*At this time, we invite you to complete an entry in the Friendship Booklet  
and to silence the ringer on any cellular device you may have with you.*

**WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Laurel Hayes, *Liturgist*

**TOLLING THE BELL**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**\*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.**

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

**RITUAL OF APPROACH**

*\*Prayer of Approach (Litany)*

*Response.*

Liturgist: Let heaven be glad:

**People: Let the whole earth cry, “Glory!”**

*\*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** Johari Hunt, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*  
*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 Writings*

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Common English Bible

*From the Gospels*

Luke 6:20-31

*Response.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

*“Remembering”*

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

**WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

*Stewardship Moment*

Nancy Rudolph

*Opportunities for Giving and Gathering*

## SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE

*\*We Lift Our Joys and Concerns*

*\*Invitation*

**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*

*includes honoring these from and adjacent to our membership  
who have died in the last twelve months*

Shirley Lee Parks Moore

Robert Morgan Moody

Virginia Leslie Nitchie Conlee

Nancy Gurney Hayes and Jeremiah Hayes

*\*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!**

*\*Fraction*

*\*Acclamation*

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

*Consecration*

**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.**

*Communion, with Lighting of Memorial Candles*

*Please approach from the diagonal aisles. If you wish to receive communion (and all are welcome to do so), after you have placed your candle, 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.**)  
Afterward, continue down the center aisle to return to your seat.*

Communion Anthem

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace to you.

from William Sharp's *The Dominion of Dreams*

*\*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 presence 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.

**\*PARTING PROMISE**

*Thoughts on Grief*

Patricia Jensen Schutz

**\*PARTING WORDS**

Liturgist: Our worship has ended.

**All: Let our service begin.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Faith*

Felix Mendelssohn

*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.*

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## Connecting Remotely to Worship

Sunday worship each week is streamed live. To view, go to [YouTube.com/@1stChurchWG](https://www.youtube.com/@1stChurchWG)

## Wifi Connection

Please connect to the network **first\_church\_guest** using the passcode **firstguest**

## Hearing-Assisted System

To take advantage of our hearing-assisted system, download the **Listen Everywhere** app from the App Store or Google Store. If your phone is incompatible with the **Listen** system, we also have stand-alone units. Please see Mark Metcalf at the A/V station in the sanctuary to get started using the **Listen** system, or email him at [markmetcalf@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:markmetcalf@firstchurchwg.org).

## How to Donate to First Congregational Church

If you would like to support First Church with a monetary gift, here are a few ways to do that:

- Take advantage of the brass offering plate on the small table in the Narthex
  - Send a check made payable to FCCWG at:  
**First Congregational Church**  
**10 W. Lockwood Ave.**  
**Webster Groves, MO 63119**
  - Visit [FirstChurchWG.org/donate](https://www.FirstChurchWG.org/donate)
    - Scan the QR code.



## Let Breeze Serve as Your Church Directory

**If you would like to access the church directory or check on your donations, Breeze is the app for you!**

Here are a few simple steps to access info from and about the church on your personal device:

- Download the Breeze app via the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play store (Android)
- The app will ask you to provide your Church ID, which is: **fccwgstlmo**
- Use your Username and Password to log into the app! (If you don't know your Username, contact Office Administrator Adam Levin at [admin@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchwg.org).)

## New Church Merch

We have First Church T-shirts! Adult shirts go for \$15, kids' go for \$10. Buy your shirt online at [firstchurchwg.org/donate](https://www.firstchurchwg.org/donate), and pick it up in the office, or buy yours after worship today!

## Sunday Volunteers

Please consider signing up for one or more of the following opportunities, by going to the links next to the volunteer roles (top of next page). Worship staff will provide training as needed!

**Liturgist** – [bit.ly/Liturgist-2025](https://bit.ly/Liturgist-2025)

**Slideshow Presenter** – [bit.ly/Slideshow-2025](https://bit.ly/Slideshow-2025) • **A/V Volunteer** – [bit.ly/SE-Corner](https://bit.ly/SE-Corner)

## Commitment 2026: “Dreaming God’s Dream”

**Consecration Sunday will be taking place on November 9.** Consecration Sunday is our opportunity as God’s people in community together to commit ourselves to the support of First Church’s ministries in the coming year. Today, we are hearing from Stewardship Committee member Nancy Rudolph. This year’s commitment theme is **“Dreaming God’s Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big.”** Pledge forms are available now, from the Narthex table and online [FirstChurchWG.org/Pledge-2026](https://www.FirstChurchWG.org/Pledge-2026)

## Care Calendar for the Polaskes

Emily and Marc Polaske and big sister Elle welcome their newest family member, Wally Nathan Polaske, this past Monday! Please consider surrounding them with loving support through meals and helping hands. You can sign up to help by visiting [www.carecalendar.org](https://www.carecalendar.org) and entering:

Calendar ID: 320859 | Security Code: 9970

The Polaske family lives in O'Fallon, MO, so if delivering a meal isn't convenient for you, consider sending restaurant e-gift certificates/cards or contacting a meal delivery service. Thank you for caring for the Polaske family during this blessed time!

### **“Jesus Has Left the Building” Projects, November 16**

**Project 1. Assembling Care Bags** which can be given to folks on the street. This project is a suitable activity for adults and kids both. Donations of items to go in the bags are welcome. Please, go to [FirstChurchWG.org/covenant-news](http://FirstChurchWG.org/covenant-news) for a complete list of needs.

**Project 2. Worshipping with St. John the Beloved UCC.** Sign up for this event using the clipboard in the office, or in person with Jan Barnes, and indicate if you are willing to drive some of your FCCWG friends. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** St. John's building is not ADA compliant.

### **Churches Together for Justice Collecting Signatures against Redistricting**

Margaret and Bill Rowe, friends of the church and volunteers for Churches Together for Justice, are collecting signatures for the Redistricting Referendum. The deadline for all signatures is in 2-3 weeks. They plan to collect signatures from willing First Church congregants **on their way into worship services on Nov 2 and 9, and potentially on Nov 16.**

### **Facilities & Finance Update**

F&F Chair Phil Shoulberg offers the following report for November:

- Several of us on F&F are going to paint the kitchen walls on **Monday, December 1. If you would like to join us, we start at 9:00 AM.**
- The company that is now doing our lawncare/landscaping is going to renew the **Jubilee Garden.** Look for a revitalized garden next spring.
- Every week I bring in a baggie full of plastic bottle caps. **We've collected 211 lbs as of 10/29/2025!** We still need to collect 200 more pounds of caps for our ONA Rainbow Bench. That's a lot of baggies! If you're not already doing so, please contribute to this effort. The collection bin is in the Narthex. Please see this article in the Covenant News (e-newsletter) for information on the kinds of lids accepted.

### **Metropolitan Congregations United Gala, November 13**

The Gala will raise funds for MCU's Tornado Relief Fund and sustain MCU's ongoing work in multiple areas of civic equity. Honorees include: Lisa Williams, Reverend Angela Tate, Calvina Brown, and Jamie Hasemeier. Keynote Speaker Jessica Mayr of the Migrant & Immigrant Community Action (MICA) Project. Live Music from Rev. Eric Moeller, UCC Pastor and Founder of All-In Music Project. **Dinner will be served, and tickets are tax deductible!** For more information, go to [mcustlouis.org](http://mcustlouis.org)

### **Jazz Noel: 15th Annual Performance – “Seeking the Light” Sunday, December 21, 2:30PM**

Joining the *Oikos Ensemble* will be award-winning artist Michael Anderson who will paint on canvas during the concert, interpreting our theme, **Seeking the Light.** Our program will include actors portraying the tale of four shepherds who encountered the angelic proclamation. **And the Terra Nova Early Music Consort returns with a pre-concert at 2:30PM.**

Jazz Noel is a program of our church's Ministry of Imagination, Creativity and the Arts (MICA). We thank you for your continued support of our jazz and arts ministry. Contributions can be made by check payable to FCCWG with “MICA” in the memo line, or online at our church's Donate page by selecting MICA as the recipient.

### **November Birthdays**

Keith Moore - November 5

Benton Prange - November 5

Trina Hill - November 7  
Andrea Welnick - November 9  
Jan Ver Hagen - November 11  
Nina Thompson - November 12  
Joseph Weyhrich - November 13  
Marilyn Barton - November 15

Carolyn Woodsmall - November 18  
Jennifer Monaco - November 19  
Chris von Weise - November 25  
Kristy Barton - November 27  
Pat Schutte - November 27  
Joan Musbach - November 30

### **November Shopping List**

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

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

For a complete schedule of all church events, observances, and building use,  
please visit our online calendar at  
[FirstChurchWG.org/Calendar](http://FirstChurchWG.org/Calendar)

#### **Sunday, November 2**

**Remembrance Sunday**  
**Sacrament of Christ's Table**  
**(Daylight-Saving Time Ends)**  
**9:00AM** Brown Baggers  
**9:15AM** Chancel Choir Warmup  
**9:45AM** Nursery Care Available  
**10:00AM** **Worship**  
**10:15AM** Kids' Church  
**11:05AM** Coffee Fellowship

#### **Tuesday, November 4**

**1:00PM** Communications Committee – Office

#### **Wednesday, November 5**

**9:30AM** Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room  
**10:30AM** Staff Meeting - Church Office

#### **Thursday, November 6**

**6:00PM** Canterbury Bells - Sanctuary  
**7:30PM** Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

#### **Saturday, November 8**

**9:00AM - 12:00PM** Lady Elect Pie-making - Kitchen

#### **Sunday, November 9**

**Consecration Sunday**  
**Jazz Worship**  
**9:45AM** Nursery Care Available  
**10:00AM** **Worship**  
**10:15AM** Kids' Church  
**11:05AM** Consecration Celebration with Pies by Lady Elect!



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**THE VISION** of First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, United Church of Christ, is to be a dynamic Christian community expressing God's love, hope, joy, and peace for all people.

### OUR MISSION is to provide:

- Worship that praises God
  - ◇ Shows commitment to the teachings of Jesus
  - ◇ Celebrates the Holy Spirit in ways that express the diversity of our experiences
  - ◇ Encourages spiritual growth and commitment
- Educational activities that promote faith and intellectual growth for children and for adults.
- Advocacy and care for those in need in our community and throughout the world.
- Community that seeks justice, loves kindness, and walks humbly.
- Hope, love, and encouragement to all who seek our support.
- Grace and forgiveness for ourselves and all who seek the ministries we share in worship, music, and fellowship with others on life's journey.

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