

# Welcome!

**First Congregational Church of Webster Groves  
United Church of Christ**



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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SUNDAY  
SCOUTING SUNDAY**



# **SALT & LIGHT**

*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** *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* arr. Florence Price  
Anne Gerst, piano

*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** Phil Shoulberg, *Liturgist*

**TOLLING THE BELL**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**\*RAISING THE COVENANT** *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** *This Little Light of Mine* Spiritual  
No. 525 – *New Century Hymnal*

**\*RITUAL OF APPROACH**

*\*Unison Prayer* Jackie Hunt, *Star Scout and Senior Patrol Leader*

**God of blessing and promise, you have told us we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. But we have so often ignored these truths. We have not sought after others' best interests. We have not let our light shine in witness to your grace. We have received your mercy but kept it secret from those who also need a share of some Good News. But we cannot afford to stay this way, and we pray you to forgive our sin and restore our lives. You have done it before in the lives of other disciples. Do it again with us. Restore our saltiness, rekindle our light in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*\*Singing God's Glory* *Glory to God in the Highest* Tune: GLORIA (HAAS)

*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*

*Young people are invited forward for a time of enrichment.*

*Afterward, they may proceed to Kids Church or return to their seats.*

**THE WORD SHARED**

Read by Elijah Jones, *Star Scout*; Elyse von Weise, *College Reserve*; Phoenix Hill, *Scout*

*From the Prophets*

Isaiah 58:1-12

Pew Bible, p. 674

*From the Gospels*

Matthew 5:13-20

p. 880

*Response.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*We Are One*

Brian Tate

When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one.  
When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, we are one.  
And we shall love one another with all our hearts.  
And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might.

When we stand, when we fall, when we rise, we are one.  
In the cold, in the heat, in the dark, in the sun, we are one.  
And we shall love...

When we're hurting one another, that's the way we hurt ourselves,  
With our sisters and our brothers we will, we will rise.

And we do, and we try, we must live or we die,  
we will reach, we will climb, we will rise, we will fly, we are one.  
And these words shall be forever within our hearts,  
And we shall teach them to our children and remember them in our lives,

When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one,  
When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run,  
we are strong, we belong, we are one!

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

*"Spirit People/Science People"* Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Preparation*

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Edwin Hatch

**Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.**

*We Lift Our Joys and Concerns*

*When you speak a prayer request aloud, please bear in mind the privacy  
of those for whom you are praying, as this worship is being live-streamed.*

*Prayer of the Day*

*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. 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.**

**WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

*Opportunities to Give and Gather*

*Legacy Group Invitation*

Mark Edwards, *Endowment Counselors Representative*

*\*Song of Praise*

*Doxology*

Tune: OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, you heavenly host –  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*\*Special Recognition*

*Scout Charter, 2026*

Betsy O'Halloran, *Leader*  
Jackie Hunt, *Star Scout & SPL*

\**Prayer of Dedication* (Unison)

**Creator God who makes us many and makes us one, here we combine our many gifts into one. Bless them, we pray, that they may pass into your creation to the many. And as we pray with thanksgiving and anticipation for our Scout Troop 301, bless all of our ministries, to the end that the world may become one in you, in Christ's name. Amen.**

\***HYMN OF PARTING**

*You Are Salt for the Earth*  
No. 181, vv. 1,2,4 – *New Century Hymnal*

Marty Haugen

\***BENEDICTION**

\***WORDS OF PARTING**

Liturgist: Our worship has ended.  
**People: Let our service begin.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Ticklin' Toes*  
Anne Gerst, piano

Florence Price

*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.*

**We welcome Scouts and Leaders of Troop 301**, this morning. Our ministry with Scouting America actually pre-dates the establishment of the Boy Scouts – the original name of its chartering organization – founded in 1910, but we're glad to say, "Happy 116 years, Troop 301!" A list of all our Eagle Scouts may be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

**The cross image now gracing the sanctuary vault** is our "Sumi Cross." It was the symbol used for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and is a depiction of the three basic strokes in Japanese *sumi-e* painting. According to painter Chiura Obata, the brush strokes used in *sumi-e* represent physical reality (vertical), the passage of time (horizontal), and movement (circle). They closely resemble the Celtic cross in which the lines and circle are associated heaven (vertical), earth (horizontal), and eternity (circle). The Sumi Cross honors the membership of Mr. Obata and his family at First Church, from 1943 to 1945, when our Congregation participated in a faith-filled effort to relocate Japanese-American families from Western internment camps to Midwest homes.

The Sumi Cross installation was crafted by metal-worker Kem Williams and made possible by a grant from the Dr. Rodney M. Coe Memorial Fund.

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### **Connecting Remotely to Worship**

To view worship livestream and videos online, 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

Take advantage of our hearing-assisted system! Simply 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 receivers. Please see an attendant at the A/V station for assistance.

### Can You Offer a Ride?

If you can provide transportation to either of our newly non-driving church members, some Sunday soon, please find their **signup sheets on clipboards in the office** to volunteer a ride.

### 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 so:

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



### Year-end Giving Acknowledgement Letters

Office Administrator Adam Levin was home sick with COVID for several days. Therefore, the donation acknowledgement letters that are generally sent out in late January will instead go out in February. Thank you for your patience.

### Let Breeze Serve as Your Church Directory

**Access the church directory or check on your donations on the Breeze app!**

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

1. Download the Breeze app via the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play store (Android)
2. The app will ask you to provide your Church ID, which is: **fccwgstlmo**
3. 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).)

### 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-2026](https://bit.ly/Liturgist-2026)

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

### Midwinter Potluck, Today

Our Midwinter Potluck had been scheduled for January 25, but the weather kept us home. So, today is the day! Everyone is welcome to join us, after worship in Memorial Hall.

### Yoga Cancellations

Yoga with Jeanene is cancelled on February 11 and 18. It will resume as usual on February 25.

### Palms for Fat Tuesday

Every year we burn the palms used last Palm Sunday to create ashes for Ash Wednesday. Pastor Dave Denoon will be burning the palms on the afternoon of **Fat Tuesday, February 17. Please bring your palms to the Church Office by Monday, February 16.**

### Worship for Ash Wednesday

An Ash Wednesday worship service has been scheduled for **February 18 at 7:00PM**, in the sanctuary. We will worship with Sts. Clare and Francis Ecumenical Catholic Communion, to

mark the beginning of the preparatory season of Lent. *If you are planning to attend and would like to serve as an usher or communion steward, please contact the Pastor.*

### **Adult Ed, February 22: Home Repair Program**

Sunday, February 22, our Adult Education session, starting at 11:20 in the Inglis Room, will focus on a collaborative program between Churches Together for Justice (CTJ) and Rebuilding Together St. Louis (RTSTL) to repair homes for neighbors-in-need living in the 63119 ZIP code. Find out more about this exciting, collaborative effort!

### **Uganda Water Project Thanks You**

Executive Director Peter Kalulu and Bishop Dr. Peter Owinji of Field for Humanity would like to say thank you to the members of First Church. Our 2025 donations for the Uganda Water Project totaled \$6,600!

### **New Display Case Exhibit & Article**

Joan Musbach was kind enough to pen an article about the creches and nativity scenes in the display case. She details the creches brought in by Cindy Matlock, Mary Edwards, Pat Doyle-Grace, Elaine Coe, Andrea Welnick, Jane Brader, and her own. Read Joan's article in this week's Covenant News.

### **Lady Elect February Meeting, February 24**

You are cordially invited to the February 24<sup>th</sup> (11:30) Lady Elect meeting in the Inglis Room, featuring Chair Yoga with Jeanene Harris. (This activity is a make-up session from our cancelled January meeting.) Wear comfy clothing and bring a sack lunch to eat after the workout. There will be a release form for you to sign, in order to participate. To rsvp, text or leave a voicemail for Marilyn at (314)894-2046. Include your name. **It is necessary to RSVP again, even if you RSVP'd last month. People's plans change from month to month.**

### **Save the Date – St. Pat's Dinner, February 28**

Samuel UCC will be hosting a St. Patrick's dinner on February 28, 2026, from 4-7PM. All money goes to the UCC Habitat Build. A suggested donation of \$20 or more is suggested.

### **Camp MoVal Trivia Night Fundraiser, March 6**

As historic Route 66 celebrates a century of use, the Grape Country Cluster of UCC Churches invites their friends across the Missouri Mid-South Conference to the **“Get Your Kicks on Route 66” Trivia Night** benefitting **Camp MoVal**, Friday, March 6, at 7PM (doors open at 6:00). The event will take place at St. Peter's UCC, 20 E. Fifth St., Washington, MO. Tickets are \$25 per person and include soft drinks, wine, and beer. For registration and further information, plus to donate items for the Silent Auction, contact Jeff Remelius at St. John UCC, Bem – [BemChurchPastor@gmail.com](mailto:BemChurchPastor@gmail.com) – or 573-437-3698.

### **Opportunities at Camp MoVal (near Union, MO)**

Registration for SUMMER CAMPS is now open. **Go to [TinyURL.com/2ez3b8nz](https://TinyURL.com/2ez3b8nz) to learn more or register.** (Please note: Youth and child campers from First Church are provided with a **Christian Education subsidy** worth half their participation fee! So, be sure to **let Johari know** you're signing up.)

If you'd like to volunteer your time doing various **odd jobs and repairs** with a wonderful group of others, sign up for Mission Mondays at MoVal, every fourth Monday in a month. For more information, contact Myron Ury, Volunteer Coordinator, 314-471-2349 (call or text) or [myronury@gmail.com](mailto:myronury@gmail.com). **MoVal will also be holding a trivia night on March 6!**

### **Gateway ONA Convocation, March 7, 9AM – 3PM**

The theme of this year's Gateway ONA Convocation is "Sacred, Seen, & Called." Meet others from area UCC and Disciples of Christ churches finding their way forward to openness and affirmation. This event will take place at Parkway UCC, 2841 N. Ballas Rd. (63131). For more information about the Convocation and how to register, email [Register@GatewayONA.com](mailto:Register@GatewayONA.com)

### **Habitat For Humanity Workdays, May and October**

On **May 16**, we'll combine with Hope UCC/Isaiah 58 to supply 10 workers. On **October 3**, we will join congregants from St. Lucas UCC to again supply 10 workers. As we get closer to those dates, they will give us worksite locations. There are clipboard sign-up sheets for both dates in the office.

### **Facility and Finance Update**

Phil Shoulberg has updates from F&F! We've seen progress on recycling, greening the church, and a big change in the Dickens Room. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/ff22026>

### **Girl Scout Cookie Season Has Returned**

Girl Scout Ellington "Ellie" Fisher has opened her virtual cookies shop. From there, you can order your favorite Girl Scout cookies, and maybe even discover some new favorites! Every cookie purchase supports the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world. Purchase at <https://bit.ly/EFCookies>. If you'd like to advertise a different Girl Scout Cookie campaign, contact Adam Levin.

### **"Whole-Hearted Relationships" Event, February 15, 4 – 6PM**

Join renowned Marriage & Family Therapist Dr. Tom Wagner and singer-songwriter Lynn O'Brien, the day after Valentines Day, for an evening of meaningful conversation and soul-soothing music at Eden Seminary's Schroer Commons, 479 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$10 for age 25 and under. Hearty appetizers are included (BYOB). Learn more or register at [TomWagnerSpeaker.com/events](http://TomWagnerSpeaker.com/events).

### **February Meal-a-Month Shopping List**

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

### **February Birthdays**

Charlie Brader - February 5  
Sandra Hoffsten - February 5  
K Wentzien - February 6  
Mary Edwards - February 6  
Elyse von Weise - February 8  
Kathy Hill - February 11  
Phoenix Hill - February 14  
Doug Barton - February 15  
Erick Falconer - February 16  
Pat Doyle-Grace - February 20  
Martin Mills - February 21

## **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, February 8**

**Scouting Sunday**

**Science & Technology Sunday**

**9:15AM** Chancel Choir Warmup - Sanctuary

**9:45AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00AM** Worship

**10:15AM** Kids' Church

**11:05AM** Midwinter Potluck - Memorial Hall

### **Monday, February 9**

**7:00PM** Three Ministries (Hybrid)

### **Tuesday, February 10**

**10:30AM** Staff Meeting - Church Office

### **Wednesday, February 11**

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

### **Thursday, February 12**

**6:00PM** Canterbury Bells - Sanctuary

**7:30PM** Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### **Sunday, February 15**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**9:00AM** Canterbury Bells Warmup - Sanctuary

**9:45AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00AM** Worship

**10:15AM** Kids' Church

**11:05AM** Coffee Fellowship (Chocolate Sunday!)

### **Monday, February 16**

**Presidents' Day**

**Office Closed**

# Troop 301 Eagle Honor Roll

Many thanks to researcher Barbara Stretch for her work in perfecting this historic list!

09/13/27	Leonard W. Lewis	04/20/60	Patrick J. Cole	06/19/69	William O. Goodloe
09/29/27	William L. Sheppard	05/09/60	Gary Lehn	09/07/69	Lee G. Sommer Jr
10/18/28	Herbert Rhodes	05/11/60	John Stockham	09/08/69	Gary L. Etter
04/08/29	Robert Dawson	09/21/60	James Ingham	12/11/69	Al Kissel
04/28/31	William Newman Jr.	10/05/60	J. Marshall Magner Jr	01/02/70	Derek Van Keuren
11/24/31	Randle Elliot	02/23/61	Wesley Nash Jr	04/15/70	David T. Magner
09/27/32	Joseph Hagner		Charles Sears		Mark A. Smith
09/30/32	Louis Schultz Jr	02/25/61	Robert H. Batts Jr	04/28/70	William C. Woods
12/02/35	Harold Knight	04/21/61	John Droesch	08/12/70	Jim Butler
01/07/36	Joe Todd	05/04/61	Thomas Hill	02/18/71	John F. Martin
04/02/36	Ed Spinks	09/15/61	Kerry Moskop	05/10/71	Patrick H. Moloney
06/18/36	Robert Doland	10/13/61	John Beirne	05/12/71	Stephen A. Morin
12/07/36	Stanley Nussbaum	11/25/61	Douglas Steed	05/13/71	William M. Gilbert
03/23/37	George Curtis	01/20/62	Thomas Ely	05/15/71	George W. Satkowski
06/18/37	Emerson Foote	04/12/62	Brock Hanke	08/26/71	Kurt Kinderfather
09/21/39	Albert C. Grosse Jr	05/22/62	Robert Girse	09/04/71	Thomas J. Sommer
09/23/50	Bernard L. Muesenfechter	11/21/62	Robert Frese	09/11/71	W. Thomas Dickens III
01/30/52	Eugene Leonard	01/12/63	Alfred J. D'Arezzo Jr	10/13/71	Patrick A. Kerwin
	Robert Hansen	02/08/63	John R. Conway	05/17/72	Michael Madden
10/14/53	John W. Hulse III	02/10/63	David Reed		Philip L. Miller Jr
05/17/54	Maynard W. Sayles	10/10/63	Brett Hanke		Joel Martin
09/21/54	Seneca Ferry	10/19/63	William M. Johnson	07/05/72	James Peet
06/01/55	Millard S. Firebaugh	03/17/64	Andrew F. Thompson Jr	08/24/72	Kenneth T. Mizuki
06/08/55	Ronald W. James	04/10/64	James E. Holland	08/31/72	Dean Smith
06/09/55	Peter L. Shaw		Herbert S. Holland	09/07/72	Jeffrey S. Barnard
08/24/55	Curtis M. Campbell	04/11/64	Allen M. Goodloe	09/14/72	Timothy C. McGrath
09/15/55	Edward C. Holscher		Norris Orms		David McCarthy
09/21/55	Michael Owen	05/02/64	James Andrew Butler		Thomas E. Magner
01/02/56	Walter G. Vesper	05/03/64	James A. Heitzmann		Robert Woods
04/10/56	Douglas Orms	12/12/64	Donald B. Peshke		David Reedy
09/21/56	John E. Moore	12/21/64	John Mark Daly		P. Stephen Applebaum
01/05/57	William Dyer	04/20/65	W. Charles Seris	01/10/73	Hans Kinderfather
	Nicholas Henry	05/11/66	William C. Maxwell III	05/15/73	Robert J. Niewoehner
	Kirk Jeffrey	12/13/66	Robert E. Maack	05/15/73	Curtis D. Coe
04/16/58	Bill Holscher	12/17/66	Andrew T. Willcox	09/20/73	Robert C. Barnard
09/08/58	Robert Shaw		Kevin Kerwin	12/27/73	Ronald C. DuBuque
10/01/58	Floyd Bell	02/01/67	Stuart A. Davis	01/xx/74	John C. Starmer
	John Harwood Sr	02/03/67	David W. (Toby) Yadon		Eric W. Mulkey
01/15/59	William A. Bay	02/21/67	Robyn Magner		Paul H. Nielson
02/07/59	William Henry	02/22/67	Thomas K. Heard	02/xx/74	Robert D. McMullen
04/22/59	Mark Crump	05/07/67	Anthony F. Seris	03/15/74	Stephen M. Sharp
04/30/59	John M. Collins	05/13/67	Andrew T. Ashen-Brenner	08/03/74	Byron S. Parsons
10/02/59	Robert K. McKinney	09/07/67	Christopher R. Harwood	09/10/74	Dan S. Barnard
10/05/59	Wm. Henry Boyce Jr.	01/08/68	Mark Littelin	09/11/74	Darren N. Wilhite
10/12/59	Robert Trotter	07/15/68	Raymond T. Pityk	09/12/74	Philip A. Baker
	Tom S. McDonald	10/01/68	David H. Pieplow	11/13/74	Dale A. Etter
04/13/60	Dennis Kelly		Stephen Barenkamp	12/04/74	Harold S. Ray

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05/02/76	Charles A. Skouby	02/11/92	John T. Straub Jr		Charles F. Weed
05/06/76	Joel L. Belik	02/12/92	Shawn M. Flanery	07/14/04	John J. Rogger
05/12/76	Roderick C. Gilbert	05/05/92	Shane J. Landry		Michael T. Ruzycski
07/26/76	John. W. Brendel	06/02/92	Philip A. Brockland	08/25/04	Thomas L. Stretch
12/12/76	C. David Turner	12/09/92	Christopher Wilson		Robert W. Grotha
01/xx/77	Andrew S. Tonn	02/03/93	Barnes J. Souder Jr	10/06/04	Thomas E. Kirn
01/07/77	Jeffrey W. Wood	02/10/93	Jeffrey S. Mack	12/08/04	Daniel J. Leeman
05/02/77	Curtis B. Skouby	03/03/93	David G. Ahrens	01/26/05	Christopher T. Meglan
05/03/77	Richard S. Jones	03/10/93	C. Andrew Niesen	04/06/05	Benjamin L. Steenrod
	James Martin	04/14/93	Kurt R. Glock	05/11/05	Ethan Wolter
01/01/78	Hugh W. Niewoehner	08/25/93	Brian D. Legg	09/07/05	Brandon W. Verhoff
05/01/78	Doug A. Coe	09/08/93	Brian S. Caldwell	10/26/05	William Charles Wolfram
07/11/78	Todd Hammond	02/13/94	Jason C. Flanery	03/22/06	Eric T. Nuernberger
11/07/78	Howard T. Mizuki	04/06/94	J. Edward Wehner Jr	06/07/06	David J. Grotha
11/28/78	John R. Bailey	06/08/94	Timothy A. Hoyt	07/05/06	Ian G. Rinehart
01/17/79	Tom D. Applebaum		David C. Brader		Adam D. Wille
04/23/79	Daniel J. Applebaum	08/10/94	Keith L. Ziegelman	08/09/06	Gregory S. McCoy
02/13/80	Timothy A. Walter		Robert K. Kirk	10/25/06	Brian C. Hoelting
04/19/82	Charles S. Baker	08/31/94	Paul A. Bush	11/03/07	Ryan Myers
11/22/83	Kevin J. Pastor		Jonathan A. Brader	03/10/08	Carson Petrash
01/30/84	Timothy S. O'Neal	04/26/95	Jeffrey D. Joerling	03/24/08	Matthew P. Meglan
05/07/84	Rudy M. Beuc III	11/20/96	Brian E. Smith	04/10/08	Jeffrey Scott
12/03/84	Kirk A. Baillie	01/22/97	Cullen S. Shearburn	08/13/08	Stephen Brugere
01/08/85	Glenn T. Prickett	10/08/97	Michael C. Neu	01/14/09	Joseph T. Grotha
02/25/85	Ralph M. Beuc	10/28/98	Daniel C. Bauer	05/06/09	Michael I. Tuttle
12/09/85	Torin A. Foltz	01/06/99	Christopher W. Engelbart	05/10/09	Derek Schloemann
	Kevin J. McCollum	07/28/99	Timothy B. Lemen	08/15/09	Stephen H. Lach
02/24/86	Bryan Jaynes	08/12/99	William H. Osiek	12/03/09	Alexander E. Myers
05/05/86	John Brockland	09/22/99	John E. Tullman	12/15/09	Shane Garland
12/01/86	Douglas Morie	01/05/00	Phillip A. Ruzycski	05/01/10	Timothy C. Redfering
01/29/87	S. Christian Mullgardt	02/09/00	Samuel V. Lemen	05/01/11	Andrew Binder
02/02/87	Michael W. Baillie	04/05/00	Logan J. Shearburn	04/23/14	Elijah Andrews
08/20/87	Barry C. Jaynes	12/06/00	Keith W. Moore Jr	01/13/15	Kier Verhoff
09/13/88	Stephen R. Burlemann	02/28/01	Matthew J. Gierse	04/15/15	Justin Redfering
10/13/88	David B. Yates		Kyler J. Brown	02/03/16	Noah Ka'Imilani Lee
05/10/89	Stephen A. Brockland	02/06/02	Patrick D. McEvoy	11/02/16	Carson Morie
	Andrew C. Fondaw	05/22/02	Andrew M. Schmidt	08/23/17	Blake Elder
11/08/89	Jonathan D. Hoag	07/03/02	Brent M. Dawson	06/13/18	Luis DelCastillo
02/27/90	Steven R. Morie	07/24/02	Bryan M. Toney	08/08/18	Jackson Bontty
05/23/90	Benjamin F. Rich	10/23/02	Kyle C. Vogler	10/24/18	Eaton Gowan
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	David W. Mullgardt	03/12/03	William K. Feicht	03/27/24	Philip O'Halloran
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# First Church Endowment Legacy & Estate Giving



## Gifts Through Your Will or Trust

A bequest is a gift left in a will or trust, allowing donors to leave a specific amount, asset, or percentage of their estate to their favorite organizations.

- Simple and flexible—can be modified anytime
- Potential estate tax savings
- Allows donors to make a legacy impact

✓ **How to Set Up:** Consult an estate attorney and update your will or trust documents.

## Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs)

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) provides lifetime income to the donor (or family), with the remainder benefiting charity.

*Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT): Pays a percentage of the trust's value annually—adjusting with investment growth. Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT): Pays a fixed amount annually, providing predictable income.*

- Lifetime income with tax advantages
- Immediate tax deduction
- Avoids capital gains tax on donated appreciated assets

✓ **How to Set Up:** Work with an estate attorney to establish a CRT tailored to your needs.

## Charitable Lead Trust (CLT)

A Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) allows donors to support a charity while preserving family wealth by providing a stream of income to a nonprofit for a set period of time, after which the remaining assets transfer to designated heirs (such as children or grandchildren), often at a reduced tax rate or even tax-free.

- Consistent charitable impact, providing a steady stream of funding to the nonprofit(s) of choice for a defined period
- Reduce estate tax, since assets are removed from the donor's estate
- Helps donors transfer wealth to the next generation in a tax-efficient manner
- Provides income tax deductions in certain cases

✓ **How to Set Up:** Establish a CLT with an estate attorney.

### Important Disclosures

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### **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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