



Prelude: "Symphony for Organ" Tambling

Silent Meditation: "Never rely on the glory of the morning nor the smiles of your mother-in-law" -Japanese Proverb

Bringing the Light

Call to Worship

Choral Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise:** "Standing in the Need of Prayer" R. 579

Welcome and Announcements

***Congregational Greetings**

***Covenant**
We covenant with God and with one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all His ways, according as He is pleased to reveal Himself unto us in His blessed Word of Truth. (Salem Church Covenant, 1639)

***Invocation** **Gloria Patri** R. 35

Children's Moment

Musical Offering: "Amazing Grace" arr. Eithun
FCC Handbell Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40: 21-31

Boy Scout Moment

Anthem: "Devotion" Beck

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Choral Response

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: "Quiet Hills" Warren

***Doxology:** R. 46

***Dedication of Gifts**

***Hymn of Dedication:** "Come Down, O Love Divine" R. 582

New Testament Lesson: Mark 1: 40-45

Sermon: "Mothers-in-Law"

***Hymn of Commitment:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" R. 110

***Taking the Light into the World**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude: "Toccata in Ten" Tambling

(R=Red Hymnal)

***Congregation is invited to stand**

Please join us for conversation downstairs.

*Flowers were given by Michele & George Blair
in celebration of Daniel's 9th birthday
Flowers from Carrs on DeBarr*

Welcome to First Congregational Church. We're delighted to have you with us this morning. We hope that you will find something of substance to take home with you and that you will meet new people who will become friends.



Everyone is invited to sign the green visitor cards, which are located in the pews. If you are a visitor or new to our community and would like to receive our newsletter and other church information, please check any appropriate boxes and include your contact information (address, email address, phone number). We invite each of you to join us downstairs for the Fellowship Hour following the service. Stop in and greet the people you know and meet those you don't.

Nursery service is available downstairs for children 3 and under. If you choose to bring your children to the service and they become restless, the Board Room is equipped with speakers, and you are welcome to take them there.

FCC Web Site Updated

Thanks to Kathy Means for her dedicated work on our web site. Sermons from the beginning of this year are now available to download. Another change is that you will now have available the most up-to-the-minute calendar for the current month. Whenever Kate gets changes, she can immediately post the revised calendar. Since this often happens daily, you'll want to check before you plan an event or leave your warm hearth for a scheduled meeting.

Parents' real privilege is to listen to their children and enable them to uncover the special blueprint that is theirs.

Coming Up

***Sunday, February 5
Boy Scout Sunday***

9:30 Adult Forum/Choir
10:30 Worship/Sunday School
11:30 Fellowship Hour

Monday, February 6

6:00 Membership Board
7:00 Square Dancing

Tuesday, February 7

6:00 Dinner & Discussion

Wednesday, February 8

5:30 Handbell Choir
6:30 Chancel Choir

Sunday, February 12

9:30 Adult Forum/Choir
10:30 Worship/Sunday School
11:30 Fellowship Hour
11:45 Christian Ed. Board
12:00 PF Activity

Looking Ahead



Tues. 2/14 5:30 Trustees Board
Sun. 2/19 Guest Speaker: Rev.

Richard Gay
11:45 FCC Church Council
(canned food drive ends)
Tues. 2/21 FCC Children & Youth deliver canned food to Kid's Kitchen for Elgin Jones' birthday

6:00 Dinner & Discussion
Wed. 2/22 8:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Sun. 2/26 Potluck (Hosts: Music & Membership Boards)

Sun. 3/4 Guest Speaker: Rev. Gary Holthaus
11:45 Christian Ed. Board

Mon. 3/5 6:00 Membership Board
Tues. 3/6 6:00 Dinner & Discussion

Wed. 3/7 4:45 Music Board
Tues. 3/13 5:30 Trustees Board

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Peggy McBride, Choir Director
Caroline Valentine, Organist,
Handbell Director

Christian Education

For February 2012
Kathleen Bailey, Children
Vivian Coleman, Youth
Randy Tomson, Teens
Kathy Means, Music

Nursery Attendant

George White

Serving Today

Acolytes: Max Errico &
Elijah Czapiga

Deacon: Peggy Jones

Fellowship: Gordon Shortman

Greeting: Michele & Daniel Blair

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Oxy Used Toy Sale

The Oxy's gently-used toy sale continues this Sunday. Come over and check out the bargains. For each \$27 the Oxys make, they can buy three chickens through ChildFund, Inc. for poor farming families in various parts of the world.



PF Activity Next Sunday

All PF youth are invited to dine together at Anchorage's new, upscale McDonalds on Tudor followed by a PG13 movie at the Totem Theater on Sunday, February 12. Admission to the movie is \$3.50. This activity will directly follow our regular Sunday School hour on that day. Roundtrip transportation will be provided for everyone who wishes, or you can arrange for your own ride home from the theater. For more information contact Randy Tomson at 345-0559.

Canned Food Drive for Kid's Kitchen

February marks the beginning of our canned food drive for Elgin Jones, founder of Kid's Kitchen (<http://www.kidskitchenak.com>). For several years now we have collected #10 cans of fruit and vegetables and delivered them to Kid's Kitchen. We try to collect as many cans as Elgin's age (his birthday is February 21st), which this year is 73.

Please pick up a can or two on your next trip to Costco or Sam's Club and help us make that goal. We will collect them from February 5th through February 19th and deliver them after school on Elgin's birthday. We will meet at the Church at 4 pm on 2/21 to load them up and take them to Kid's Kitchen (located in the Fairview Recreation Center). Thank you, The Oxys and CAWS

Dinner & Discussion This Tuesday

A light dinner followed by a lively discussion is a gathering that would make our Christian ancestors from throughout the centuries feel right at home. Join the group at 6:00 on Tuesday, February 7 as they consider our individual and collective relationship with Jesus here in the 21st Century. Who is He to us? What are we to make of His teachings? How do we respond when our faith is questioned and derided?



Socks for the Homeless

You've seen, heard, and read about the dire effects of our recent bitterly cold weather on the well-being of Anchorage's homeless persons. One of the ways we can help them is to donate socks that Bean's Café hands out in great numbers. Please make sure they are white, have no seams, and are full-sized on top. Other types can lead to worse foot sores or irritation from the dyes.

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February 5, 2012
Boy Scout Sunday



Learning to Live...

With passion, meaning,
and dignity in the
presence of God's Love

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