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# **First Congregational Church**

## **October 21, 2018**



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10:30 am

*Enter with a spirit of preparation as we gather ourselves for worship*

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**Prelude:**

"Hymn Medley"

Arr. Gail Smith

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Choral Introit**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**\*Processional Hymn:**

"God Is Here!"

**No. 280**

### **Ritual of Friendship**

ONE: On our journeys of life we meet here in this sacred space.

**ALL: We affirm that we are people of the Way,  
we give thanks that today our paths cross.**

ONE: Let us greet each other as we journey together towards  
fullness of life. Let us greet the one on our left and the one  
on our right with peace and love.

### **\*Greeting of One Another**

### **The Gathering Bell**

*Please return and remain standing for the Responsive Reading.*

### **\*Responsive Reading: (Psalm 104:1-9, 24)**

ONE: O LORD my God, you are very great.

**ALL: You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

ONE: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set  
the beams of your chambers on the waters,

\*Those who are comfortably able may stand.

**ALL: you make the clouds your chariot, you ride  
on the wings of the wind,**

ONE: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall  
never be shaken.

**ALL: You cover it with the deep as with a garment.**

ONE: how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have  
made them all.

**ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

**First Reading:** Job 38:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup> and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup> and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

<sup>12</sup> “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,

<sup>13</sup> so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

<sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and it is dyed like a garment.

<sup>15</sup> Light is withheld from the wicked,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.

<sup>16</sup> “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?”

<sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

<sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.

**Anthem:** “The Servant Song” Gilliard/O'Brien

### **Children’s Moment**

### **Prayers of the People**

Silent Prayer

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response

### **Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory:** “He Leadeth Me” Arr. Elmo Morris

### **\*Doxology: (tune) No. 47**

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

### **\*Dedication of Gifts**

**\*Hymn:** “God of the Fertile Fields” **No. 695**

**Second Reading:** Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."  
<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**Sermon:** "Can We Handle Such as This?"  
Rev. Jacob Poindexter

**\*Hymn:** "Ours the Journey" **No. 458**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Postlude:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Arr. Gail Smith

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**-News for the Pews-**

**The FCC Church Council Meeting** will take place at 12:15 pm today.

**Music Jam & Singing Session**, Fri., Oct. 26 at 6:00 pm. Come for an evening of singing and making music together. Bring a snack to share if you like.

**Intergenerational Handbell Choir** - Ringers are urged to attend all practices, or at least three out of the five rehearsals. Practices are scheduled for Sundays Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm following the service.

**The mysteriously named Potluck Beanhole Supper** is next Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service. A PF Activity is also scheduled after lunch.

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**-Prayer List-**

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- Sunnie Bird
- Family of Marjorie "Mardie" Prentke
- Steve McKean
- Brenda Post
- George White
- Holly Charland (Grandaughter of Susan Faith)
- Sally Dworsky
- Jacob, Killian McClure's friend
- Stan Parker, Lori Wasko's brother
- Kirsten James
- Lillian Soth, granddaughter of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon
- For the family of Margaret Louise Burton, Donna Meyer's Mom
- Darleen Lime
- Jeannie Rosebrock
- Fred Young
- Gordon Shortman

For this month of October we stand with Congregation Beth Sholom of Anchorage. For the coming retirement of Rabbi Oblath in February 2019 and the welcoming of Rabbi Goodstein as their new head Rabbi.

- All teachers, aides, staff, & volunteers who educate our children
- First responders, who risk their lives to save ours
- Our military serving at home and abroad
- All the peacekeepers, all those who serve our community, and all those in need within our community.
- Public servants, lawmakers, and politicians, that they will make thoughtful decisions in care of the common good.
- Our community members who struggle with addiction
- People who we are in conflict with.

# People of First Congregational Church

## Senior Minister

Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter – (907) 272-8363 – [jacob@revpoindexter.com](mailto:jacob@revpoindexter.com)

## Music Ministry

Organist & Director, Northern Lights Ringers: **Caroline Valentine**

Substitute Musician: **Barb Ross**

Chancel Choir Director: **Lori Parker Wasko**

Acolyte Attendant: **Laney Hanas**

## Sunday Volunteers

Deacons Serving: **Ralph Lynch**

Greeting: **Tina Lynch**

Liturgist: **Dave Barber**

Fellowship Hour: **Jim & Liese Munter**

Nursery Attendant: **Deb Stauffer**

Usher Team: **Louise Smith & Paul Wasko**

*The Communion  
Table Flowers are  
donated this Sunday  
by Tina Lynch*

Flowers by Evalyn's Floral

## Contacts

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Wedding Coordinator: **Sandra Skaggs** – 622-1777

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# October 2018

## Outreach Project for Fall: Socks & Gloves for Brother Francis Shelter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21</b> 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship  12:15 pm FCC Church Council Mtg.	<b>22</b> 6:30-7:30 am PP (CM) 11:00 FCC Staff 12-1 pm OA (4) 7:15-9 pm-PP (BR)	<b>23</b> 10:00-Lectio Divina	<b>24</b> 5:15 Handbells 6:30 Choir  6:15-7:45 pm-ACA (BR)	<b>25</b> 10:00 Creating Liturgia 1-2 pm PP (BR) 5-9 pm CW (S, K, N, 3 CR) 6-7 pm IP (CM)	<b>26</b> 6:15-7:45 pm-ACA (BR)  6-8 pm Music Jam Singing	<b>27</b> 9-12 pm Organist  10-1 pm CC (BR)
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				<b>1</b> All Saints Day  10 am-Creating Liturgia  1-2 pm-PP (BR)  6-7 pm-IP (CM) 6:30 pm Inv. Club	<b>2</b> 6:15-7:45 pm-ACA (BR)	<b>3</b> 9-12 pm Organist  10-1 pm CC (BR)
<b>4</b> All Saints Sunday 8:45 Handbells 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 12:00 Life & Learning Meeting 12-12:30 Int. Handbell Practice 4:30-8:30 pm CW (S) Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>5</b> 6:30-7:30 am PP(CM) 11:00 FCC Staff 12-1 pm OA (4) 6:30 pm Worship Meeting 7:15-9 pm PP (BR)	<b>6</b> 10:00-Lectio Divina	<b>7</b> 5:15 Handbell Choir 6:30 Choir  6:15-7:45 pm-ACA (BR)	<b>8</b> 10:00-Creating Liturgia  10-2 pm MTC (CM)  1-2 pm-PP (BR)  6-7 pm-IP (CM))	<b>9</b> 6:15-7:45 pm-ACA (BR)	<b>10</b> 9-12 pm Organist  9:30-2 pm AWS (CM)  10-1 pm CC (BR)
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