
First Congregational Church

February 24, 2019



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10:30 am

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

Silent Meditation

“[People] hate because they fear, and they fear because they feel that the deepest feelings of their lives are being assaulted and outraged. And they do not know why; they are powerless pawns in a blind play of social forces.”

— **Richard Wright, Native Son**

Prelude: “Variations on Jesus, Lover of My Soul” Various

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

***Call to Worship**

***Processional Hymn:** “Come and Find the Quiet Center” **No. 575**

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.

*Those who are comfortably able may stand.

***Responsive Reading:** (Adapted from Psalm 37:7-10)

ONE: Be still before the Lord, and rest patiently.

ALL: Do not fret over those who prosper by sowing evil.

ONE: Let go of anger and rage - the path of evil.

ALL: For the way of the wicked will not last forever.

ONE: But those who wait and hope in the Lord will find their home

ALL: Their way will bring peace in the land left in ruin.

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11,15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’

Anthem: “The Gift of Love” arr. Hopson

Children’s Moment

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Pastoral 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.

Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: "Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Lovelace

***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:** "This Is a Day of New Beginning" **No. 518**

Second Reading: Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to

receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Sermon: "Forgiveness as an Undoing of Violence"
Rev. Jacob Poindexter

***Hymn:** "Help Us Accept Each Other" **pg. 487**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude: "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again" arr. Held

-News from the Pews-

The Intergenerational Handbell Choir will practice today at 12:00 pm. All ages and experience levels are welcome to join!

The Community Handbell Choir meets every Monday night, 6:00 pm at FCC.

Lectio Divina – Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

We read the scripture readings for the upcoming week and then the discussion takes an unexpected course.

Creating Liturgia – Thursdays at 10:00 am

This gathering makes tangible items for worship, service, and community. Learn a new skill or teach your skills. New ideas are always welcome. Afterwards we gather downstairs for a soup and bread lunch.

Outreach Ministry

Let's see if we can meet our goal of 79 #10 cans this last week in February! Cans will be delivered on Friday, March 1 to Elgin Jone's Kid's Kitchen.

-Prayer List-
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- Elizabeth Amber
- Mitch Mitchell
- Robert Spivey
- Anne McCoy
- Miguel De Marzo
- Sisters Leigha and Latisha and parents Van and Laverne Pettigen
- Barbara Bowerman
- Vivian Pike
- Trevor Pike-Harmon, Vivian Pike's grandson
- Dorothy Arnold
- Tante Galeai
- Bill Worth and his sister Donna Worth
- Victims of the California fires
- Family of Richard Dworsky
- Daniel, friend of Caroline Valentine
- Sunnie Bird
- Family of Marjorie "Mardie" Prentke
- George White
- Sally Dworsky
- Jacob, Killian McClure's friend
- Lillian Soth, granddaughter of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon
- Darleen Lime
- Jeannie Rosebrock
- Fred Young
- Gordon Shortman
- 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

Music Ministry

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

Chancel Choir Director: **Lori Parker Wasko**

Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: **Sue Hanas**

Greeting: **Sally Janis**

Liturgist: **Verona Gentry**

Fellowship Hour: **“Lunch & Learn” Potluck**

Hosts: Fellowship

Usher Team: **Susan Faith, Kate O’Dell**

Acolyte Attendant: **Laney Hanas**

Nursery Attendant:

*The Communion
Table flowers are
donated by
Julie & Scott
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Connect - Get Involved - Share a Prayer Request. Fill out one of the connect cards located in the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering.

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Connect directly to a smart device with Bluetooth hearing aids or traditional headphones.

1. Download the AudioFetch app: 
2. Connect to Wi-Fi signal: FCCAK HEARING ASSIST
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February 2019

Outreach Cause for Feb - Comfort Caps, Scarves; NICU Fleece Blankets, Cans for Kid's Kitchen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship Hour "Lunch & Learn" Potluck: "Grounded & Grateful" Hosts: Fellowship 12:00 Inter. Bell Choir	25 6:30-7:30 am PP (CM) 1-2 pm OA ((4) 6-7:30 pm Comm Bell Choir 7:15-9 pm PP (BR)	26 10:00 am Lectio divina 1:30 pm Book Group (BR)	27 5:15 Handbell Choir 6:30 Choir 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR)	28 10:00 Creating Liturgia 1-2 pm PP (BR) 6:00 pm Worship Meeting 6-7 pm IP (CM)		BR Board Room CM Cary Mead S Sanctuary N Nursery CC Crow Creek PP Primary Purpose AWS Anchorage Weavers & Spinners WOL Wings of Love

March 2019

Outreach Project - Comfort Caps & Scarves; NICU Fleece Blankets

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR)	2 9-12 pm Organist 10-1 PM CC (BR) 5:30-9:30 pm Al-Anon Recovery Rondy Fundraiser
3 8:45 Handbells 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:45 Fellowship Hour 12:00 Inter. Bell Practice 12:00 Life & Learning 5-9 pm CW (S)	4 6:30-7:30 am -PP (CM) 1-2 pm OA ((4) 6-7:30 pm Comm. Bell Choir 7:15-9 pm PP (4)	5 Shrove Tuesday 10:00 lectio divina 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	6 Ash Wednesday 5:15 Handbells 6:30 Choir 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR) 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service	7 10:00 am Creating Liturgia 1-2 pm PP (BR) 6-7 IP (CM) 6:30 pm Invest. Club	8 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR)	9 9-12 pm Organist 9:30-12:30 AWS (CM) 10-1 pm CC (BR)
10 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/No Sunday School 11:45 Fellowship Hour 12:00 Inter. Bell Practice 12:00 Outreach Mtg.	11 6:30-7:30 am -PP (CM) 1-2 pm OA ((4) 6-7:30 pm Comm. Bell Choir 7:15-9 pm PP (BR)	12 10:00 lectio divina 3:30 Stewardship Meeting 5:30 pm Taize	13 5:15 Handbells 6:30 Choir 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR)	14 10:00 am Creating Liturgia 10-1 Mabel T. Caverly Social 1-2 pm PP (BR) 6-7 IP (CM)	15 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR)	16 9-12 pm Organist 10-1 pm CC (BR) 10-2 pm To be Announced
17 2nd Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:45 Fellowship Hour 12:00 Inter. Bell Choir 12:15 FCC Council Mtg. St. Patrick's Day 	18 6:30-7:30 am -PP (CM) 1-2 pm OA ((4) 6-7:30 pm Comm. Bell Choir 7:15-9 pm PP (BR)	19 10:00 lectio divina 5:30 pm Taize	20 5:15-Handbells 6:30 Choir 3:30 Fellowship Meeting 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR)	21 10:00 am Creating Liturgia 1-2 pm PP (BR) 6-7 IP (CM)	22 6:15-7:45 pm ACA (BR)	23 9-12 pm Organist 10-1 pm CC (BR)