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# First Congregational Church

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13 December 2020



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**Pageant Sunday**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**

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

**Prelude:** "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Brahms

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Responsive Reading:**

ONE: God of the watching ones,  
the waiting ones,  
the slow and suffering ones,  
the angels In heaven,  
the child born,

**ALL: Give us your benediction,  
your good word for our souls,  
that we might rest and rise  
in the kindness of your company.  
Amen.**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Musical Offering**

**Children's Moment**

**Invitation to Giving**

**Dedication of Gifts: (unison)**

**O Faithful One, accept these gifts of our hearts and hands. May they be multiplied and magnified as the living presence of Christ in the world. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

“All Earth is Waiting”

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## **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**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

**Christmas Pageant**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:**

“Joy to the World”

arr.Uehlein

## All Earth Is Waiting

Unison

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1. All earth is wait-ing to see the Prom-ised One,  
 2. Thus says the proph-et to those of Is - ra - el,  
 3. Moun-tains and val - leys will have to be made plain;  
 4. In low - ly sta - ble the Prom-ised One ap - peared,

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and o - pen fur - rows, the sow - ing of our God. All the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el": one whose  
 o - pen new high - ways, new high - ways for our God, who is  
 yet feel that pres - ence through - out the earth to - day, for Christ

Bm F#m G D

world, bound and strug - gling, seeks true lib - er - ty; it  
 name is "God with us," our Sav - ior shall be, through  
 now com - ing clos - er, so come all and see, and  
 lives in all Chris - tians and is with us now; a -

Bm F#m Em A7 Em F#7/A D

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cries out for jus - tice and search - es for the truth.  
 whom hope will blos - som once more with - in our hearts.  
 o - pen the door - ways as wide as wide can be.  
 gain, on ar - riv - ing Christ brings us lib - er - ty.

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# Sunday Worship – Online!

## Joining FCC worship service by video:

-Click this link, or type it into your browser: <https://zoom.us/j/714054878>

-Meeting ID: 714 054 878

-Password: 9072728363

### •Desktop/laptop:

- \* If you are using a computer or laptop, you may be prompted to open the Zoom app. If you do not have it already, press 'cancel' and there will be a link on the page that says something like 'join from your browser'. Mac users should download Zoom app or use Chrome browser.
- \* When joining the service you will be asked to enter a name for others to see.
- \* Select 'Join audio by computer' when prompted
- \* You may need to give permission to use your microphone and camera. You can mute and unmute your camera and microphone in the bottom left corner of your screen.

### •Mobile Device:

- \* If you are using a mobile device you will be prompted to download the app for Zoom. Download it now to make sure you are ready.
- \* Enter a name for others to see.
- \* You may need to give permission to use your microphone and camera. You can mute and unmute your camera and microphone in the bottom left corner of your screen.

## Join by Phone (audio only):

### •You can call into the service. The process goes like this:

- \* Call this number: (301) 715-8592
- \* Enter this meeting ID number: 714 054 878
- \* You do not need a participant ID number, press the # key when prompted.
- \* Password: 9072728363
- \* That's it! Your phone will be automatically muted when you enter in the meeting.
- \* You can mute and unmute your phone by pressing: \*6

# Stay Connected – Online!

## Classes and meetings:

Regular classes and meetings will still happen. They will be held remotely at the links below. All you need to do is click or enter the link and join the room. You may be prompted to allow use of your camera and/or microphone. All classes, meetings, and fellowship opportunities will be in the *Gathering Room* on Zoom.

- Gathering Room: <https://zoom.us/j/779177417>,
  - Meeting ID: 779 177 417
  - Password: 9072728363
- \* Lectio Divina (lectionary group)
  - ⇒ Tuesdays at 10:00am
- \* Roots of Joy
  - ⇒ Tuesdays at 7:00pm
  - ⇒ Our current series is exploring anti-racism is/as the church
- \* Afternoon Tea
  - ⇒ Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 pm
  - ⇒ Informal gathering similar to a Sunday Fellowship Hour
- \* “Soup” Group
  - ⇒ Thursdays at 10:00 am
- \* Ministry Meetings
  - ⇒ Ministries will continue to meet online at their normal time
- \* Deacon meetings
  - ⇒ As needed
- \* Council
  - ⇒ May schedule additional meetings as needed
- \* Chatting with friends
  - ⇒ Anytime that there are not other scheduled events
- \* Any other scheduled meet-up that is not Sunday morning worship



# News from the Pews

- ★ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10:00am
- ★ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7:00pm
- ★ **Afternoon Tea**—Wednesdays & Fridays at 3:00pm
- ★ **Handbell Choir**—Wednesdays at 5:00pm
- ★ **Choir**—Wednesdays at 7pm
- ★ **“Soup” Group**—Thursdays at 10:00am
- ★ **Worship Meeting**—Thursday, Dec. 17th at 6pm

\*\*All meetings and events are on Zoom, unless otherwise noted\*\*

**Advent Booklets**—There are Advent booklets and candles on the Narthex table. You are welcome to stop by and pick up any supplies you might need this Advent season—check with the office to see when someone will be there to open the doors, or request a booklet to be mailed/dropped by your home. The booklets are also on the church’s website, [www.fccak.org](http://www.fccak.org). There is an option for a printable booklet, or a digital PDF that doesn’t require printing.

**Christmas Eve Service**—The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be virtual this year. The details will be given as soon as they are finalized, so keep watching the Daily Updates and bulletin announcements.



**Roots of Joy**—  
A service that

explores other ways to engage our faith and spirituality together. Our current series is exploring anti-racism.

**“Soup” Group**— It has started up again, virtually! A time to discuss crafting ideas for the upcoming holidays, to fellowship, and any other ideas the group chooses.



**Afternoon Tea**—  
Fellowship

Ministry is inviting you and your family to Afternoon Tea, every Wednesday and Friday at 3:00 pm, in the online Gathering room. It is an informal gathering like we have for an hour after Sunday’s worship service, so we have no set topic or purpose other than sharing and support.

New Prayer Concerns

Kent Dillon, brother of Fermen Dillon

Christina Pike, daughter of Vivian Pike

Bob Kniefel

Trenton Smith, grandson of Louise, son of Ken & Ginger

Roger Meyer, brother of Cindi Crawford

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Kathryn, friend of Jack & Jane Reamy

Mary Mitchell

Richard Nelson, cousin of Sandy Skaggs

Joyce Johnson, mother of Linda Sereyko

Kirsten James, niece of Rogan & Susan Faith

Betty Sopcak, friend of Caroline Valentine

Larry Jones, brother-in-law of Claudia Kniefel

Louise Smith

Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko

Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen

Cathy White & her family

Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum

Barbara May; great grandmother of Reagan & Avery Binek

Bob Reupke; husband of Toni Reupke

Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein

Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins

Joe's daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Mary Anne's mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Miguel De Marzo

Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber

David, friend of Caroline Valentine

Piero De Marzo, brother of Miguel De Marzo

Claudia Kniefel

Donna Werth, sister of Vivian Pike

Ron Broome

Elisabeth Kachline

Cecilia, sister of Amana Mbise

Karen Wasko; mother of Paul Wasko

Peggy Jones; sister of Claudia Kniefel

Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright

Paul Chapin; cousin of Chris Walker

Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee

Sunny Bird; friend of Chris Walker

Charlene Demshki; mother of Ginger Smith

Lillian Soth; granddaughter of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

Oliver Krein, friend of many in the congregation

Don May, great grandfather of Reagan & Avery Binek

For all the teachers, aides, staff, and volunteers who educate our children; for the first responders, those serving in the military, and those that serve our community in a variety of ways; for the peacekeepers and public servants; for those in our community who are in need and those struggling in different ways; for the people with whom we are in conflict, we pray



# People of First Congregational Church

## Senior Minister

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## Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Louise Smith &  
Kathy Means

Liturgist: Marilyn Lee

Advent Reader: Binek Family

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Elisabeth & Harry Kachline, that the joy of the Season fill our hearts with love and warm memories of Seasons past, as well as a promise of joys to come.

**Flowers provided by Evalyn's Floral**

## 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 plate.

Worship is currently  
**online only**, via Zoom

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## Member—

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Of Congregational  
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## Online Giving

In addition to cash or checks, First Congregational Church accepts donations and pledge payments securely online with a credit card. Scan the QR code or go to [www.fccak.org/give](http://www.fccak.org/give)



Thank you for your financial participation in the work of First Congregational Church!

# First Congregational Church of Anchorage

## December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>10am</b> Lectio Divina	<b>3pm</b> Afternoon Tea	<b>10am</b> "Soup" Group	<b>3pm</b> Afternoon Tea	<b>9am</b> Organist
<b>Youth Christmas Pageant</b>		<b>7pm</b> Roots of Joy	<b>5pm</b> Handbell Choir (on Zoom)	<b>6pm</b> Worship Mtg		
<b>10:30am</b> Worship			<b>7pm</b> Choir (on Zoom)			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>10am</b> Lectio Divina	<b>3pm</b> Afternoon Tea	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9am</b> Organist
<b>Communion</b>		<b>7pm</b> Roots of Joy	<b>5pm</b> Handbell Choir (on Zoom)	<b>8pm</b> Candlelight Service (Online)		
<b>10:30am</b> Worship			<b>7pm</b> Choir (on Zoom)			
<b>11:30am</b> Council Mtg						
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<b>10:30am</b> Worship		<b>10am</b> Lectio Divina	<b>3pm</b> Afternoon Tea	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>9am</b> Organist
		<b>7pm</b> Roots of Joy	<b>5pm</b> Handbell Choir (on Zoom)			
			<b>7pm</b> Choir (on Zoom)		<b>3pm</b> Afternoon Tea	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10:30am</b> Worship		<b>10am</b> Lectio Divina	<b>3pm</b> Afternoon Tea	<b>6:30pm</b> Investment Club	<b>3pm</b> Afternoon Tea	<b>9am</b> Organist
<b>11:30am</b> Outreach Mtg		<b>7pm</b> Roots of Joy	<b>5pm</b> Handbell Choir			
			<b>7pm</b> Choir (on Zoom)			

**Color Key—Black: Worship, Blue: FCC Activities, Purple: FCC Partnership Activities**