
First Congregational Church

03 January 2021



2nd Sunday after Christmas



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

Prelude: "Partita on O Morning Star" Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading:

ONE: Light looked down and saw darkness.

ALL: "I will go there," said light.

ONE: Peace looked down and saw war.

ALL: "I will go there," said peace.

ONE: Love looked down and saw hatred.

ALL: "I will go there," said love.

ONE: The Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the Queen of Love,

ALL: came down and crept in beside us.

From: Wild Goose Resource Group

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Chris Walker

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

God of Vision, take these offerings of money and turn them into vision; vision of all people fed, vision of all people safe, vision of all people housed, vision of all people learning. Amen.

Musical Offering

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

Hymn: "We Three Kings" **No. 172, P. 5**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8 with response **No. 728**

- 1 O Lord, our God,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
 You have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation.*

- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
- 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
And crowned them with glory and honor.

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation.*

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beast of the field,

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our God,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation.*

Sermon: "Praise, Wonder, and Praise"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" **No. 651, P. 6**

Benediction

Postlude: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Cherwien

Cover Art: Ang Pagbabago: Peace-Love, in Manilla, Philippines

All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 651

1. God, who stretched the span-gled heav- ens, in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2. Proud - ly rise our mod-ern cit - ies, state-ly build-ings, row on row;
 3. We have ven- tured worlds un- dreamed of since the child- hood of our race;
 4. As each far ho - ri- zon beck - ons, may it chal-enge us a-new,

flung the suns in burn- ing ra- diance through the si- lent fields of space,
 yet their win- dows, blank, un- feel - ing, stare on can- yoned streets be - low,
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav- eled realms of space;
 chil- dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

we your chil- dren, in your like- ness, share in- ven- tive powers with you.
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's ebb and flow,
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun.

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

WORDS: Catherine Cameron, 1967
 MUSIC: William Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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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

- ☆ **Outreach Meeting**—Today, after worship
- ☆ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10:00am
- ☆ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7:00pm
- ☆ **Afternoon Tea**—Wednesdays & Fridays at 3:00pm
- ☆ **Handbell Choir**—Wednesdays at 5:30pm
- ☆ **Choir**—Wednesdays at 6pm
- ☆ **Investment Club**—Thursday, Jan. 7th at 6:30 pm

All meetings and events are on Zoom, unless otherwise noted



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

George White	Carol Reed, friend of Claudia Kniefel John Allen
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Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko	Bev Mervyn, aunt of Jim Walker
Christina Pike, daughter of Vivian Pike	Trenton Smith, grandson of Louise Smith, son of Ken & Ginger Smith
Bob Kniefel	Miguel De Marzo
Roger Meyer, brother of Cindi Crawford	Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber
Richard Nelson, cousin of Sandy Skaggs	Piero De Marzo, brother of Miguel De Marzo
Joyce Johnson, mother of Linda Sereyko	Claudia Kniefel
Larry Jones, brother-in-law of Claudia Kniefel	Donna Werth, sister of Vivian Pike
Louise Smith	Ron Broome
Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen	Elisabeth Kachline
Cathy White & her family	Karen Wasko; mother of Paul Wasko
Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum	Peggy Jones; sister of Claudia Kniefel
Barbara May; great grandmother of Reagan & Avery Binek	Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright
Bob Reupke; husband of Toni Reupke	Paul Chapin; cousin of Chris Walker
Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein	Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee
Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins	Sunny Bird; friend of Chris Walker
Joe's daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Charlene Demshki; mother of Ginger Smith
Mary Anne's mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Lillian Soth; granddaughter of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

Bill Mervyn, uncle of Jim Walker	Kent Dillon, brother of Fermen Dillon
Mary Mitchell	Kirsten James, niece of Rogan & Susan Faith

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

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Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Sue Hanas

Liturgist: Kathy Means

Children's Moment: Chris Walker

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:30am Worship 11:30am Outreach Mtg	4	5 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	6 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6pm Choir	7 6:30pm Investment Club	8 3pm Afternoon Tea	9 9am Organist
10 10:30am Worship	11	12 10am Lectio Divina 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	13 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6pm Choir	14 10am "Soup" Group 4pm Fellowship Mtg	15 3pm Afternoon Tea 6pm Galeai Wedding Rehearsal	16 9am Organist 11am Galeai Wedding
17 Communion	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	20 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6pm Choir	21 10am "Soup" Group 6pm Worship Mtg	22 3pm Afternoon Tea	23 9am Organist
24 10:30am Worship	25	26 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	27 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6pm Choir	28 10am "Soup" Group	29 3pm Afternoon Tea 6pm Family Game Night	30 9am Organist

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