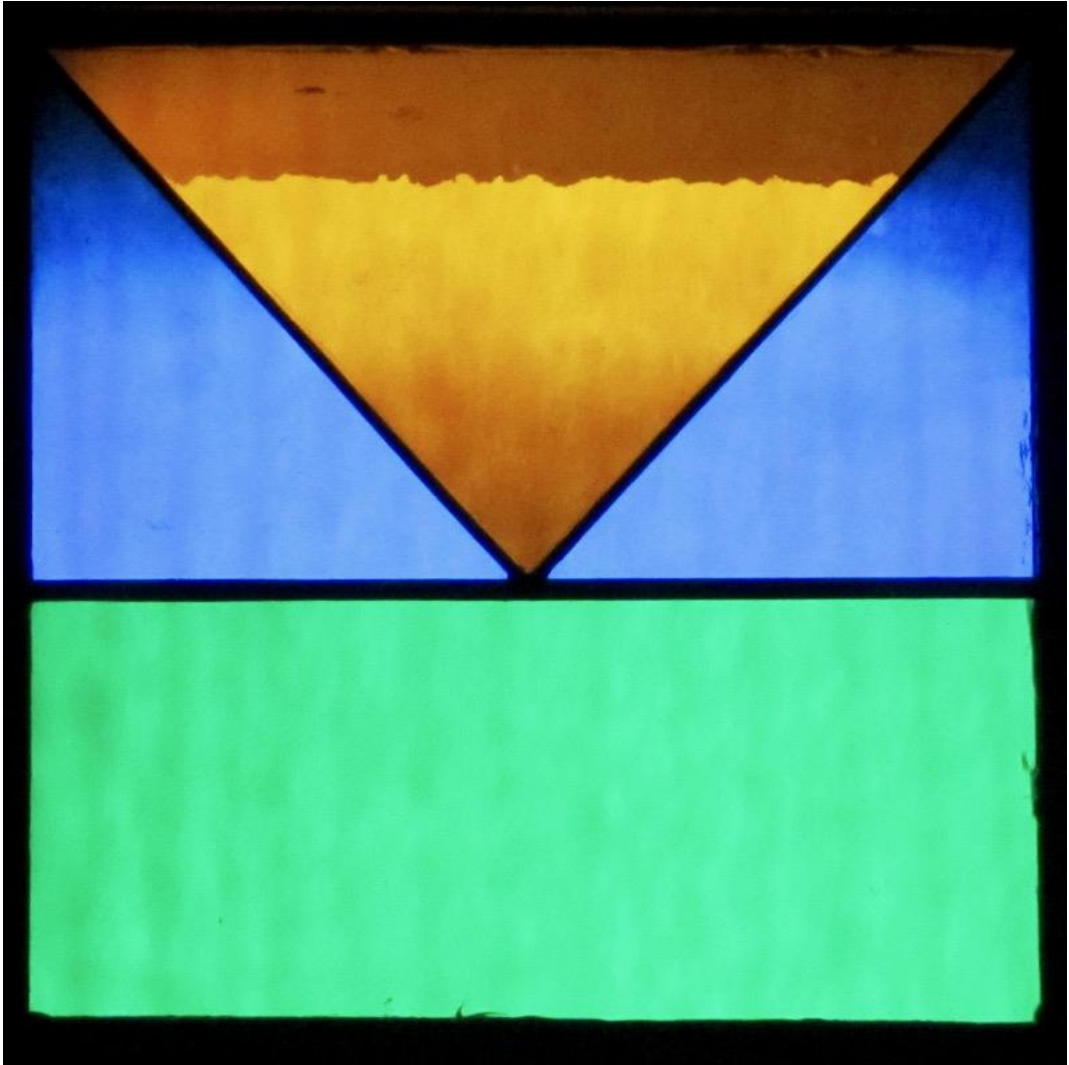

First Congregational Church

10 January 2021



Baptism of Jesus



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

Prelude: "Sonata V Andante & Andante con moto" Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading: (from Isaiah 40:3-5, 8b)

ONE: A voice cries out:

ALL: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

ONE: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

ALL: Every valley shall be lifted up,

And every mountain and hill be made low;

ONE: The uneven ground shall become level,

ALL: And the rough places a plain.

ONE: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

ALL: And all people shall see it together,

ONE: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used not for conquest and dominance, but for use in liberating the poor and hurting who pray for our liberation as well as their own. Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.

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: "Sing of God Made Manifest" No. 176, P. 5

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon: "As Clear as the Heavens Torn Open"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn: "My Life Flows On" **P. 6**

Benediction

Postlude: "Sonata V maestoso" Mendelssohn

1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4. Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the Law and Proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heav - en a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 toward the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

MUSIC: Jacob Hintze, 1678; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (18th century)

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My Life Flows On

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
liv - ing, What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?
Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

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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
- ☆ **Stewardship Meeting**—Tuesday, Jan 12th at 3:30pm
- ☆ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7:00pm
- ☆ **Afternoon Tea**—Wednesdays & Fridays at 3:00pm
- ☆ **Handbell Choir**—Wednesdays at 5:30pm
- ☆ **Choir**—Wednesdays at 6pm
- ☆ **Soup Group**—Thursdays at 10am
- ☆ **Fellowship Meeting**—Thursday, Jan 14th at 4:00pm

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

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

Liturgist:

Children's Moment:

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

- Meeting ID: 714 054 878
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Thank you for your financial participation in the work of First Congregational Church!

First Congregational Church of Anchorage

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
10:30am Worship 11:30am Council Mtg						
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
31 10:30am Worship	1 First Day of Black History Month	2 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	3 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6pm Choir	4 10am "Soup" Group 6:30pm Investment Club (BR)	5 3pm Afternoon Tea	6 9am Organist

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