



First Church Congregational, Fairfield United Church of Christ

*Our Purpose is to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.
Our Mission is to welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.
Our Vision is a just world for all.*



November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
10:15 AM

Welcome!

We seek to extend the extravagant welcome of God to all people, all the time. Regardless of your race, class, ancestry, gender identity, marital status, ability, age, immigration status, or sexual orientation, you are always welcome at First Church. We affirm your inherent dignity as a child of God. God created you just as you are and loves you just as you are. We do, too!

Children's Ministries: Babies are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. We also have a nursery available. Sunday School classes are known as "Disciple Road," "Middle Road," Confirmation, and the "High Road." We also have a children's choir. Reach out to Vanessa, Kim, and Bethany for more information.

Welcome to our guests! Thank you for being here. It is such a joy to worship with you. Please speak to Vanessa if you would like to explore how our church may become your spiritual home.

We Gather to Hear God's Word

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type.

All the People of God speak the text in boldface.

Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

All: To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you."

All: "Peace be within your walls,

and security within your towers.”

One: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
“Peace be within you.”

**All: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.**

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

New Century Hymnal 122

***Prayer of Invocation and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

The Sise Family

Christ our Hope, shine in our lives with hope and promise. Open our eyes to see you in others. Help us to be people of hope. Child of Hope, we wait for you. Amen.

***Hymn**

When God is a Child

verse 1 and refrain

Please See Insert

Children may leave with their friends and teachers for Disciple Road and Middle Road

GOD’S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

***Hymn of Praise**

Gloria Gloria, Gloria

Pablo Sosa

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on

Dios, y en la tie - rra paz a la gen - te
high, and on earth peace to all peo - ple in

que a - ma el Se - ñor.
whom God is well pleased.

Scripture

Psalm 122
Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon

Rev. Vanessa Rose

***Hymn**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

New Century Hymnal 102

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Joys and Concerns

The flowers today were donated by the Trupp family, to the Glory of God and in remembrance of Andrew J. Trupp (Drew) who is thought of today and every day with love

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Minute for Missions

Operation Fuel

Operation Fuel ensures equitable access to energy for all by providing year-round energy and utility assistance, promoting energy independence, and advocating for affordable energy.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City

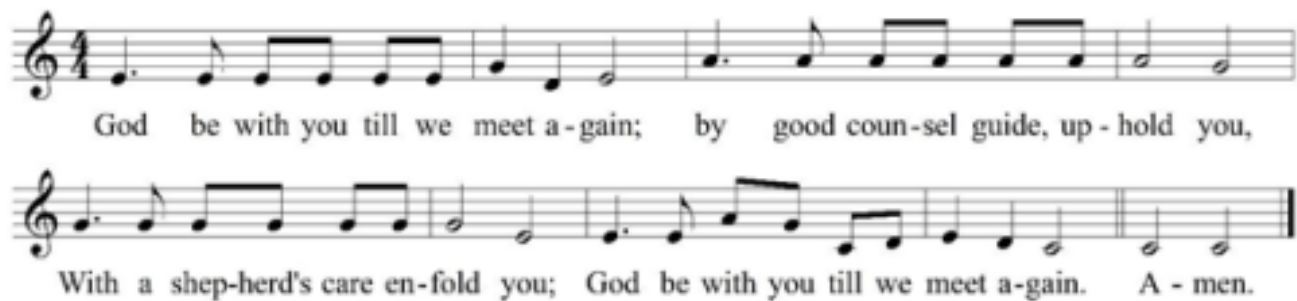
1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who bear its dai - ly stress,
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the Lord is wait - ing still,
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the cit - y of de - spair?

C F Am F Em Asus4 A Dm Dsus4 F C G C

all who cry for peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
draw - ing near a world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

*Benediction and Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again



God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
With a shep-herd's care en-fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain. A - men.

Postlude

Leading Us in Worship

The Reverend Vanessa Rose

Ariana Hones, Student Pastor

Deacons Heather Hodgeman, Pertrinea Cash

Alexis Zingale, Pianist

Technology: Trinity Bravo

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Please Hold in your Prayers

Disciples at First Church: Christian Bassett; Sandy Bromer; Glen Brown; Linda Corby; Priscilla Christianson; Ken and Betsy Dalling; Fernando Destruge; Fran Evan; Gayle Hand; John Harmon; Joyce Hutchings; Sonia Gutierrez and Henry Hernandez; Charlotte Jefremow; Christy Jefremow; Cathy Kane, her brother Scott and great niece Amelia; Adelaide Kitchen; Lillian Klein; Jerry Krenke; Karin Layton; Suzanne Minatti-Lathbury; Donna Schmidt; Penny Stevens; Arlene Studer; Joann Van Esselstyn; Andrea Wakeman; Elinor Wilber; and Edith Zambo.

Serving in the military: James Classy, Sam Classy, Trevor Dawson, David Elmore, Sean Lomnitzer, Kelcy McKenzie, and Christopher Muschett.

Family and Friends: Connie Accomando (Jim's mom); Andrea Aldino (Poppy Bonuomo's cousin); Peggy Burden (friend of Rita Skog); Marina Caclio (Sonia Gutierrez's sister's mother-in-law); Colleen Ring Campbell and family; Naim Cash (Pertrinea's son) and his family; Elizabeth Clark (friend of the Gindek family); Olivia DeCarli (granddaughter of Laura and Doug Koch); Brandon Deedon (Pertrinea Cash's son); Tom Dwyer (Phil's brother); William Fensterer (Julie Traum's father); Claire and Nat Ferrante (Paul's parents); Greg and Laura Feigo; Michael Glickman (friend of Michael Traum); Linda Goldstein (friend of Poppy Bonuomo); Greenawalt and Darnall Families (Gindek family); Jose Gutierrez (Sonia's Dad); Walter Haenn (brother of Madeline Lee); Christina Holms (Connie and Bill Sargent's niece); Norma Jenkins and Family (friends of the Gindek family); Erol Kephelas (cousin of Rita Skog); Nancy and Paul King; Bill Lucas (Nancy Szejkowski's brother); Peter Maloney; Verne Marble (Charlotte Dyslin's mother); Andre Mirkine; Ray McKinnis (Father of David McKinnis); Julie Murphy (friend of Poppy Bonuomo); Judy and Bill Palmer (friend of Poppy Bonuomo); Artie Quinn; Dick Reese (father in law of Melissa Stanhewicz); Sally Robinson (Peter's mother); Rosalie Rutkauskas (Jessie's Gramdmother); Nan Scarborough (Step-Mother of David McKinnis); Levi Schmidt (Russ Stevens' father-in-law); Darlene and Bobby Scaia (Pat Bilotto's cousins); Vivian Sumpter (friend of Rita Skog); Danielle Taal, daughter of Joe and Lauren Strickland and their five grandsons in Libya; Hayder, Nada, Ali, and Leith Tawfiq (friends of First Church); Marilyn Williams (friend of Poppy Bonuomo); Cecilia Wilson; Frank Zilinyi, father in law of Cheryl Zilinyi.

Dearest Disciples and Friends of First Church,

Thank you all so very much for such a beautiful Installation Day! The worship service was deeply moving and the celebration following was delightful. What a gift to be able to enjoy that time with guests and visitors as well! I am so grateful to all the Musicians, Deacons, Council Members, and Members of the Pastoral Team for making it all possible! Thank you also for the beautiful gifts. I hope you will come visit my office and peruse the beautiful Pentateuch Volume of the Saint John's Bible! It is a treasure. And the lamp and stole from the children are so thoughtfully chosen and perfect mementos of that day.

Rev. Copenhaver told me that as a person who visits many churches, he is skilled at knowing when the Spirit is moving in a place and that it surely is alive and well here! I am proud (if that can be said) of you all, of the way we live out the mandate to BE THE CHURCH! Thank you for calling me as your Senior Pastor! I will continue to pray every day that I will prove worthy of you all and of the call.

*Your Sister in Christ,
Vanessa*



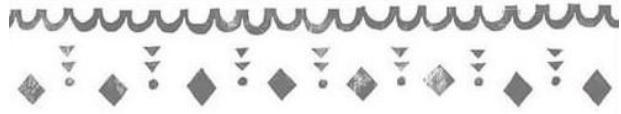
COMING SOON!
3 Kings Bazaar!
Saturday, December 3
10am-8pm
Join Us!

Donations to Church Fair Tag Sale
NOW OPEN!
 Leave your donations behind the curtain on
 the stage by November 30.
 No clothes. No furniture. No electronics.
 Call Jacque Paige, 203-763-9624, with
 questions



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 Weekly Word
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**MAYA
 ANGELOU**



**AND THE
 FREEDOM POETRY
 OF ADVENT**



*Our Faith Formation classes will continue
 on Monday nights throughout Advent from
 November 28-December 26 from 7:30-9pm
 lead by our Student pastor Ariana Hones
 and centered on the poetry of Maya Angelou
 and the work of the Salt Project. Please
 pick up a copy of the devotional at church or
 download the booklet following the link on
 our website.*