



# FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts



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IN CAMBRIDGE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**381 YEARS**  
ON THE WAY  
1636 - 2017

## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

*Grounded in God  
Growing in Community  
Acting in Love*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at [www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org).

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.  
Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

*New to First Church in Cambridge?  
Please take the time to fill out one of the pew cards  
and place it in the offering basket during the service.  
Name tags are available at both the front and back entrances of the sanctuary.*

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles, and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship. During construction, nursery care for infants and toddlers is temporarily located in Sage Hall, our basement playspace. You may access Sage Hall by the main staircase through the door by the Children's Book Corner. Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Tower Room, just off the Narthex, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

*Would you like to give to First Church in Cambridge? Here are easy ways to do it:*

*Give by Text:  
Text \$ \_\_\_ to 617-841-8044*



First Church Pledge



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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

First Sunday After Pentecost

June 11, 2017

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

*Veni Creator Spiritus*

Nicolas De Grigny

\*HYMN 57

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nate Emerton

L: Sisters and brothers, siblings all, let's say it together:

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, and let there be new life in this old house.**

L: Come, Spirit of Truth. Let there be new courage in our witness.

**C: Come, Spirit of Love. Fling wide the doors of our welcome.**

L: Come, people of God, rejoice and get ready!

**C: Grounded in God, growing in love, acting with courage,**

L: the Spirit's power is bringing new life to us even now!

**C: All glory, honor and praise to God! Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

BELL ANTHEM

*A Festive Peal*

Michael Helman

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray for pardon, healing, and peace.

**C: Gracious God,  
we have not loved you  
or each other with our whole hearts.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
and lead us toward wholeness,  
that we may be filled with your joy.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.*

# DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 103

*Jesus Loves Me*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Sarah Higginbotham

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

## OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Emma Blanc

READING

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

Karin Case

\*HYMN 58

*Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty*

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Kate Layzer

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)*

**All: Our Creator, 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit*

Thomas Tallis

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, the source of life and birth,  
Praise God, the Word who came to earth,  
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame,  
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

\*HYMN 51

*All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Ultimate Jude*

Paul Sawyer

VOLUNTARY

*Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*

J. S. Bach

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### Preaching

Karin Case, Minister

### Liturgist

Nate Emerton, First Church Member

### Leading Worship

Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative  
Worship & Arts

Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach  
Emma Blanc, First Church Eighth Grader

### Playing Organ and Directing Choir

Peter Sykes, Director of Music

### Directing the First Church Bell Choir

Susie Mees Longfield, First Church Member

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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For First Church in Somerville and Rev. Henry Schoenfield, whose interim ministry there concludes this Sunday.
- For all those affected by recent deadly attacks in Tehran, Iran; Manchester, London; and Kabul, Afghanistan.
- For all who have fled their home countries as a result of war and terrorism, and for clarity in responding to immigration crises around the world.
- For neighbors facing extreme famine in Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen, and Nigeria.
- For all political leaders, including our current administration, that they may know God's spirit of wisdom and justice in these troubling times.
- For ourselves, that we may open our hearts and minds to all those we disagree with or don't understand, and find the grace to listen, connect, and join together in our common humanity.

*Portions of the YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED section of the bulletin are omitted in the online version to protect the privacy of those mentioned. To find out who we are praying for this week, please contact the church offices at [parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or by calling 617-547-2724.*

## **A SPACE BETWEEN**

We have introduced a place for healing prayers. A space between is...  
*A space between us and God, a space between us and each other.*  
*A space between the world as it is and the world as it should be,*  
*a space for silence and centering, a space for prayer and meditation.*

### **A PRAYER FOR IMMIGRANTS**

God of love, God of mercy and God of liberation,  
bless this movement for immigrants  
to gain the dignity that all people deserve.

We pray for the more than two million families  
who have recently been deported  
and whose families have been separated.

Today we pray for relief from deportation  
for more than five million immigrants  
through deferred action legislation.

We pray that our Supreme Court Justices  
might take the side of compassion and allow this  
much-needed program to move forward.

We know they are the highest court in the land,  
but we look to a higher court and a higher law,  
one where we understand that loving one another  
and welcoming one another into God's family  
is of the utmost importance  
and we pray to keep these families together. Amen.

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

**MICROAGGRESSIONS WORKSHOP Today, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Sanctuary** Come learn about micro-aggressions and explore how First Church can become an even more welcoming space for all. Microaggressions are those usually unintentional slights to another person, based on that person's identity. Learn more about how to recognize microaggressions, and what to do when you perpetrate one, when you witness one, or when you experience one. We will have opportunities to learn through story-telling, role playing, and sharing our experiences. Facilitated by Katie Omberg, Alice, Kidder, and guest, Hajar Logan from the Islamic Society of Boston. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. Questions? Contact Katie Omberg, [katie.omberg@gmail.com](mailto:katie.omberg@gmail.com).

**NIGHT SONG, SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary** Spend some time at the end of the day nourishing your soul at Night Song. Vox Equalis (treble voices) and Daryl Bichel offer ancient and contemporary chant and improvisation by candlelight, providing space for contemplation and prayer.

## FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

***for such a time as this grants* LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE JUNE 15** A core commitment of the capital campaign has been that a tithe—10% of the funds raised—will go to support mission grants. This spring, the *for such a time as this grants* committee will begin soliciting proposals for projects that will extend First Church's mission into the wider community. We will look to our members to find promising projects both within our community and beyond our own walls. Information on the grants program is posted on the church website, and grants committee co-chairs Caitlin Anderson and Leslie Pelton-Cairns are available for questions. The first step in submitting a proposal is to submit a brief letter of intent, due June 15, 2017. Applicants will have approximately another month to complete the remainder of the proposal.

**JUNETEENTH MORNING WORSHIP with guest musicians Sunday, June 18** Our Morning Worship on June 18 will lift up the themes of freedom and liberation, with a special focus on "Juneteenth," commemorating the abolition of slavery. The service will feature poetry, readings, and special music by the Willie Sordillo quartet. It will include a public reading of names and a commemoration of all the enslaved persons associated with First Church over the years. Worship with us, as we lift our hearts in this service of acknowledgment and commemoration.

## SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

**VOLUNTEER WITH THE CAMBRIDGE INTERFAITH SANCTUARY COALITION** New volunteers are welcome to join other First Church members and friends in the active sanctuary network. Trainings and opportunities to serve are happening now. Please contact Sarah Higginbotham ([shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org)) if you'd like to learn more.



**HELP WORK TOWARD A CARBON-FREE FUTURE Tuesday, June 13, 9 a.m., State House, Boston, MA** The Campaign for a Clean Energy Future invites you to participate in the first big LOBBY DAY of the year on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the State House in Boston. When & Where: Tuesday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Climate XChange office at the Old West Church at 131 Cambridge Street in Boston, and then head to the State House to meet with legislators from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**UNION BAPTIST'S JUNETEENTH CONCERT Saturday, June 17, 4:00 p.m., Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, 838 Mass Avenue** Performers include: Ms. Donna McElroy, a Grammy-nominated producer/arranger and former member of the Berklee faculty; Ms. Nedelka Prescod, a vocalist, songwriter, choral director and Assistant Professor at the Berklee School of Music; and Dennis Montgomery, an Assistant Professor of Music at Berklee and director of Berklee's Reverence Gospel Choir and other gospel ensembles.

**BETHEL TABERNACLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL Saturday, June 24, 8:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Weeks, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church's pastor, has asked First Church to provide volunteers for their Children's Carnival on Saturday, June 24. They would like adults, with or without their children, to help supervise games and monitor the lunch hour. The carnival is lots of fun, with a bouncy house, pony rides, lots of free food, and plenty of entertainment. Carpools will leave First Church at 8:30 AM. We will return home after 3 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Alice Kidder at (617) 276-6227 or flintkiddr@aol.com

**UCC MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE JULY 9-12, UNITED PARISH BROOKLINE** Registration deadline is June 15, *but space is limited to achieve choral balance, so register now, by sending e-mail to:* uccmachoir@gmail.com with the following information: **1) name, 2) email, 3) phone number, 4) affiliate church, 5) voice part, and 6) food allergies.** The opening service is on Sunday evening, July 9, at United Parish Brookline. They have invited choral singers from Boston-area churches to join the choir for that opening service, which will include the Boston University Trombone Choir and organist Peter Sykes in a pre-worship concert, and a UCC inter-congregational choir directed by Nick Page, with Rev. Mary Luti preaching! Full details are in the attached PDF flyer. Here are some essentials: Rehearsal/choral workshop for the choir is at 4:00 p.m. on July 9. Dinner is at 6:30. The worship service is at 7:30. A sliding-scale donation is requested of \$5-25 (to cover costs of the workshop and dinner) which you can pay at the time. Friends and family can be invited to the worship service. For more information contact Paul Sawyer, sawyerp@acm.org

**SOLUTIONS AT WORK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS NOW!** We need help sorting and shelving clothing donations. Based in Cambridge, Solutions at Work helps adults bridge out of homelessness by providing them with three full outfits suitable for interviews or work. Our Children's Clothing Exchange allows families to exchange outgrown children's clothing for sizes they need. As the only facility of its kind, the Children's Clothing Exchange serves families from Greater Boston. Whether you can help once or regularly, we'd like to meet you. You will be helping participants look their best, by advising them on their ensembles. Solutions at Work is located in Cambridge at 391 Evereteze Way, off Cambridge Street, in the Roosevelt Towers Public Housing Complex. For more information, contact Alice Kidder at flintkiddr@aol.com or 617-276-6227, or contact Marian Smith at msmith829@gmail.com.

**HARVARD SQUARE SUMMER SHELTER AND Y2Y HARVARD SQUARE'S SUMMER PROGRAM NEED VOLUNTEERS!** These student-run homeless shelters operate between June and August, seeking community volunteers! Volunteering shifts range between 2 and 10 hours in length, and can involve cooking, tidying up the space, running laundry, and hanging out with our guests. If you would like to receive notice of available volunteer shifts, please sign up for this email list (you can unsubscribe easily at any future time). Thank you! Have any questions? Contact us: [summerhshs@pbha.org](mailto:summerhshs@pbha.org) | [info@y2yharvardsquare.org](mailto:info@y2yharvardsquare.org)

## **SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

The First Church office will be open Tuesday–Thursday for the months of July and August. The building itself will be open from 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday, and 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The building will be open its usual hours on Sundays, and both morning worship and Night Song will take place as scheduled.

There will always be access to the building when it is open. Entrance and exit points may change depending upon which area of the building is being worked on, and some areas of the building may be off-limits at certain points in time. The construction will be loud and noisy, and staff are currently thinking through what we can all do to make our environments as conducive to working as possible. This may include working off-site at times.

Through the months of July and August, worship will be held at 10:00 a.m., with pick-up choir meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Throughout the summer, church-school-aged children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. (A temporary nursery space in Sage Hall will continue to be staffed by our regular caregivers during the worship hour for toddlers and infants.) We hope that kids will join in our congregation's singing, praising, praying, and peace-passing. For quieter moments, such as the readings and sermon, books and activity packets are available in the corner by the side entrance.

We encourage children to pick a quiet activity to help them settle in during this time. If younger children are especially fidgety, families can listen to the service in the Tower Room (off the Narthex) and are also welcome to supervise their children downstairs in the Sage Hall playspace.

## THE SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

Famine has officially been declared in South Sudan and, for the first time in recent history, there is a very real possibility of four famines - in Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Yemen - breaking out all at once. Twenty million people face starvation within the next six months. International aid officials warn that this is one of the biggest humanitarian disasters since World War II. Increased investment in international humanitarian assistance at this moment is critical to assist these people in crisis. Continued funding for peacebuilding programs that prevent violent conflict are also critical to addressing root causes of poverty and famine.

To address the current famine, the global humanitarian community is ready to scale up the response to avert a catastrophe, but requires additional funds immediately to do so. Let's do our part through our prayers, generous contributions, and advocacy with the U.S. government to release emergency funding to meet the catastrophic needs of these four countries and support robust funding for diplomatic, development, and peacebuilding tools, which are critical to our security, and to the well-being of others around the world. We must act now, before it is too late.

**Our Response** Make checks payable to United Church of Christ with memo note: "International Emergency Relief Fund – East Africa Famine". Mail to: United Church of Christ, Financial Services Office, 700 Prospect Ave. E., Cleveland, OH 44115.

Trusted, on-the-ground partnerships enable the church around the world to get food resources directly to the people who need them. UCC Disaster Ministries already has sent \$85,000 generated through the 2017 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering funds to the ecumenical ACT Alliance and IMA World Health for famine relief. Support provided to ACT Alliance means food, nutrition supplements, safe water, sanitation, fast-maturing seeds, farming tools, and support to keep pupils and teachers in school. Through IMA World Health we deploy mobile clinics, therapeutic feeding and medicines, and are supporting partners like Sudan Medical Care.

**Advocate!** Call your members of Congress today and ask them to save lives in these four countries by maintaining robust foreign assistance funding in the 2018 budget, Thank you in advance for your help in staving off famine.

—The Mission and Social Justice Committee

# More Hymnals for First Church

We first got “Hymns of Truth and Light” in 2002. For some of us, that seems like yesterday – for others, we’ve had this hymnal forever. Either way, at this point in time we need to order some more copies to offset “natural attrition.”

Which gives us an opportunity. If you’ve always wanted to have a hymnal to play or sing from at home, or if you would like to donate a hymnal in memory or celebration of a loved one, now’s your chance – for only \$25 each.

Please fill out the form below with your order and/or contribution.

- Peter Sykes

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase a hymnal for home use.

I would like to donate a hymnal for church use in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate a hymnal for church use in celebration of:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would just like to make a donation towards the purchase of new hymnals for the church.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check enclosed.

I will pay online:

[www.firstchurchcambridge.org/community-resources/make-a-payment](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/community-resources/make-a-payment)

## *Church School Seeking Volunteer Teachers for the 2017-2018 Program Year*

Are you are searching for a way to connect to First Church in Cambridge that will have an impact not just on your spiritual journey, but also on the formation of our children? Consider volunteering to teach Church School.

**WHEN:** Beginning in October and running through May, we will have six classes from preschool to 7th grade, plus a Confirmation Class and the Youth Group.

**HOW OFTEN:** The commitment entails one to two Sundays per month, an orientation, and four teacher meetings over the course of the program year.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** All new volunteers will find themselves on a teaching team with an experienced teacher anchoring the group. A day of orientation to Godly Play will take place in August, while other curricula (Middler Book & Bible Study, Bible 101) will be introduced in September orientation meetings.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please contact Sarah Higginbotham at: [shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org)



## CAMBRIDGE INTERFAITH SANCTUARY COALITION IN THE NEWS

Below is an excerpt from the article that ran in the May 31 edition of the *Boston Globe*.

First Church has a continuing need for new volunteers. We welcome you to join other First Church members and friends in the active sanctuary network. Trainings and opportunities to serve are happening now. Please contact Sarah Higginbotham ([shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org)) if you'd like to learn more.

### **In a first for Mass., undocumented immigrant seeks refuge in Cambridge church**



LANE TURNER/GLOBE STAFF

**A woman in sanctuary inside the University Lutheran Church in Cambridge held her eight-month-old daughter while her other daughter, 2, played nearby.**

By [Lisa Wangsness](#) | GLOBE STAFF MAY 31, 2017

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A woman fleeing US immigration authorities has taken refuge in a Cambridge church with her two children, making them the first family in Massachusetts known to publicly seek “sanctuary” in a house of worship since religious communities started opening their doors to undocumented immigrants in recent months.

## **The Week Ahead**

### **First Sunday after Pentecost, June 11**

(No Christian Formation)

- 10:00 a.m. Pick-up Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Multigenerational Morning Worship, Church School Teacher Recognition and Bibles given to 4th graders, Karin Case, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn (weather permitting, otherwise in the Narthex)
- 12:30 p.m. Microaggressions Workshop, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### **Monday, June 12**

- 6:00 p.m. Centering Meditation, The Well
- 7:15 p.m. Beloved Community Meeting, Dan Smith's Office

### **Tuesday, June 13**

- 9:30 a.m. Last Staff Meeting of the Program Year, Dan Smith's Office

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day, June 18**

(No Christian Formation)

- 10:00 a.m. Pick up Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Multigenerational Morning Worship Juneteenth Service with music by Willie Sordillo and guest musicians, Karin Case, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn (weather permitting, otherwise in the Narthex)
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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