



Pledge Dedication Sunday
November 24, 2024

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**
Congregational 1633-1636
United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

FIRST CHURCH
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388 YEARS
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November 24, 2024

Liturgist

Caroline Newton

Preaching Today

Mike Solberg, *Interim Senior Minister*

Leading Worship

Emma Mitchell, *Pastoral Associate*

Martha Mueller Cook and Kathy Williams, *offering a Ministry Moment*

Karen McArthur, *Minister of Stewardship & Finance*

Lee Prouty, *Facilities Manager*

Peter Sykes, *Music Director*

Bulletin Cover Image

detail of quilted table runner, inspired by Gaylen Morgan's photo, designed by Sarah Fujiwara and members of First Church

Today's Programs and Events

- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Creative Arts Workshop, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments in Hastings Common
- 12:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th graders, The Well
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Exploring Our Faith as Adults through the Confirmation Curriculum, Harter Room
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

New to First Church?

Have you just begun joining us for worship? Consider filling out a visitor card found on the small clipboards or this "[virtual visitor card](#)" so that we might connect with you about our community.

Give to First Church

You can give electronically by using the QR code in the bulletin or explore more options for giving at: www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give

Contact a Pastor or Staff Member

Find [contact information](#) for our ministerial, program, and building staff on our website. For general information and inquiries: info@firstchurchcambridge.org

Minister On Call

If you have an urgent pastoral need, please call 617-547-2724 ext. 222. Your call will be routed to a First Church minister based on a rotating schedule that covers staff time off.

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Nun danket alle Gott

J. S. Bach

***HYMN 526**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Caroline Newton

L: May the Triune God be with you:

C: and also with you.

L: And may this God of love be with everyone!

C: Everywhere!

L: While we may be lucky enough to have a glimpse of God's love in Jesus Christ,
and so worship together today,

C: we also rejoice that God's love is for all.

L: As we gather in our "harvest" today,

C: may its fullness be used to spread God's love here, there, and everywhere.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

The Gylt of Charitie

Carlton T. Russell

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray:

C: Merciful God,

**we confess that we have wandered off your way, in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, may your Spirit move in and through us,
so that we may close the gap between how we have lived
and the way to which you call us,
and thus delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**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.*

*GREETING OF PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

*HYMN 27

Now Thank We All Our God

A MUTUAL BLESSING

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **And God be with you here.**

Children up through 6th grade are now invited to Church School: Creative Arts Workshop in Margaret Jewett Hall. Caregivers can find the children in Margaret Jewett Hall after worship.

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Emma Mitchell

READING

Exodus 16:13b-18

READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

SERMON

Mike Solberg

*HYMN 464

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Martha Mueller Cook and Kathy Williams

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray... (*silence, intercessions, and the Lord's Prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray this prayer 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 GIVE AND PLEDGE

Karen McArthur and Caroline Newton

You are invited to come forward to place your offering for this week, along with your 2025 stewardship cards, in any basket on the table.

Our offering supports the many ministries of our church, with 10% for missions in the community and beyond. Please use our new [all-in-one link](#) for gifts from your bank account or by credit/debit card:



OFFERTORY

Consecration

Frederick Chatfield

*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 OF OUR GIFTS & 2025 PLEDGES

L: Let us pray:

**C: Gracious and holy God,
we give you thanks for this congregation,
and for our part in it, "whether for an hour or for a lifetime."
We ask your blessing on these gifts,
given today and pledged for the year to come.
Guide us as we use them and as we commit ourselves
to following Jesus' teachings of compassion, love and justice.
Amen.**

GOING FORTH

*HYMN 241

We Will Build Your Church, O Christ

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Nun danket alle Gott

Justin Heinrich Knecht

First Church Land Acknowledgment

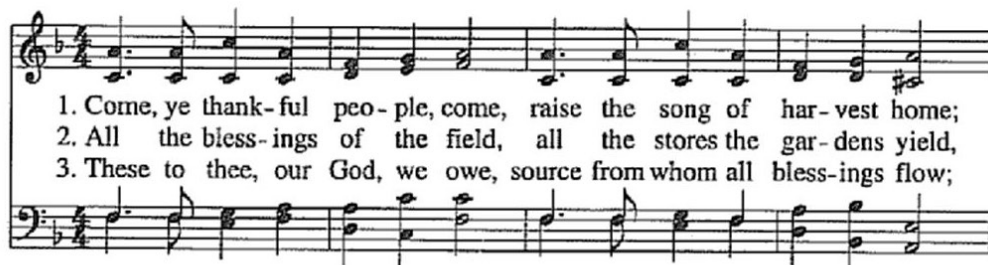
We, gathered here, acknowledge that we are meeting on land which has been the traditional ancestral homeland of the Massachusett people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusett, and to their close neighbors and relatives, the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples.



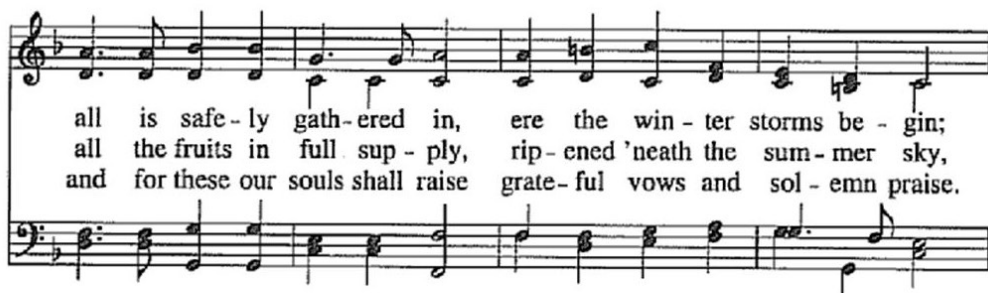
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You can find a longer version of this acknowledgment [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.

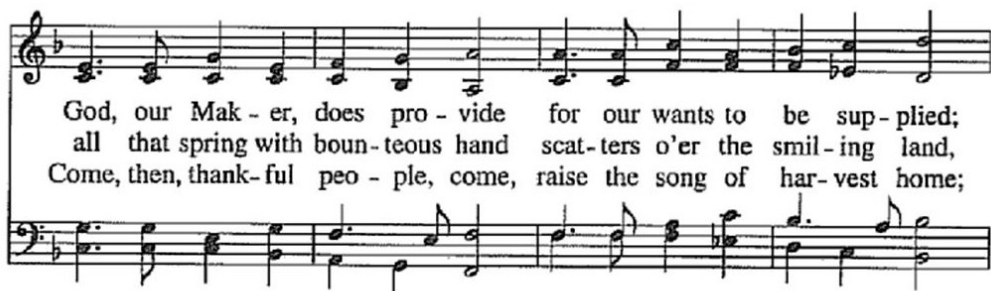
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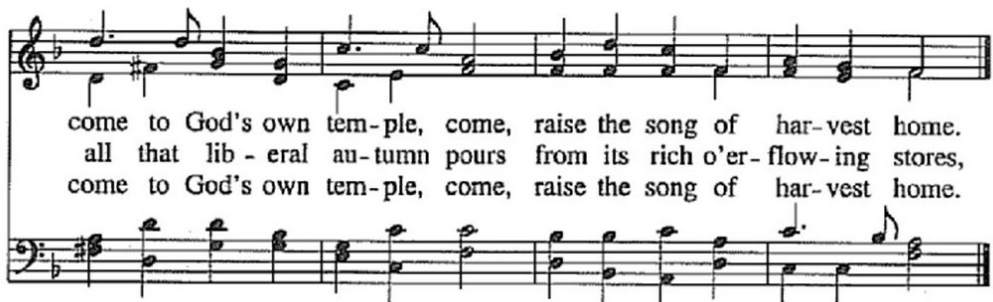
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
 2. All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
 3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
 all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
 and for these our souls shall raise grate-ful vows and sol-lemn praise.



God, our Mak-er, does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
 all that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
 Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;



come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
 come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

PEACE HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

27

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God al - might - y now be giv - en;

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 to God, the three - in - one, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in all grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Melody, Johann Crüger, 1647

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464 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated



1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-crated, Lord, to thee;
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine;
 4. Take my love: my Lord I pour at thy feet its treas-ure store;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
 take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne.
 take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

CLOSING HYMN

We Will Build Your Church, O Christ 241

1. We will build your church, O Christ, with met - tle, mor - tar, flesh and
 2. We will build your church, O Christ, with hope and heal - ing, faith and
 3. We would be your church, O Christ. Break forth your heal - ing, pour forth
 4. We would be your church, O Christ, O lead us through the trials of

stone to bring you praise and give that praise a home. And
 trust that care and in - sight nour - ish things un - seen. And
 life, and bring to un - ion those once set a - part. And
 life and call us, claim us, that your realm may thrive. And

when we find our cher-ished tem-ple walls us from a world in need,
 if the knowl-edge that we nur-ture lim-its vi-sions of your peace,
 when we stif - fen to your knead-ing, when our sor-row bends our knees,
 when we love our church life such that we for-get it first serves thee,

lift us through the gift of gos-pel, dy-ing, ris-ing, borne by thee.

WORDS: Gail S. Ransom, 1984, alt.
 MUSIC: Gail S. Ransom, 1984; harm. FCC, 1997

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for Susie Neubauer, her family, and all of us who are mourning the loss of Perry Neubauer, who died on November 13 after a brief but difficult illness.
- We pray for the family and friends of longtime First Church friend Ann Curby, who died in her sleep on October 27 at the age of 97.
- We pray for Carol Wilson-Braun and her family as she begins to receive hospice services at home next week.
- We pray for Linda Ziebell as she recovers from the complications of Covid and grieves the death of her close friend Carolyn.
- We pray for Beth Spaulding's father Bob, who is recovering from an infection in a rehab facility.
- We pray for Gaylen Morgan's brother Jeff, who is experiencing a long and painful recovery from surgery.
- We pray for Marianne Jensen, who is recovering after a heart procedure.
- We pray for Keith Manville, Director of Operations Kirsten Manville's father, as he continues his recovery from a stroke at a rehab facility.
- We pray for all who are living with significant health challenges and their families and caregivers: Ellen Frith, who is living with a serious chronic illness; Poppy Coffin, who is experiencing Alzheimer's Disease; Carol Wilson-Braun, who is managing ALS; and Carter West, who is experiencing a chronic neurological disorder. We also pray for those in treatment for cancer: Dana Hunt, Claire Morgan's mother; Ellen Smith, Devin Hansen's aunt; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones's mother; Karen Anne Zee's daughter Becky Collet and her son-in-law Stewart Bailey; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and Abby Shuman's uncle Barry.
- We pray for our nation following the election and its outcomes. We pray for all those who fear policies and power that may threaten who they are, and what and who they love and value. We pray for all who are vulnerable, including our planet. We pray for ourselves, that we will remember who we are as followers of Christ, and what that means for our responsibilities in this place at this time.
- We pray for immigrants in the U.S. who are experiencing anxiety about their future safety, given the promise of the incoming administration of mass deportation.
- We pray for our neighbors all over the world, who will be dealing with the changes resulting from the U.S. elections. Especially we pray for all whose lives are affected by the wars and political upheaval in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Haiti, Sudan, and so many other places. We pray for the dead, for their loved ones, and for their broader communities. We pray for changed hearts for all those inflicting violence upon others, and thus upon their own souls. We give thanks for the peacemakers. We pray that we, like they, may be free of the myth of redemptive violence, and take collective action, however small, to be people of true peace in this world. May we all see your way more clearly, O God.
- We continue to pray for all who are recovering from natural and climate-related disasters,

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

including those impacted by fires in California and throughout the Northeast. We pray for our rapidly warming planet and for efforts to reduce fossil fuel emissions.

- We pray for the wellbeing and safety of our trans and gender non-conforming siblings as they face the experience of vitriolic public discourse and of state laws that restrict and criminalize transgender health care, personal expression, and wider LGBTQ+ education.
- We pray for all those impacted by the violence of war and political upheaval throughout the Middle East, in Ukraine, in Sudan, in Haiti, and in far too many other places in our world.
- We continue to pray for those most affected by changes in reproductive rights: for all those struggling with the moral and political complexities of pregnancy and childbearing, and for patients and healthcare providers who are unable to give and receive care in their own states.
- We pray for the 14 men finding sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter; and we pray for the guests of the Friday Café, who are finding resources and listening ears.

Join the [First Church List](#) to see and offer up more community prayer requests.



2025 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The Household of God in This Time of Change

Dedication of Pledges & Gifts

Today at 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and via livestream

During our Morning Worship, we are all invited to bring forward our pledges, gifts, and estimates of our 2025 financial support for our 2025 ministry and mission.

You can find more information about pledging and why it matters at:

firstchurchcambridge.org/stewardship-2025/



Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7/8th graders

Today, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., The Well

7th and 8th graders from First Church and Old South Church meet for a session of their year-long sexuality education curriculum.

Night Song

Today, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m., Sanctuary and via livestream

Night Song is a worship opportunity that offers stillness and sublime music in a darkened sanctuary for respite and reset.

[Learn more about Night Song.](#)



THIS WEEK

**START THE SEASON
GIVING THANKS**

**PREPARE OR PURCHASE
A DISH FOR THE
FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
AT THE FRIDAY CAFÉ
COMMUNITY MEAL**

THANK YOU!
Sign Up Here! →



Holiday Pies for the First Church Shelter, November 17-27

The Shelter Oversight Committee invites members of the First Church community to help make the Thanksgiving holiday special for the men seeking assistance at the First Church Shelter. Got a favorite holiday dessert you are planning to make this Thanksgiving? Consider making two and sharing the second with our Shelter guests Contact [Shelter Director Jim Stewart](#) to arrange drop off by Wednesday, November 27.



Poetry and Prayer with Emma & Aram

Wednesday, November 27, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m., via Zoom

As we integrate the unknowns in the aftermath of the election and seek to stay grounded in God together, join Pastoral Associate Emma Mitchell and her husband Aram, Pastor of Edgecomb (ME) Community Church, for the last of a series of weekly virtual gatherings with members of both churches. We have met online each Wednesday evening in November to ground our souls with a poem and to unburden our hearts with a time of shared prayer. All are welcome—the young and the seasoned, those full of faith, and those peppered with doubts. Please [register here](#); a Zoom link will be sent to you. Feel free to [email Emma](#) with any questions.

TRANSITION AT FIRST CHURCH

This “Interim” Time at First Church

The purpose of an interim, or transitional, time in a congregation is for the church to prepare itself for new pastoral leadership. Given the importance of pastoral leadership in a congregation, the goal of the transitional time is to lay the groundwork for a good, healthy, faithful, and “successful” tenure by the next leader. This preparation involves looking inward at ourselves, our systems, priorities, patterns in the exercise of power, resources, and hopes. It also involves looking outward at the context in which we now live and serve. As summarized by the Southern New England Conference, three sets of questions are central to the work of this transitional time:



- Who are we (our skills, character, assets, resources, gifts, and historical trends and DNA)?
- In today’s ever (and rapidly) changing landscape, who is our neighbor (around the community, and commuter radius, and around the world)? What are their burdens, dreams, longings and strivings, spiritual needs, challenges, fears, struggles?
- And given the answer to the first two questions, what is God uniquely calling us to become and to do in this current time and place?

That’s the big picture of the work we are already doing together. While there is always a good deal of foundational pastoral work involved (care, worship leadership, staff leadership, problem solving, etc.), we can envision three facets of this transitional work:

Relationships and Information

September 2024 through January 2025

Congregational Discovery

January 2025 through mid-summer 2025

Active Search

Mid-summer 2025 through perhaps early 2026

[Find the details of this timeline on the Transition page on our website.](#)

May the guiding Spirit of our Living God and the peace of Christ be with us throughout this time!

Mike Solberg
Interim Senior Minister

ADVENT AT FIRST CHURCH

Advent Formation Series: Hope in the Dark

Sundays, December 1, 8 & 15

9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Harter Room and via Zoom

Inspired by writer and activist Rebecca Solnit's book *Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities*, we will gather to explore what it looks like to find hope in the dark – in the darkness of this season, in the darkness of the unknown of what's ahead, in the darkness of the womb before the birth of Jesus. In this pregnant and liminal time, we need each other. These multigenerational formation sessions will include storytelling, art making, embodied practices, and discussions of sacred and grounding texts. We welcome teens, adults, and kids ages 8 and up with a grown-up to join us. Whether you can come to one or all three, come gather in and find hope in the dark with us!



Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 1, 12:15 - 1:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall

On the first Sunday of Advent, plan to join us after worship for a variety of arts and craft activities to prepare for the season. Bring your Advent candle ring to decorate with greens (new candle rings and candles will be available until we run out). Choose among other crafts, including beeswax candle-dipping, ornament-making, and more. Enjoy a soup and bread lunch as you take in the creative energy around you. All are welcome!

And volunteers are needed! If you would like to lead a simple craft at the workshop—no experience necessary; instruction and supplies provided—please contact [Sarah Higginbotham](mailto:sarah.higginbotham@firstchurchcambridge.org) to learn more.

Advent Art: Twelve Feasts & Festivals

Sunday, December 1, Hastings Common

Advent is a season of anticipation of life in Christ. This version of medieval art as revised by First Church member Henry Gates looks through Advent to the whole mystery of traditional Christian faith. Twelve colors symbolize the twelve feasts of the 13th century church. Join Henry on the first Sunday of Advent to discuss these traditions and how they affect our contemporary faith, or not.



For more about Advent at First Church:

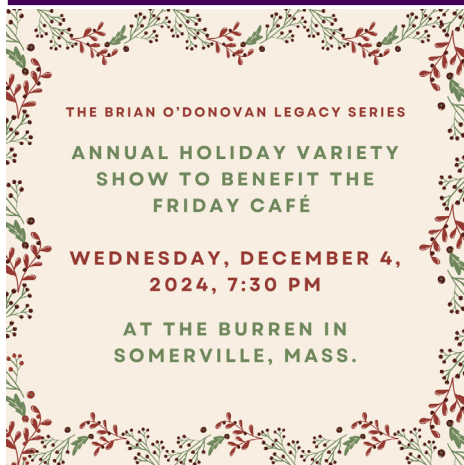
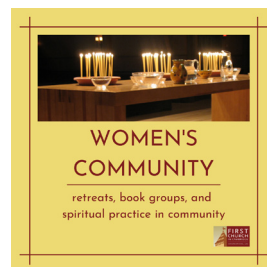
firstchurchcambridge.org/advent-2024/

ADVENT AT FIRST CHURCH

Women's Community Book Group

Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m., via Zoom

Women readers, join us for our final book before we focus on the holidays. We will be reading Anne Lamott's most recent book, [Somehow: Thoughts on Love](#). Some of you may have been lucky enough to see her speak about this book with her husband at First Parish last year; if so, bring your recollections of the conversation. In Lamott's words: "Love is our only hope.. "It is not always the easiest choice, but it is always the right one, the noble path, the way home to safety, no matter how bleak the future looks."



Friday Café Benefit Concert at the Burren

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The Burren, Davis Square, Somerville

Start the holiday season with generosity and joy in the cheery backroom of the Burren Pub. This event features a variety of outstanding musicians to lift your spirits, including David Coffin, the Hankus Netsky klezmer duo, blues singer Danielle Miraglia, bluegrass band Grain Thief, and many others. And at the end of the evening, all funds raised through ticket sales will be donated directly to the Friday Café. Doors open at 5:30 for dinner before the show. Round up some friends for a great time and a great cause!

[Buy tickets here.](#)

Youth Group: Holiday Baking and Card Writing

Friday, December 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Kitchen & Hastings Common

First Church teens are invited to gather for a cozy evening of cookie baking and crafting holiday messages for church members. Hang out with friends and help spread some sweet joy in the Advent season!



Alternative Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 8, 12:15 - 2:00 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall

Please join us for First Church's annual Alternative Christmas Fair. What makes it "alternative?" All proceeds raised by the vendors will go directly to benefit their non-profit organizations' charitable and social justice causes. Come buy presents for your loved ones, support worthy causes, and celebrate the season with friends and family. Hope to see you there!

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Young Adults: Christmas Party & Hymn Sing

Friday, December 13, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Home of Angela & Phil Servello-Jones

Come celebrate the season by singing carols, drinking cider, and sharing fellowship with other Young Adults (20s-30s). RSVP by

emailing youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org or letting Angela or

Phil know. Whether you're brand new to First Church, or have been here your whole life, you're welcome to join the party. Keep an eye out for monthly Young Adult gatherings in 2025.



Special Advent Music Sunday

Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary and via livestream

It's all about Pachelbel this year! The First Church Choir and guest instrumentalists will present a setting of the beloved

Magnificat text by this famous composer. We will also experience the famous Canon in person! Seeing it, as well as hearing it, will show everyone what an amazing piece it really is.

Trusting in the Mercy of God:

a day of centering prayer for Advent

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 - 3:30 p.m.

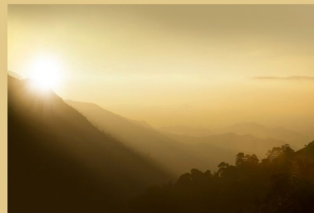
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lynnfield, MA

First Church Community Minister Henry Schoenfield offers a day-long retreat in the Advent season. All are welcome!

To register, email:

info@henryschoenfield.com

Trusting in the Mercy of God
a day of centering prayer for Advent



This day-long Centering Prayer retreat will be based on the themes explored in Cynthia Bourgeault's book *Mystical Hope* - themes that are both timeless and eminently relevant today. Our time together will be marked by chanting, silence, teaching and Centering Prayer.

December 7, 2024

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lynnfield, MA.

Suggested donation for the day is \$35.

Water, coffee, tea and snacks provided. Bring your own lunch

To register email: info@henryschoenfield.com

This retreat will be led by Henry Schoenfield, a member of the service team for Contemplative Outreach of Boston as well as a board member and senior student in Cynthia Bourgeault's Wisdom network - Wisdom Waypoints. Henry is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a Spiritual director, certified professional coach, and retreat and workshop facilitator.

ADVENT AT FIRST CHURCH



Advent Season Gift-Giving and Donation Suggestions

The Missions & Social Justice Committee is pleased to share with you a list of organizations with which First Church partners closely and who are seeking donations in this holiday season. In the case that you and your family are able to support any of these organizations, we hope that you find the list helpful. If you have any questions, please reach out to Martha Mueller Cook, co-chair of the Missions & Social Justice Committee, at: marthamuellercook@gmail.com.

Learn how you can support the following organizations and initiatives by reading [the full description](#) on our website.

Coat Boston and the Christmas Shop
Christmas at the First Church Shelter
Helping Hands Food Pantry
Solutions at Work
Friday Café

The UnPageant

Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary and via livestream

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we'll gather for our untraditional take on the Christmas pageant: the UnPageant! The UnPageant is First Church's unrehearsed, low-stress, multigenerational telling of the story of Jesus' birth. Come hear the age-old texts and sing the cherished carols as we celebrate the wonder of God's love among us.



Festive Christmas Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 22 at 12:15 p.m.

Margaret Jewett Hall

We invite everyone to contribute a favorite holiday treat for a festive time of fellowship after the UnPageant. Whether it's a batch of your sought-after Christmas cookies or a holiday veggie plate in the shape of a snowman, we want to see it and eat it! Plan to drop off your offering in the Kitchen before worship, and then come ready to enjoy a mini-feast of snacks for the season.

For more about Advent at First Church:

firstchurchcambridge.org/advent-2024/

WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Unveiling of Native Spaces:
Indigenous Street Signs Project
Friday, November 29, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Third and Binney Streets, East Cambridge**

Members of the Massachusetts tribe and The City of Cambridge will unveil newly installed street signs in East Cambridge that are presented in both the Massachusetts and English languages.



With the goal of expanding recognition of Indigenous Peoples in Cambridge, the community voted through the City of Cambridge's Participatory Budgeting (PB) process to fund a series of markers and signs that acknowledge the continuous presence of Native Peoples, both before and after white settlement, and to educate residents and visitors about their lives and traditions. The first phase of this PB project was to translate the numbered street names in East Cambridge into the Massachusetts language and install new street signs from First to Eighth streets. A dedicated City of Cambridge website will also introduce the project and serve as a landing page for future project elements and programming.

This event will include remarks from local Indigenous advocates and representatives with the City, an unveiling of the street signs, and a group photo opportunity. All are invited to attend. In the event of poor weather, the alternate location will be held indoors at The Foundry building at 101 Rogers Street.

The event location is accessible via the MBTA's Red Line and the Kendall Square Station. Interpreters will be available upon advanced request. Please call (617) 349-4396 or email accesshelp@cambridgema.gov to request assistance. If you are interested in learning more about this project and event, please contact Sarah Burks at the Cambridge Historical Commission (sburks@cambridgema.gov).



Request an interpreter:

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ACTS OF REPARATION

A DOCUMENTARY FILM
BY MACKY ALSTON + SELINA LEWIS DAVIDSON

Reparations Film Screening & Discussion
Sunday, December 1, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
First Church in Jamaica Plain, 6 Eliot St., JP

The Beloved Community group invites you to a screening of [Acts of Reparation](#), a new film by Macky Alston and executive produced by our own Abby Shuman.

Two friends – one Black, one white – travel South to their ancestral lands to explore what reparations means to them. From kitchen tables to porches, lost cemeteries to discovered diaries, their journeys lead to unexpected opportunities that transform their friendship, families and communities. Together they reclaim and reckon with their roots.

Some may remember that Macky Alston visited First Church several times to screen his previous documentary and film our reparations work. While First Church does not appear in the final version of the film, we encourage everyone to come view the film, hear from a panel, and participate in the discussion.

This event is sponsored by the Reparations Interfaith Coalition, of which First Church is a member. It is the first film in the Grassroots Reparations Campaign's Spirit of Reparations Film Series.

[Register here.](#) And if you would like to join a carpool to Jamaica Plain, please email Susan Redlich: sredlich2010@hotmail.com



THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, November 25

4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom

Sign up [here](#) to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m. Executive Council, via Zoom

Have a church program or event to promote? Complete the [First Church Communications Request form](#).

Wednesday, November 27

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom

5:30 p.m. Poetry and Prayer with Emma & Aram, via Zoom

Thursday, November 28

Church Office & Building Closed for Thanksgiving

See our [Events Calendar](#) for Zoom links and details.

Friday, November 29

Church Office & Building Closed for Thanksgiving

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)

Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Multigenerational Advent Formation, Harter Room

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and via livestream

11:20 a.m. Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday, Library

12:15 p.m. Advent Workshop & Soup Luncheon, Margaret Jewett Hall

7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream



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