

First Church at Worship

The 10:30 a.m. service will be broadcast live via Facebook. Links to the broadcast can be found on the church's

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Fantasia* Johann Pachelbel

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

Jesus will offer hope.

Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

Jesus will bring us healing.

Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

Jesus will teach us new ways to live.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 561

Jesus, United By Thy Grace
vs. 1, 2, & 4

St. Agnes

Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared, with confidence we
seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.

Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear; let all their friendly
aid afford, and feel each other's care.

Touched by the lodestone of thy love,
let all our hearts agree, and ever toward each
other move, and ever move toward thee.

* GREETING

God who sent the Light into our world,
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,
God who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.
And also with you.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 111

Old 100th

**Hallelujah! Among the just
My heart will give God thanks and praise;
His works are great, studied by all
Who take delight to know his ways.**

**His work is full of majesty,
Enduring splendor, righteousness;
Gracious is he, remember well
His works for they are marvelous.**

**To those who fear him, he gives food;
He shows the power of his hand
As, mindful of his covenant,
He gives to us the promised land.**

**His hands work justice, faithfulness,
And his commandments all are sure;
They all are done in equity
And truth, and ever they endure.**

**Redemption and eternal law
He sent us; holy is his Name;
Wisdom begins with fear of God;
His praise endures, always the same.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 262

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus
vs. 1, 2 & 4

Sutton Commem

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;
restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Fill me, joy of Jesus; anxiety shall cease,
and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 a.m.)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

You Do Not Walk Alone

Elaine Hagenberg

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray.

Have mercy O God.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2104

*Llangloffan**An Outcast among Outcasts*

An outcast among outcasts, dismissed with double scorn,
belittled by the labels: "unclean" and "foreign-born";
came back with thanks for Jesus, and then went on his way:
An outcast among outcasts showed grateful faith that day.

An outcast among outcasts, where three were crucified,
derided by the others as they hung side by side
came back from death with power, God has the final say:
An outcast among outcasts shows God to us today.

For outcasts among outcasts the boundaries are redrawn,
by words, "Your faith has saved you," by cross and Easter dawn.
The distant longed for centers of power, peace, and care,
where life is free to flourish, are found now everywhere.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Intrada

John Dixon

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Donald Smoak for his 90th birthday, January 30
by his family.

This Week at FUMC**Sunday, January 31**

8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Journey Seekers Sunday School / 5th Ave. Parking Lot
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School with Rev. Kyle / Facebook
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble Rehearsal / Bell Room
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meetings / (FLC)

Monday, February 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Choir Room

Tuesday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Church Council / Zoom
7:00 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room

Wednesday, February 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / FLC
3:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
4:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:15 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
6:00 p.m. Evening Communion / Sanctuary

Thursday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Choir Room

Friday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
6:30 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center

**All Visitors Must Use the
Bell Tower Entrance on Fifth Avenue**

- We are limiting visitors at this time.
- All visitors (deliveries, church guests, or otherwise) must ring the bell to your left.
- A staff member will open the door if you need to come inside for any reason.
- You may also call the church office at 843-488-4251.
Masks MUST be worn prior to entering once the staff greets you at the door.

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4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of all persons, with a particular concern for the most vulnerable. It is our collective responsibility as Christians to be good neighbors in our community. As we join together in worshipping God to experience the transforming love of our Savior, let us honor God and love one another.

- Masks must be worn inside the buildings
- Family members are invited to sit together on pews
- Sit in every other pew
- No more than four persons per pew except for families with appropriate spacing
- Follow the instructions of the ushers/health team
- Cough & sneeze into your sleeve
- No hugging or handshakes. Find alternative ways of greeting
- Avoid gathering in the Sanctuary, Narthex or near the doors of the church before and following Worship.
- Thank you for joining us in loving one another.