

December 9-16, 2018 at

First Congregational United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Worshipping Sundays 10:30 AM at 10th & G Streets, NW | www.firstuccdc.org



Christmas Pageant This Sunday December 9, 2018, 10:30 AM

Please join us for a wonderful tradition -- the First Church Christmas pageant! Children of all ages will be participating!

Cookie Exchange, This Sunday following Worship

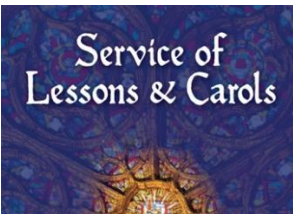
Please join us for the annual cookie exchange this Sunday after the children's pageant. Bring a family favorite or a new recipe to share. Drop cookies off in the kitchen prior to church. Coffee hour will be upstairs that Sunday.



Second Sunday Offering

This month's Second Sunday offering will go toward Seabury's Age-In-Place program. Having a healthy, safe, and comfortable place to call home is important for all of us. Seabury's Age-In-Place program supports older adults in Washington, D.C.'s Wards 4, 5, and 6 through transformative volunteer service projects that help people stay in their own homes. Age-In-Place engages volunteers as a critical piece of the safety net in D.C. by providing yard work and housing cleaning services.

Age-In-Place services are completely free for clients, which means the program supplies all tools and supplies. Our financial contribution will complement the volunteer component. An intergenerational group from First Church has volunteered with the program several times in the last couple of years. You may place a check in the offering plate or send it to the church office, payable to the church and marked for the Seabury Age-In-Place.



Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 AM

On Sunday, December 16 for morning worship, The First Church Choir will lead the congregation in an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. Using scripture, anthems and familiar hymns and carols, the choir will assist the congregation in tracing the "mega narrative" from Genesis to Nativity. This service prepares us to focus later on the "birth narrative" on the final Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve. December 16 promises to be an opportunity to shed the anxieties of political and world events and be again inspired by the music and message of Advent and Christmas. We hope to see you there – invite a friend to come with you. It's going to be beautiful!

Rev. James Ross II, Minister of Justice Formation
Rev. Sam McFerran, Minister of Faith Formation
John Horman, Director of Music
Byron Adams, Building Manager
Cindy Dobbs, Administrative Assistant
Lynaya Morris, Dwight Davis, Members in Discernment

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Coffee Hour Hosts

December 9	Mike Zawada	Susan Saudek		
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Sound

December 9	Anisa Heming
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Ushers

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Calendar

Sunday, December 9

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
- Children's Pageant
- 11:30 am Cookie Swap, *Community Hall*

Monday, December 10

- 6:00 pm Downtown Drop-In Center
for Homeless Youth

Tuesday, December 11

- 6:30 pm Church Council,
Community Hall

Wednesday, December 12

- 12:15 pm Break Away Meditation, *Chapel*

Thursday, December 13

- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Saturday, December 15

- 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Sunday, December 16

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
- Lessons & Carols
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*

Prayer List

- Peter Byrne, who is recovering from surgery.
- Don Bassler, recovering from surgery.
- Courtney McCaffrey on the death of her father.
- Jennie Hunt
- Rev. Dr. Ron Hopson, recovering from surgery.
- Marlene Ross
- Susan Goodmans' brother, who is in Hospice care.
- Alexis Joy Hayes • Pat Ashbrook • Ruth Shinn
- First Church Staff