

January 10-17, 2021 at

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

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

Worshiping Sundays at 10:30 AM via Zoom



## Worship with Us This Sunday

[Click here](#) to worship with us by Zoom this Sunday. Rev. Sam will lead worship, Michael Hopkins will offer the Call to Worship, Emily Laing will read from the gospel of Mark about the baptism of Jesus, special music will be offered by Marian Drake along with the return of the First Church choir, and the Rev. Dr. Audrey Price will be our guest preacher. Join us!

Following worship, we invite you to attend our 2021 First Church Budget Hearing, led by Lucille Dickinson. The hearing will offer an opportunity to review, ask questions, and share comments about the 2021 budget before the congregation votes to approve it at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 24. All are welcome to attend.



## We welcome the Rev. Dr. Audrey Price as our Guest Preacher: January 10

The Rev. Dr. Audrey Price has been called to serve as the Executive for Missional Implementation in the Southern New England Conference of the UCC. She recently served as an Associate Conference Minister in the Central Atlantic Conference, and we were blessed to welcome her as the Supply Senior Minister in 2018. She previously served as Interim Pastor at Webster Congregational Christian Church in Maryland.

Dr. Price achieved a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) at The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Systematic Theology with a concentration in Liberation Theology. Her dissertation: *Theological Aesthetics in the African American Anthropologies of Emilie Townes and Shawn Copeland*. Audrey is a contributing author to Psalms 42-89, authored by Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, in *The Wisdom Commentary Series* (Liturgical Press, 2016). She earned a Master of Philosophy degree at CUA, a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Her vocational call is one of Pastoral Leader and Educator. She has served as adjunct faculty at Wesley Theological Seminary and John Leland Center for Theological Studies.

Dr. Price is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. In her "spare time" Rev. Price indulges her passion of reading, traveling to new places, officiating basketball and her newfound joy of riding motorcycles. She is married to Augustine Angba and together they have four wonderful children. Rev. Price is inspired and guided in her daily life by the following precepts:

*"But seek first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" – Matthew 6:33*

*"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." - Maya Angelou*



## **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

### Church Budget 2021: Learn and Comment

2021 Budget Hearing First Congregational Church

Sunday January 10, 2021 after Worship via Zoom

At this hearing all are welcome to review, question and comment on the 2021 budget before the congregation votes to approve the budget at the annual congregational meeting January 24, 2021.

### Second Sunday Offering on January 10

#### Showing Up for Racial Justice

As we start the new year, please give generously on January 10 to the Second Sunday offering for Showing Up for Racial Justice. SURJ in DC is part of the SURJ national network of groups and individuals working to undermine white supremacy and to work for racial justice. Through community organizing, mobilizing, and education, SURJ moves white people to act as part of a multi-racial majority for justice with passion and accountability.

Website: [Showing Up for Racial Justice](https://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/)

### Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday January 24, 2021, after Worship via Zoom

#### Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Minutes from Fall Congregational Meeting
- Moderator's Report
  - Approval of Annual Report
  - Approval of Nominations for 2021
  - Discuss Anti-Racism Audit Plan
- Designated Senior Minister's Report
- Treasurer's Report and 2021 Budget
- Transition to new Council and Commissions
- Closing and breakout commission rooms to determine first meeting date and council rep



### Theology Book Group: January 26 at 6:00 PM

The Theology Book Group will meet again on January 26 at 6:00 PM to discuss Walter Brueggemann, *Sabbath as Resistance*. The highly regarded UCC theologian argues that "Sabbath is about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society." The Zoom link is <https://georgetown.zoom.us/j/97841224122>. All are welcome.



First Church (virtual) Trivia, Saturday, January 30 at 7-8:30 PM  
[Click here](#) to join Care of Parish for a virtual trivia night. Trivia questions will include general questions, in addition to specific questions about the Bible and First Church. Participants will compete as individuals or as a family unit. All are welcome to participate, although this event is primarily intended for adults. No RSVP needed. Please send any questions to Kristy Goodfellow Mills at [kristy.a.goodfellow@gmail.com](mailto:kristy.a.goodfellow@gmail.com) or 563.580.5558.

### Monday Night Meals to Go

We are grateful to renew our partnership with Sasha Bruce Youthwork as together we seek to feed those who may be hungry or living on the streets this season. To-go meals will be distributed outdoors along with PPE and resource cards on Monday evenings in front of the church. Trained volunteers are needed; please complete the doodle poll sent out by Janneke Ratcliffe to sign up if you have previously volunteered at the Drop-in Center. We give thanks for the opportunity to help make food and resource distribution possible in this season.

### Breakaway Meditation: Wednesday at 12:15

Join us by Zoom on Wednesday from 12:15- 12:45 for our weekly breakaway meditation. Together we enjoy a time of grounding our bodies, listening to a selected reading, quieting the mind, and entering into a time of silent meditation with one another. All are welcome to attend!

#### Prayer List

Prayers healing for the family of Priscilla Waters, following the sudden death of her grand-niece Bryana, especially for Bryana's children.

Prayers of healing for the Goodfellow Mills family as they recover from COVID-19.

All those who mourn the loss of a beloved one.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the coronavirus vaccine.

Families struggling to eat and make ends meet this holiday season.

Prayers for the safe and successful transition of the incoming Biden administration.

Dwan Reece and Peter Parsons

Garnell Yarbrough, for continued healing

Immigrants in the Farmville ICE Detention Center

The Latinx and immigrant communities who are suffering

and for the Congregational Action Network

seeking to support and resource the congregations that serve them.

People's UCC, our sibling congregation

Emmanuel Okorie-Dunn and Ellen Bushmiller, who serve as nurses.

Rev. Laura Johnson and Rev. Diana Gomez de Molina, who serve as chaplains.

Hospital employees and first responders

Pat Ashbrook • Don Bassler



Ministers – Friends & Members of the Church  
Designated Senior Minister – Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss  
Associate Minister – Rev. Sam McFerran  
Director of Music – Mr. John Horman  
Building Manager – Mr. Byron Adams  
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