

January 24-31, 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 as we reflect on the theme, "Called into Newness." Our 2020 Moderator, Kim Darling, will lead us in the Call to Worship and Renewal of our Covenant as she prepares to pass the torch to John Smeltzer in our Annual Meeting. Rev. Sam will offer a time with our children. Rev. Amanda will preach on the call story from the gospel of Mark, and we will be blessed by a musical contribution from violinist Mary Hayes. Please plan to join us.

Following worship we invite you to stay on the call as we move into our Annual Meeting to vote on our budget.

This Sunday following Worship: Annual Congregational Meeting

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 reps

Connect with Rev. Amanda this Winter

[Click here](#) to schedule a time to connect with Rev. Amanda on a one-to-one basis by Zoom or phone this winter. This is an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to continue getting to know Rev. Amanda, sharing in a time of conversation and, if desired, pastoral support and prayer for these times. She would love to connect with you.



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 Nora Marsh at knoramash@icloud.com

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!

COVID Vaccine Information

Hey DC seniors 65 or older and health care workers: the DC Moderna COVID vaccine rollout has begun smoothly. All eligible will be served whether you have health insurance or not.

Find the latest information at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc> or 855-363-0333.

1) Get an appointment.

- Sign up online at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc> or by phone at 855-363-0333
- Check Friday AM for available appointments; the call line opens at 8 AM.
- Check across the 30 sites for an opening
- If you have Kaiser insurance, set up your appointment through Kaiser.

2) Day of your appointment Hydrate! Bring ID, and health insurance card/ Medicare ID if you have insurance

3) Your second appointment will be 4 weeks later. Plan ahead that you may be sick for a day or two after the second shot.

4) Need help? Call Gail Sonnemann (202-286-0845), Nan McConnell (202-841-7970) or Nick McConnell (202-841-7972).

5) When you figure out the appointment process, help a friend or neighbor set up their appointment online or by phone.

Prayer List

Great joy for the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris!

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.

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



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Church Designated Senior Minister – Rev. Amanda
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