

Welcome, All Worshipers

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

“The door on which we have been knocking all our lives will open at last.”
~C.S. Lewis, “The Weight of Glory” (1948)

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(\* indicates when those who are able will stand.)  
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Prelude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER

(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***OPENING HYMN: #459 COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING** ALL VERSES

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*Call to Worship:

Leader: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

All: How wise are God's commandments!

Leader: Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

All: Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

Leader: The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

All: God's word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.

Leader: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

All: Amen!

*Opening Prayer:

All: Lord, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey; let them be our daily meditation and our study. Give us ears to hear, for we marvel at your instruction. Train us in righteousness, grant us patience and persistence, and equip us for every good work. Inspire our faith, and give us voices to proclaim your message. Guide our feet, keep us from every false way, for you alone speak the words of life. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 31:27-34, PSALM 119:97-104, 2 TIMOTHY 3:14 - 4:5

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 18:1-8

SERMON: SQUEAKY WHEELS

REV. JON GOUGEON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN: #261 LET EVERY CHRISTIAN PRAY** ALL VERSES

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

MINISTER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD. WE SHARE FROM OUR ABUNDANCE WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR JUSTICE AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

***CLOSING HYMN: #434 ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS** ALL VERSES

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*BENEDICTION

Minister: Let us join together and read responsively:

All: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Minister: And the blessing God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

***UNISON RESPONSE: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.**

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Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: **Bill Dempsey**
Altar Guild: **Deborah Butler**
Ushers: **Ron & Lynn Borke**
Fellowship Hosts: **Lynne Stewart and Bob & Diana Kelly**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Greeter: **Mary Minnick**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 16, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday October 16 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Fellowship Hour

Announcements:

- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Reverend Jon Gougeon to lead our worship service today.
- ❖ Neighbors in Need (NIN) donations may be brought to a Sunday service, dropped off at the office, or mailed to the church. Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church with "NIN" on memo line.
- ❖ The following items are currently needed for our Feed A Family Program:
Children's canned food (Beef-a-Roni, Ravioli, etc.), canned peaches and mixed fruit, and Suddenly Salads packets.
- ❖ Please remember to sign the Care Letter for David Veasy and to keep him, Tammy, and their family in your prayers.

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 30, 11:00 am
On the Front Lawn

Fresh Pressed Cider with Tom Cook and Knaebe's Donuts
Bring Your Lawn Chair and Join the Fun!

*We welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case, Pastor Emeritus

Organist & Choir Director: *Kat Tomaszewski*

Office Administrator: *Judy Suszek*

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A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary.  
A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.  
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