

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 13, 2022



Faith First. Love Always.

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

We welcome you this day and are glad you made the choice to join us for this worship service. May it be a blessing to you.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



*God puts the wiggle in children
and calls it good... and so do we!*

At First Church, we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the church, and to one another.

To welcome children as they are in worship, we've created the **PrayGround**, located in the front of the chapel (right side of the Meetinghouse) where children and others can engage in worship through movement and prayerful play.

The **PrayGround** offers space for movement and sensory materials for all ages to worship with and through. The presence of all God's children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all.



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FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Don and Phyllis Freeman
in loving memory of their parents.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

*Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row near the center aisle,
then pass it back to the center aisle, noting the names of those worshipping near you
so you may greet them at the end of worship.*

CALL TO ANNUAL GIVING

Jenny Gartner

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Bill DeHaven

PRELUDE

Cortège
Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With what shall we come before our God?
All: **With a passion for justice.**
One: With what shall we come before our God?
All: **With a heart for kindness.**
One: With what shall we come before our God?
All: **With a humble desire to walk with God.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Tune: Engelberg



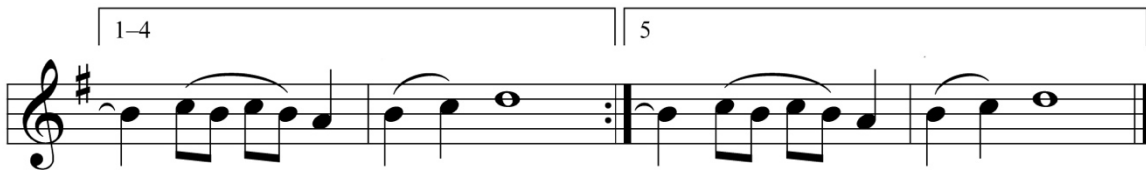
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ROLE CALL OF CANDIDATES

Bruce Glover

COMMITMENT OF CANDIDATES

Clergy: We are called of God to be disciples through Jesus Christ. Today. We welcome each of you to join us in the joy of God's service through the work of First Congregational Church of Greenwich.

Church Council Chair: Friends in Christ, we bid you welcome. We greet you as fellows in Christ. Our purpose is to promote the increase of the love of God and neighbor. Will you now unite yourself with the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, accepting our shared responsibilities of faith, praying and working for our mutual use, sustaining worship, supporting wider mission and living with us in the joys of friendship and fellowship?

Candidates: We will!

Clergy: We believe in the freedom of responsibility of the individual soul and the right of private judgment. We join in fellowship with other congregations of the United Church of Christ in declaring our steadfast dedication to the faith which our forbearers confessed, which from age to age has found its expression in the historic tenets of the Church Universal and of our Communion and in affirming our loyalty to the basic principles of our representative democracy. This we believe.

The Covenant (in unison)

We believe in God, infinite in wisdom and love, in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit who renews, comforts, and inspires us. We are united in seeking to know the will of God as taught in Scripture and to walk in the ways of Christ. As Jesus accepted, welcomed, and embraced all people without exception, so do we accept all who join with us in our journey to be people of faith. We accept the mission of this church to proclaim the gospel, to worship God and to work for a more compassionate world. Trusting in the Spirit, we promise to support each other in love, that through our faith the world will be made new.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(During the response, the children will go to Church School.)

RESPONSE

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands



He's got the whole world__ in his hands, he's got the whole world__ in his hands, he's got the



whole world_____ in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 9: 9-13
New International Version
Lynn Robertson

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

DUET

Who Calls My Parting Soul (from *Esther*)
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano
Daniel Young, tenor

SECOND LESSON

Micah 1: 3-5, 5: 2-5, 6: 6-8
New International Version

Look! The Lord is coming from his dwelling place;
he comes down and treads on the heights of the earth.
The mountains melt beneath him
and the valleys split apart,
like wax before the fire,
like water rushing down a slope.

All this is because of Jacob's transgression,
because of the sins of the people of Israel.
What is Jacob's transgression?
Is it not Samaria?
What is Judah's high place?
Is it not Jerusalem?

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."

Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.

He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

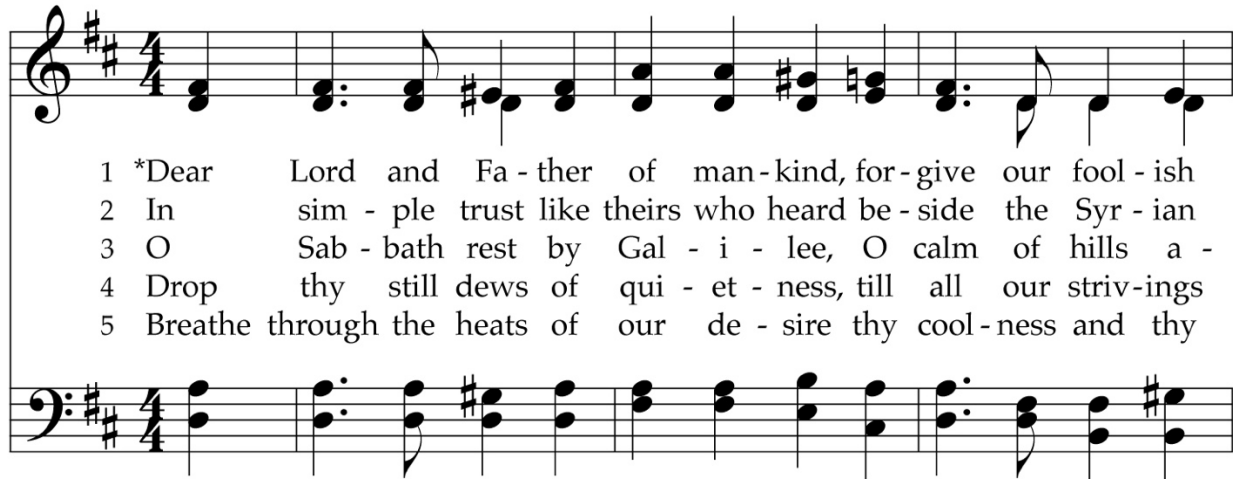
And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

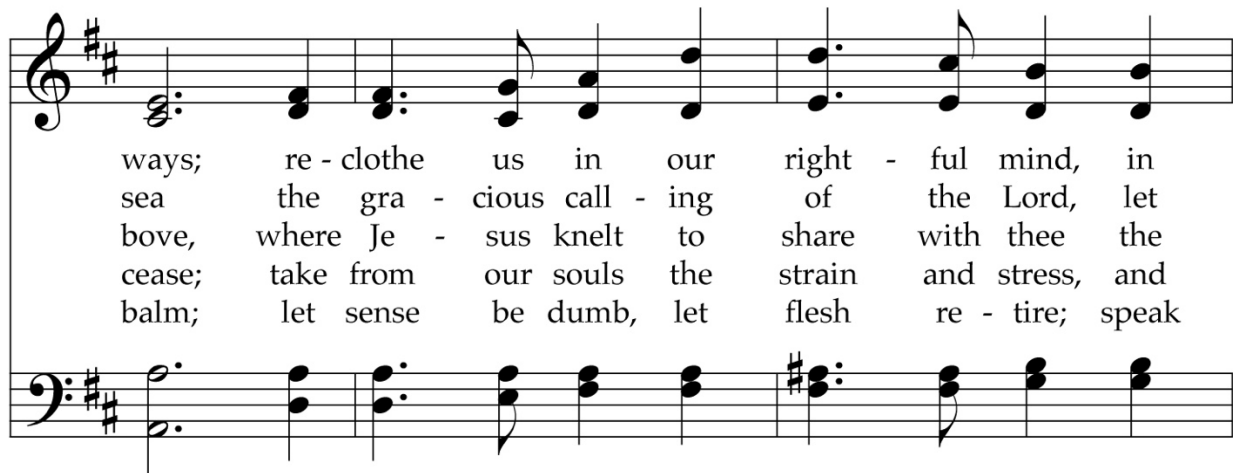
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

MESSAGE

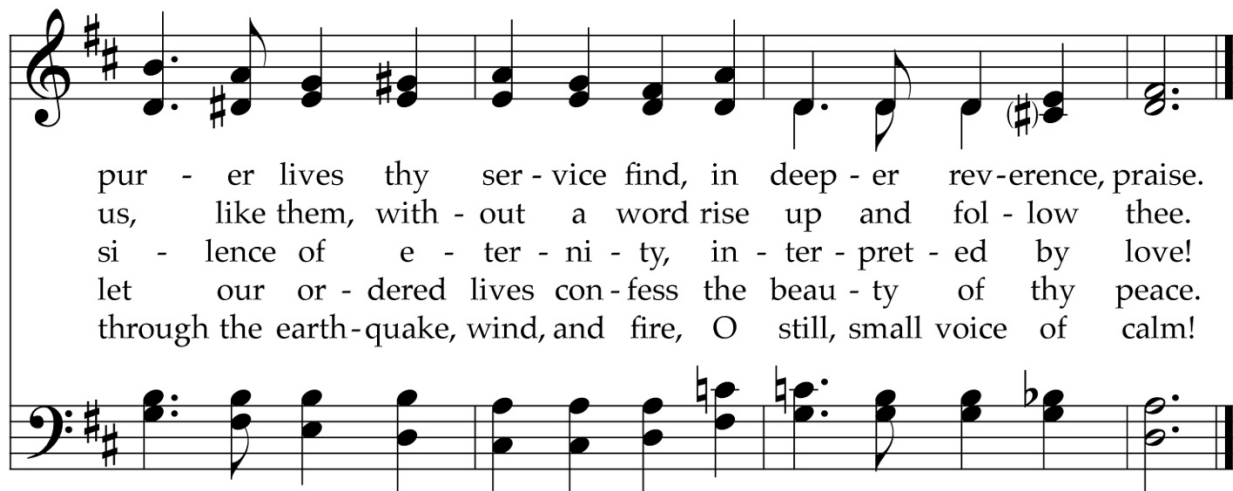
Walking Humbly
Reverend Patrick Collins



1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Judy Gordon

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

The Chancel Choir

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O man, he has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:6-8

†DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

The Lord Is God

Tune: Azmon

1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord Is God' in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four lines of lyrics corresponding to the four measures of the melody. The second system continues the melody and lyrics. The bass line is a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are: '1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise', '2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,', '3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,', '4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise', 'to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.', 'O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.', 'O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.', 'to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.'

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Pageant

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Giusi DiFrenna – Giusi comes to First Congregational Church by reaffirmation of faith. Giusi, (pronounced juicy), was born and raised in Italy, and loves working with horses.

Susan & Cate Elliott-Bocassi- Susan and Cate come to First Congregational Church by reaffirmation of faith. Susan and Cate have been attending First Church for years and are the parents to Nico and Alida who are active Celebration Singers. Susan and Cate...

Vanessa Grano – Vanessa comes to First Congregational Church by reaffirmation of faith. Vanessa has an amazing job delivering babies at Greenwich Hospital. She loves her pets, her two children, extended family, and many friends. Vanessa has always felt fortunate to have the church and cemetery as her neighbor, and now she belongs.

Art & Sarah Jenkins – Art and Sarah come to First Congregational Church by reaffirmation of faith. Art collects hobbies, from gardening, canning, inventing, boating, sailing, or anything where he can exercise his mind and be creative. He loves spending time with his family and has the great joy of working with his wife. Art is a neurosurgeon and Sarah is a nurse practitioner. Art is happy to have found a church community to call home, as their family has been through some changes the last several years. Sarah is grateful to help people alongside her husband as a nurse practitioner. She is passionate about music, skiing, and learning new skills. Having been away from church for a while, she is happy to have found a warm and welcoming community of faith to start this new phase in their family life.

David Propp – David comes to First Congregational Church by confession of faith. David grew up in a mixed faith family and studied Franciscan and Tibetan Buddhist Mystical practices. He worked for years as an educational psychotherapist. David was a member of the national field hockey team and an ultrarunner. He has varied musical interests, including performing in a musical consort.

Elmer Segura & Angelica Castro – Elmer and Angelica come to First Congregational Church by reaffirmation of faith. Elmer is a local electrician who was an integral part of the team who renovated the Meetinghouse. Elmer and Angelica were married at First Church and they were the first couple to hold the wedding ceremony and reception in the Meetinghouse. Elmer and Angelica have two daughters who are very excited to be here. Elmer loves futbol (soccer) and they are excited to get to know the congregation.

James & Olivia Utton – James and Olivia come to First Congregational Church by reaffirmation of faith. They moved to Connecticut from NYC during the pandemic. James was born and raised in Connecticut and views Riverside and Old Greenwich as the best area to raise a family! Olivia is an animal lover, mom to a one-year-old, and works in customer success in digital media. She is an avid runner and excited to join the congregation as she is seeking community as a result of the relocation and being new to town. James is a passionate person with a love for sports, stories and spending quality time with family and friends.

Nancy Wisecup Tar – Nancy comes to First Congregational Church by letter of transfer. Nancy has always been a very bible-oriented person. She tried to raise her children with the teachings of Christ in mind. Nancy is a 50-plus year nurse and has always tried to care for her patients with the commitment and compassion Christ taught us.

Julie & Bryan Wrapp – Julie and Bryan grew up in Westport as members of Greens Farms Congregational Church. They were excited to learn about another congregational church so close to their home. Julie and Bryan moved to Old Greenwich in September of 2020 and live here now with their one-year-old son, and dog Remi. They are excited to meet the community and introduce their son to the faith and values of First Church.

Join us for Community Hour following worship this morning, where you can greet our new members and have a cup of coffee with some light snacks.

COMMUNITY
oooooooo
HOUR

BELIEVE! FINDING FAITH IN TED LASSO

FINAL CLASS

Wednesday, November 16

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. First Church Lounge

Join us for this limited Faith Formation series as we explore the many ways Ted infuses faith into his life and work as a Premier League Football coach who has only coached American Football.



THE RUMMAGE ROOM

Needs for this week are -

- Children's winter clothing
- Jewelry
- Ladies handbags

Shopping hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., with the same hours for donation drop off.



WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL? THE KETTLE QUILTERS!

Do you have any unfinished knitting, cross stitching, needlepoint, or quilting projects? A few Kettle Quilters would be happy to help those who want to start or finish a project.



Please contact Betsy Kreuter 698-3069, Hilary Lawrence 203 637-0590, or Pat Geismar 203 637-3597. Once we know who is interested and when they are free, we will set a time to get together.



CONCERT TODAY

Sunday, November 13, 4 p.m.
St Mark's Episcopal, 111 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan

Works of César Franck - Part 2

Prelude, Fugue, and Variation; Fantasie in C; E Major and A minor chorales; vocal pieces performed by
 Linnea Conley, Daniel Young, Thomas Woodman
 (Craig Symons, organist)

Played by members of the Fairfield West Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

56TH ANNUAL MESSIAH

We're just about a month away from
 our Messiah performance on
Saturday, December 10 at 4 p.m.

It's not too early to start thinking about
 joining the chorus to sing this holiday
 favorite. Full details available on our
 website!



FIRST CHURCH ADVENT CRAFT FAIR **Sunday, December 4, 2022** **Daniels Center 12 - 2 p.m.**

~ A Light Lunch Will Be Served ~

All ages welcome - bring a friend
 Please sign up [HERE](#) so we know
 how many crafts and food to prepare.

OUTREACH GIVING AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

56th Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale Tree Sale Volunteers - Sign Ups Now Open



The 2022 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale begins on Saturday, November 26th and runs through Sunday, December 4.

Volunteers are the KEY to the success of the sale, which raised over \$30,000 for local charities last year. It is also a wonderful introduction of First Church to new residents in the community. There are jobs for ALL volunteers. We need welcoming greeters, cashiers, and salespeople. Please scan the code below to sign up. Please help us help those in need and make First Church shine!

THE GIVING TREE

THE GIVING TREE FOR H.O.M.E. AND PILGRIM TOWERS IS OPEN!

The trees will be displayed with gift tags on Sunday November 13th. All gifts should be returned to the stage in the auditorium before the 10am service on Sunday, November 13th or 20th, or to the Harvest Sunday drive-by drop on Sunday, November 20th from 11:30am – 2:00pm. Thank you in advance for making a holiday wish come true for a client of H.O.M.E. or a resident of Pilgrim Towers! Scan the code below to make your wishes selections online if you prefer.



H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR

Handmade quilts, Christmas decorations and gifts, pottery, wooden toys, weavings, homemade jams, maple syrup, and many more crafts from Maine will be for sale in the Auditorium. All proceeds will benefit the H.O.M.E. community in Orland, Maine.



Dates/Times are:

Saturday, November 19th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 20th 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE HARVEST SUNDAY



DONATE FRESH FOOD FOR NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

We have an online option so you can shop for fresh food donations from the comfort of your home. The fresh selections will be delivered for free to Neighbor to Neighbor.

To shop at GiveHealthy.org for fresh food donations requested by Neighbor to Neighbor [Click Here](#) or see the link in the Friday eblast.

DONATE SHELF STABLE FOOD FOR NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR AND H.O.M.E.

We will hold our traditional collection of shelf-stable food during the 10:00 a.m. service on Harvest Sunday, November 20. Shopping bags will be available in the Meetinghouse on Sunday, November 13th, and in the office during the week. If you prefer, food may also be delivered to the drive by, drop off on Sunday, November 20th from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

Suggested food: Canned Meats, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pasta and Sauce, Oatmeal, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetables

HARVEST SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS – SIGN UPS NOW OPEN

DONATE FRESH FOOD FOR NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

[CLICK HERE](#), or scan the code below to sign up to receive donations at the drive by drop off on Harvest Sunday, November 20th. Shifts are short and the benefit to N2N and H.O.M.E. is long lasting!

**Scan the code for links to Giving Tree online wishes and Harvest Sunday Volunteers, and Christmas Tree Sale Volunteers.
Also see fccog.org or the Friday eblast. Thank you!**





UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Celebrate the holidays with your First Church family!

Join us Join us for fun, generous hors d' oeuvres, and a full bar

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **10 a.m. Children's Service** especially designed for younger children and their families, with a live nativity pageant and music by The Cherub Choir.
- **3 p.m. Family Service** with "Once in Royal David's City" pageant and music by The Celebration Singers.
- **5 p.m. Community Candlelight Carol Sing** on the front lawn of the church.
- **6 p.m. Festival Carol Service** with candlelight and music by a brass quintet and The Chancel Choir.
- **9 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion** and music by The Genesis/Alumni Choir and harp.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10 A.M.

Breakfast Church in the Auditorium

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Narrative Lectionary Kid's Bulletin

November 13, 2022

Micah [1:3-5];

5:2-5a; 6:6-8

Micah

God's people were scared. There were big armies all around them, ready to destroy them. God's people didn't know what would happen.

Micah had hard words for them. "God is frustrated with you. You ask God for help, but you don't keep your promises to God. You have forgotten all that God has done for you."

The people said, "We'll make it right. We'll give God cows, oil, even our own kids. If we just give God the right things, we'll be okay."

Micah shook his head. "God doesn't want all those things. God just wants you to be kind and fair to each other, and to walk humbly with God."

"Ah," the people said. "That sounds harder than giving God lots of things."

Micah smiled. "Yes, it is harder. But it's worth it."



REMEMBER THIS

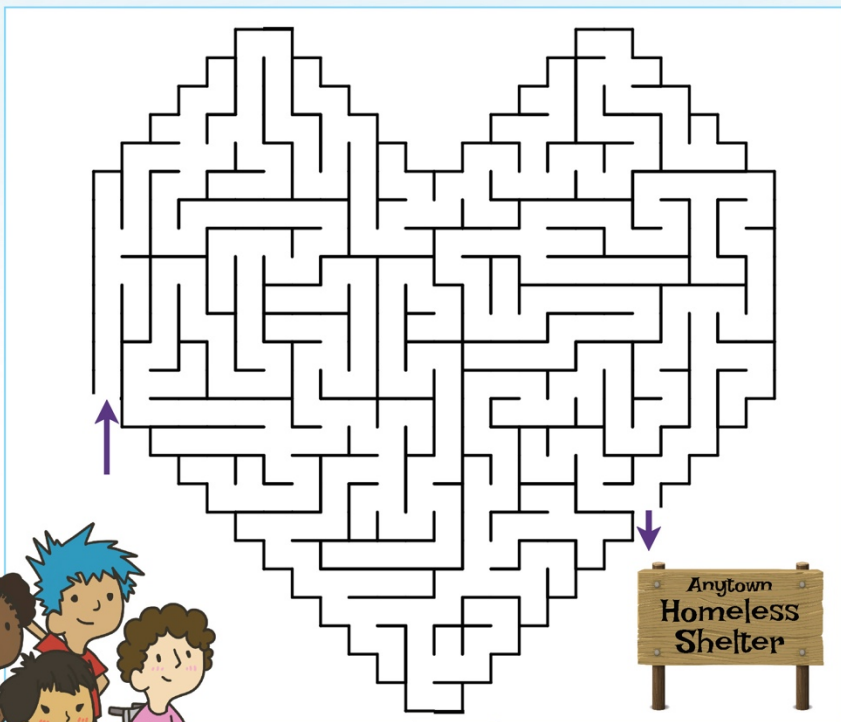
HUMILITY

Humility, or being humble, means not thinking you are better or worse than anyone else.

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WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD

Help the kids take a quiet walk with God to volunteer at the homeless shelter.



TRY IT AT HOME!

Put a quarter in a jar every time someone in your family does something kind. Donate the jar to a charity that works for justice.



Did You Know?

Micah is one of sixteen books in the Bible named after prophets. Other ones are Habakkuk, Nahum, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Joel, and Malachi.

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Draw a picture of a time you were kind
or someone was kind to you.

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