



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



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## Generation to Generation: There is Room for Every Story

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**Welcome to The First Congregational Church Boulder**, a community of faith on a journey of faith. Founded in 1864, the first church built in Boulder, we have been gathering ever since as a community of kindred hearts to worship, to learn and grow in the light of God's grace, to extend ourselves in compassionate service, and to be instruments of God's transformation in the world.

As a member congregation of the United Church of Christ, we believe "God is still speaking." We listen and open our lives to the movement of God's Spirit stirring us up in the new thing God is always doing in our midst. We trust as our Pilgrim forbears prayed, "There is yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word."

Our commitment to the extravagant love of Jesus makes the words, "All are Welcome," as inclusive as they sound. We are glad you are here: believers and agnostics, conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, people brimming with hope and those who wander in despair, people of all races, cultures, and abilities, of all gender identities and sexual orientations. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you would like to **DEDICATE FLOWERS** in a loved one's honor or memory for an upcoming Sunday service, please contact Cathy Woods, 303-579-4918 or [flowers@firstcong.net](mailto:flowers@firstcong.net) Also, people may contribute for flowers using this giving form. <https://onrealm.org/firstcong/give/flowers>

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The church office is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm. If you need to visit the church or speak with Julie Griffiths please plan to come by during those hours.

**TODDLERS AND PRE/K'S** In celebration of the First Sunday of Advent, we will start our exploration of the Christmas Story

**ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVE** Sunday. Begin in Worship and leave with the Serve Sunday Leaders. See pickup locations on Sheet on Chapel Door.

**YOUTH INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE** Youth who play an instrument bring it to the Grace Gallery (HS Room) and practice a piece for the first Sunday of December with Julia and Er-Hsuan. Ensemble does NOT go to worship. All youth with instruments are invited!

**COVID PROTOCOLS:** Masks are optional.

We have a **HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** which sends sound directly into a hearing aid/cochlear implant. Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. Or, in both the Sanctuary and Chapel, pocket-sized FM receivers are also available from the ushers. BYO earbuds or use the new ones provided. **WHEELCHAIRS** are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

## YOUR GIVING

Online or in-person, you can count on the nurturing ministry of FCC Boulder Church. Each one of us plays an important part, including through our financial support. You may contribute **BY CHECK** to the church and mail to: First Congregational Church Boulder, 1128 Pine St. Boulder, CO 80302. Contribute by **TEXT-TO-GIVE** by texting: 73256 with the message joy2givefcc. Contribute **ELECTRONICALLY:** Sign in to your account in Realm, the church's database, where you may make an ACH payment from your bank account or contribute by credit card.



### IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT?

Please scan the QR and have a look around our website, be sure to sign up for our weekly email.

## STAFF

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman *Senior Minister* | Rev. Linda Kowatch *Associate Minister*

Rev. Deborah Voss *Director of Christian Education* | Dr. Kajsa Teitelbaum *Director of Music*

Julie Griffiths *Office & Facilities Manager* | Christopher Carter *Communication Specialist* | Renee Loewen *Accountant*

Julia Wirth *Director of Children's Music* | Jessica Kressin *Chancel Choir Accompanist*

Er-Hsuan Li *Children's Choirs Accompanist* | Ginger Johnson *Child Care Coordinator*

Angie Dickinson Mickle and Sam Botnick | *Lead AV Techs*



## SONG OF PRAYER

Prayer of Saint Francis

S. McLachlan

Kajsa Teitelbaum, Rebecca Flintoft, Jeanne Quinn vocals

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

### OFFERTORY

Of the Parents Heart Begotten  
Chancel Choir

Gregorian chant

Of the Parent's heart begotten  
when the worlds were yet to be,  
One there was with no beginning,  
One who is eternally -  
Source and ending of all things that have been  
and all things that are to be,  
forever and forever.

By this Word was all created,  
by this Word were all things done:  
Land and air and deepest ocean,  
harmony of three in one,  
And all growing in the luminance  
shed forth from the moon and sun  
forever and forever.

Blessed dawning of salvation  
as the Word is breathed in grace  
Into earthly flesh receiving  
God incarnate taking place;

Now the light of God revealed  
through the Child of human face,  
forever and forever.

Now behold the One whom prophets  
have foretold for ages long  
On the faithful page of scripture,  
seers and sages in their song;  
Now the Promised One shines forth!  
Let all earth its praise prolong  
forever and forever.

Depths and heights break forth in singing,  
angels, saints make melody,  
All dominions, every power sing,  
make new psalms of ecstasy,  
Let no heart refrain from praising God,  
celebrate in harmony,  
forever and forever.

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (singing)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, throughout all generations you have provided for your people.  
Today you continue to bless us with resources and talents.  
We offer all that we have and all that we are back to you to be used by you so that this  
generation and the ones to come will know your justice and peace. Amen.

### \*HYMN #522

I Love to Tell the Story

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Toccata on Of the Parents Love Begotten

D. Cherwien

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **2022 Alternative Gift Markets - Starting Today**

Alternative Gift Markets will be open in the Link during coffee hour on Sunday, November 27, due to the Soup Kitchen in Plymouth Hall. Burke and Vivian Burbank will be present that day with their jewelry and southwestern art. The market tables will also be open in Plymouth Hall for all three Sundays in Advent during December.

## **Meet the Burbanks - Today at Noon - Standish Room and Zoom**

Please join us after coffee hour on November 27 to greet Vivian and Burke Burbank, our 2019 Artists in Residence. Bring your questions about life in the Navajo Nation, traditions, customs, and any other topic.

## **Strategic Plan Implementation Teams**

The congregation approved the Strategic Plan on October 30, and now Implementation Teams are taking the next steps in figuring out how to really make the strategies work. Volunteers are needed for Goal 1 (Missions and Social Justice) and Goal 3 (Caring Congregation). If you have expertise and interest in this work, please contact Karen Cumbo (kjcumbo@gmail.com). Volunteers are also needed for focus groups to meet once or twice to help each of the four Teams.

## **Fellowship of the Grape - Friday, 12/2 from 6 to 8 pm**

Please join Jeanne and Tom Lounsbury at their home, 2852 Clear Creek Ln Lafayette for FOG. Please bring an appetizer and wine if coming as a couple, or either a snack or beverage if coming solo. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, so everyone over 21 is invited.

## **Lights of December Parade and Jingle Mingle - Saturday, 12/3, 4:15-8:00 pm**

Our FCC float will once again be in Boulder's Lights of December Parade and we invite you all to join us. We are "rebranding" our float this year with the theme: We take PRIDE in Christmas! We will keep our traditional Nativity but add lots of rainbow colors and a rainbow star above the creche. A potluck starts at 4:15; we get into costumes and lights starting at 5:15 and we meet up with our float at 6pm. Following the Lights of December Parade, join us for a merry Open House! Cookies, Cocoa, Cider, and Crafts. Congregational Bells will be ringing! Santa Claus will be with us to day hello! ALL are welcome to join us!

## **MLT Forum - Give the Gift of Peace of Mind - Sunday, 12/4, 9:30 to 10:15 - Standish Room**

Give the Gift of Peace of Mind: Talking About What Gives Your Life Meaning. Everyone, including young people, should share their ideas about what gives life meaning. Let's start with our own church family! Join the Ministry of Last Things (MLT) to view a few videos that will jump-start a series of vital conversations and increase our comfort level with being mortal and with the many dimensions of end-of-life planning.

## **Caroling at Chautauqua - Saturday, 12/10 from 3:00 to 4:15 pm**

Meet at 3:00 pm behind the Chautauqua Dining Hall to join church friends to sing hearty Christmas carols

## **Share-A-Gift Donation Collection - Today through 12/11**

Share-A-Gift gratefully accepts donations of new toys, but we also encourage and accept gently used toys, books, bikes, games and puzzles, as well as gifts for older children (12-14). Share-A-Gift allows children to meaningfully participate in gift-giving by sharing their own toys and books with families who will appreciate getting them. A collection box is set up in the Link.

## **Music Sunday - Sunday, 12/11 - 10:30 am Worship**

At 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on YouTube, join our Chancel Choir and Faith Singers with orchestra as they sing "Requiem for the Living." Traditionally, a Requiem is a prayer for the deceased, but composer Dan Forrest has composed this work as a prayer for light, peace, and rest for the living so that it serves as an expression of our hopeful longing in the season of Advent.

## **CAT Forum - How is Boulder Addressing the Climate Crisis? - Sunday, 12/11 at 11:45 am - Standish Room**

Join the Climate Action Team (CAT) in discussing How is Boulder Addressing the Climate Crisis? Jonathan Koehn, Climate Initiatives Director for the City of Boulder, will describe the city's efforts in: building electrification, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and natural climate solutions. Please join us.



## HOLIDAY WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

### **Saturday, December 3**

- 4:15 pm Family Potluck, Plymouth Hall
- 5:30 pm Congregational Bell Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Lights of December Parade
- 7:00 pm Jingle Mingle, Plymouth Hall

### **Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30 am Ministry of Last Things (MLT) Forum in Standish Room  
Give the Gift of Peace of Mind: Talking about What Gives Your Life Meaning
- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online on YouTube

### **Saturday, December 10**

- 3:00 pm Caroling at Chautauqua (Baseline and 9th Street) behind the Dining Hall

### **Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent Music Sunday**

- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online on YouTube
- 11:45 am Climate Action Team (CAT) Forum: Alternative Transportation
- 1:30 pm Congregational Bells at Chautauqua (Baseline and 9th Street) behind Dining Hall

### **Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online on YouTube
- 10:30 am Children Caroling During Worship
- 11:30 am Farewell for Now Reception for Kajsa and Family
- 12:30 pm LGBTQIA+ and Allies Lunch Bunch Christmas Gathering

### **Tuesday, December 20 Blue Christmas Evening Prayer**

- 7:00 pm Online Only

### **Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

- 4:00 pm Christmas Pageant in the Sanctuary and on YouTube
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Lessons and Carols  
with Congregational Bells and Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary and on YouTube
- 8:00 pm Reception for College Student, Heritage Room
- 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Lessons and Carols  
with a Brass Ensemble and soprano Katia Kotcherguina in Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 25 A Storybook Christmas**

- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on YouTube
- 11:30 am Potluck Christmas Brunch

### **Sunday, January 1 Epiphany Breakfast Church**

- 10:30 am In Site: Breakfast Church in Plymouth Hall
- 10:30 am Online: A pre-recorded Epiphany Worship Service will premiere

