



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



The Second Sunday of Advent - Jesus Wept

December 5, 2021 | 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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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.

CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children and youth are welcome to attend worship with their parents. Childcare and Sunday School through High School are also available. **INFANT/TODDLER** care is available in the Toddler Room located downstairs (use elevator or west stairway). At the bottom of the stairs/elevator, turn right and go up the 3 steps to the Early Childhood area and the first door on your left is the Toddler Room. Ginger Johnson, an early childhood educator, supervises our Toddler Room. An usher can help you find the elevator or stairs

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL children will gather in the Link (the area adjacent to the plaza) with Deborah and will go upstairs to room 314 for Sunday School. **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL** Youth gather in the link with Calvin and youth leaders. Calvin can advise week to week where the youth will be meeting, often off-site at a coffee shop. **COVID PROTOCOLS:** All children 2 years and older will be asked to wear a mask. All adults working with children and youth are masked. When Sunday School is indoors, the room has an air purifier and open windows for air circulation.

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 your financial support. Thank you! 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.

STAFF

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman *Senior Minister* | Rev. Pedro Silva *Associate Minister*
Rev. Deborah Voss *Director of Christian Education* | Dr. Kajsa Teitelbaum *Director of Music*
Calvin Hardy *Director of Youth Ministries* | Linda Kowatch *Seminary Intern*
Julie Griffiths *Office & Facilities Manager* | Christopher Carter *Communication Specialist* | Renee Loewen *Accountant*
Julia Wirth *Director of Children's Music* | Jessica Kressin *Chancel Choir Accompanist*
Boheng Wang *Children's Choirs Accompanist* | Ginger Johnson *Child Care Coordinator*
Angie Dickinson Mickle and Sam Botnick | *Lead AV Techs*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine
Chancel Choir

Arr. J. Leavitt

WELCOME

Rev. Pedro Senhorinha Silva II

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We are wait - - - ing for you.
We are wait - - - ing for you.

We are wait - - - ing for you.
You are wait - - - ing for us, too.

We are wait - - - ing for you.
We are wait - - - ing for you.

We are wait - - - ing for you.
You are wait - - - ing for us, too.

Lighting & Prayer:

8:30am Eric & Altea Nickell

10:30am Shannon Halgren & David Mollerstuen

Bridge
add parts 1 at a time

Let us be a sign of hope Let us be your arms of love Let us be the

ones that say there is _____ a - noth - er way. _____ Let us be a _____ We are

We are wait - - - ing for _____ you. _____ You are wait - - -

ing for us, _____ too. _____

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN

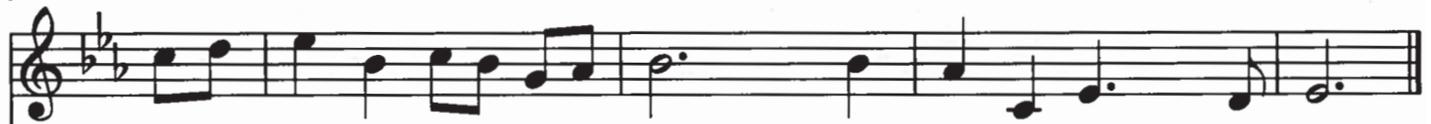
Return, My People
Song Leader: Susan Rose



1 Re - turn, my peo - ple, Is - ra - el, with pen - i - ten - tial tear;
2 Fear not, be - lov - ed, hear - ken now: our God has done great things!
3 Then to the faith - ful of the earth the call of God rings clear:



just as the proph-et did fore - tell the ad - vent of Em-man-u - el,
Your vin - di - ca - tion shall pour down like rain up - on the bar - ren ground,
"Re - turn, my peo - ple, claim your worth, pre - par - ing for your Sav - ior's birth;



God's reign on earth is near! God's reign on earth is near!
glad tid - ings to you bring, glad tid - ings to you bring.
my reign on earth is near. My reign on earth is near."

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Linda Kowatch

One Who Truly Knows Us,
We know that we have kept you waiting.
We pray now for us to see that the wait to be over.
So, reveal yourself to us in whatever form we need,
That we might see you as you are.
For it is when we see you as you are,
That we will see ourselves as you see us.
And at the end of all seeing is love unimaginable.
So, what are we waiting for?
To be perfect in our own sight
Even though you gave Christ to humanity
While humanity was in the act of denying Christ?
Jesus openly weeps because he meets us where we are
So that we can awaken to the knowledge
That you are right here with us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 11:30-37

SERMON

Jesus Wept

Pedro S. Silva II

SOLO

God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn

T. Troeger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Kowatch

LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand Version)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

COMMUNION PRAYER

Refrain

Now - ell, now - ell, now - ell, now -
ell, born in a man-ger, Em - man - u - el.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The congregation seated in the sanctuary is invited to come forward down the center aisle to pick up a cup with communion elements to take back to your seat by the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are ready to take them together. The cups are filled with grape juice. The bread is gluten free. After worship has ended, you may bring your used cups to the narthex where ushers will collect them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come to the Table of Grace

B. Hamm

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm
ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of Grape and Grain,
thank you for feeding us with the food that fills all hungers
and the drink that quenches all thirsts.
Show us now how to feed others.
Let this sacrament of the human experience do its work in us,
so that we might do your work in the world.
In way of Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in every age be -
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a
 set - by change, but Spir - it led, Must
 vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry For
 car - ing church that longs to be A
 claim and test its her - i - tage and
 shel - ter and for bread to eat, and
 part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and
 keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 nev - er live be - fore they die.
 clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Farther Along
 Susan Rose

W. T. Baxter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour on the Plaza - Today after 10:30 am Worship

We invite you to join us after worship for a time of conversation and refreshments outdoors on the Plaza immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. Thank you to the members of the Board of Community Life for hosting us and arranging for refreshments.

Alternative Market and More: Gifting That Makes a Difference

Shop at the Alternative Gift Market, the Navajo art and jewelry station, and the Mindful Works table in the Link each Sunday in Advent. Your purchase might buy books for children in Ethiopia, plant trees in Central America, assist with services for Navajo families, or support employment opportunities for people with mental health challenges. Then give the special items to another person--that is gifting that makes a difference! *See your Weekly email to learn more about the projects and how to purchase.*

Join Us on Christmas Eve for Candlelight, Silent Night, and Joy to the World!

By letting us know now through your registration which service you hope to attend, you help us to plan safely for all who want to join in person. *Please see your weekly email for registration links!*

4:00 pm Listen to Christmas: All Ages Pop Up Pageant

Outdoors on the Plaza

7:00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols (also streamed on YouTube)

Musical Prelude begins at 8:15 pm

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10:00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Musical Prelude begins at 9:45 pm

Advent to Epiphany Labyrinth - Sunday, November 28 through Thursday, January 6

Mowed through a field at Only Sunshine Farm, the home of David and Laura Skaggs, this labyrinthian path invites you through Scripture and poetry to travel with Mary and Joseph, shepherds, angels, and magi to the manger. Park in the Skaggs' driveway to come and go any time from morning light to evening dusk, any day of the week until January 6. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring kids! Invite friends!

7428 N 73rd Street, Niwot, near Niwot Road & Route 119

Advent Pilgrimage and Calling Conversation - Wednesday, December 1 from 11 am to Noon on Zoom

The Collegeville Institute has invited us to create an online version of our Advent Pilgrimage. Join folks from other parts of the country to experience it and participate in a conversation about our callings in different seasons of the church year. Register here (<https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/TEYO4DATJ0>) to receive the Zoom link.

Congregational Bells at Chautauqua Winter Fest - Saturday, December 11, at 1:00 pm

Come listen to our very own Congregational Bells as they ring at the Chautauqua Winter Fest on Saturday, December 11, at 1:00 pm. Enjoy strolling in the park, explore all the holiday activities, including a horse-drawn carriage ride, a visit to Santa's cottage, and much more! If you stick around you can also join our carolers, which sing between 2:00-3:00 pm. See separate announcement below for more information.

Memorial Service for Victims of Gun Violence - Sunday, December 12 at Noon in the Sanctuary

On this Sunday closest to the anniversary of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School when 20 children and 6 adults were killed, we gather to mourn for them as well as to remember all the victims of gun violence. We include our 10 Boulder neighbors killed in the shooting at King Soopers in March. We will pray for them, light candles to remember them, lament the violence in our world, and commit ourselves to future free of gun violence.

Advent in Your Mailbox!

Watch your postal mail in the coming week for an envelope from the church full of Advent expectation! If it somehow mysteriously does not arrive, please let Julie in the church office know, julie@firstcong.net, and we'll make arrangements for you to receive it. We don't want you to miss anything we have planned for you!