
First Congregational Church

January 14, 2018



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Prelude: "Five Spirituals" Powell

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

***Call to Worship**

***Processional Hymn:** "Take My Life" No. 609

***Ritual of Friendship**

ONE: On our journeys of life we meet here in this sacred space.

ALL: We affirm that we are people of the Way, we give thanks that today our paths cross.

ONE: Let us greet each other as we journey together towards fullness of life. Let us greet the one on our left and the one on our right with peace and love.

***Greeting of One Another**

The Gathering Bell

Please return and remain standing for the Responsive Reading.

***Responsive Reading**

ONE: Something made the hairs stand up on our necks.

Was it you, O God?

ALL: Was it you that we saw blowing over the water?

ONE: Was it you that we heard moving through those feet?

ALL: Was it you that we felt in the beating of our own hearts?

ONE: Was it you that called our names?

ALL: Come, O God. Come to search us. Come to know us again.

ONE: We were knit in your womb. We have tried to count your works.

**ALL: Come, O God, so that we can hear you calling our names.
Here and now.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!'- and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

¹²On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.'

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' ¹⁷Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Anthem: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" trad. Spiritual

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Choral Amen

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Simpson

***Doxology: (tune) No. 47**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Dedication of Gifts

***Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord"

No. 452

Second Reading: John 1: 43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Sermon: "Who's Voice Was That?"
Rev. Jacob Poindexter

***Hymn:** "Womb of Life, and Source of Being"

No. 14

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude: "Joshua Fought the Battle"

Simpson

News for the Pews

“Rounds and Psalms”

Your Fellowship Ministry invites you, your family, friends, and neighbors to join them in Cary Mead Hall downstairs, 2:00 pm, on Saturday, January 20, for an afternoon of fellowship and singing “Rounds and Psalms.” If you have favorite rounds and psalms, bring them along to share, as we make joyous noise together.

Lifelong Learning

Title: *Resilient Theology*

This series will be an opportunity for us to ask serious theological questions, and discuss how the ways in which we think theologically inform the ways we act theologically. It is important to understand why we hold the beliefs and artifacts of faith that we do, and to explore how these beliefs support or hinder our lives. Bring your difficult questions, but be prepared to wrestle meaning from them. Rev. Jacob will be leading to provide resources for discussions and to help support exploration.

Celebrating the Life and Work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

[Poster on p. 11 of the Bulletin]

Tomorrow, Monday, January 15 is the national holiday honoring Dr. King. First Christian Church is hosting an event that includes a community meal, opportunities for fellowship with our fellow Alaskans as we learn about The Poor People’s Campaign (Dr. King’s last effort to challenge many of the evils we face today), and a drive to supply the Food Bank of Alaska. If you have questions, contact Rev. Jacob, who is involved in planning this event.

“WX or Not”

This is the intriguing title of Dave Barber’s topic for the “Dine and Mind” on Sunday, January 28. We’ll gather for Dave’s answer to the question after our potluck hosted by the Stewardship Ministry. Save the date!

People of First Congregational Church

Senior Minister

Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter – (907) 272-8363 – jacob@revpoindexter.com

Music Ministry

Organist & Director, Northern Lights Ringers: **Caroline Valentine**

Chancel Choir Director: **Lori Parker Wasko**

Acolyte Attendant: **Laney Hanas**

Sunday Volunteers

Deacons Serving: **Claudia Kniefel and Lynn Barber**

Greeting: **Pat and Mark Ryan**

Liturgist: **Darleen Lime**

Fellowship Hour: **Jim Walker**

Usher Team: **Cathy White and Kate O'Dell**

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*The Communion Table
flowers were donated by
Verona Gentry
celebrating her son,
William's, ordination here
at FCC in 1996*

Flowers provided by Evalyn's
Floral



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This Week at First Congregational Church

Sunday, January 14

- 9:30 – Choir
- 10:30 – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 11:30 – Fellowship

Monday, January 15 **Martin Luther King Day**

- 5:30 pm – MLK Community Meal at First Christian Church
- 6:30 – 7:30 am – Primary Purpose
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Primary Purpose

Tuesday, January 16

- 10:00 – *lectio divina*
- 1:00 – FCC Staff
- 6:00 – Lifelong Learning

Wednesday, January 17

- 11:00-3:00 – Homeschool Unschool Alaska
- 5:15 – Handbells
- No Choir

Thursday, January 18

- 10:00 am – Creating Liturgia
- 1:00 pm – Primary Purpose
- 6:00 pm – Inner Peace

Saturday, January 20

- 9:30-11:30 – Organist
- 9:00-1:00 – Crow Creek Pipes and Drums
- 2:00 – Rounds and Psalms
- 3:00-10:00 – Hanson Clarinet Festival

Sunday, January 21

- 8:45 – Handbells
- 9:30 – Choir
- 10:30 – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 11:30 – Fellowship
- 12:00 – FCC Church Council

January 2018

Outreach Project for Midwinter – Comfort Caps & NICU Fleece Blankets						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship Hour 12:00 Outreach Ministry Degreening of the Church	6:30-7:30 am Primary Purpose 6:30-8:30 Primary Purpose	10:00 <i>Lectio divina</i> 1:00 FCC Staff 3:30 Stewardship Ministry 6:00 Lifelong Learning	6:00 Choir	10:00 Creating Liturgia 1:00 Primary Purpose 6:00 Inner Peace	4:00 Worship Ministry 6:30 An Evening of Instruments	9:30-11:30 Organist 9:00 am to 1:00 pm CCPD 9-4 AK Spinners and Weavers Guild
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			
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Prayer List

January 14, 2018

- Fred Young
- Friends and Family of Brandy Reed (Erin Binek's cousin)
- Ann Hutchings
- Debbie Rhea (Rev. Jacob's aunt)
- Ed Grantier
- Pinkie Richardson
- Friends and Family of Donna Benz (Julie McClure's aunt)
- Rae Hancock
- Friends and Family of Bob Rinehart
- Robert Spivey
- Sheila Henderson
- Randy Tomson
- Gordon Shortman
- Jean Kane
- Nancy Rubenstein
- Chris Roe
- Our Church Family
- Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona, CA
Celebrating Rev. Beth Bingham and her 25 years of service, and that Pilgrim Church will be a place of sacred center for the larger community.
- All the teachers, aides, staff, and volunteers who educate our children
- First responders, who risk their lives to save ours
- Our military serving at home and abroad
- All the peacekeepers, all those who serve our community, and all those in need everywhere
- Public servants, lawmakers, and politicians that they will make thoughtful decisions
- Our enemies and those who struggle in the grip of evil and addiction



Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

Join us on Martin Luther King Jr. Day
learn about the historic
Poor People's Campaign

**First Christian Church
3031 Latouche St - Anchorage**

Food drive collection for Food Bank of Alaska

COMMUNITY

**MEAL
5:30**

You can bring a dish to share or
something for the food drive

Join Us!

Childcare is available on request -
AlaskasPPC@gmail.com

MLK DAY

**JAN
15**

The Poor People's Campaign:
A National Call for Moral Revival
uniting Alaskans with tens of thousands of people across
the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism,
poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the
nation's distorted morality. Step up and join our efforts!