



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*No matter who you are, or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQ community since 1994. We welcome first time guests and include **all ages** in our worship service. We believe we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. We are a place to **belong**, a place to **heal** and a place to **love**. **At First Congregational we recognize God as a loving, creating, all-encompassing Spirit who is not limited by usual human boundaries. Therefore, we practice the use of inclusive, expansive, and non-gendered language when speaking of and to God.**

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours

Monday: Sabbath

Tuesday: 9am – 12pm

Wednesday: 9am – 12pm

Thursday: 9am – 12pm

Friday: working off site

Shannon's Office Hours

Monday: Sabbath

Tuesday: 9am – 12pm

Wednesday: 9am – 12pm

Thursday: 9am – 12pm

Friday: 9am – 12pm

Pastoral Care: Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386)478-9012 or pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

We celebrate our church staff:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle

Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott

Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker

Choir Director, Julie Houston

Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall

Olivia Beeman, Nursery Attendant

Jess Tyler, Nursery Attendant

We celebrate our church leadership:

Rich Gibson, Moderator

Lianna Campos, Vice Moderator

Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk

Jim Lootens, Treasurer

George Meier, Financial Secretary

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Rev. Shannon Abbott, Worship Leader

The altar flowers are given by Wendy Baldwin in memory of her nephew, Eric Charles Baldwin.

To the parents of our young children

God put the wiggle in children, please don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. Preschool age and younger may use the Nursery or children of all ages are invited toward the front using the Playground if you like. Keep children engaged by quietly explaining the parts of the service, actions of the pastor, worship leaders, and musicians. Sing, pray, and speak the responses; children learn worship behavior by copying you. The way we adults welcome children in church directly affects how they respond to the Church and to one another. Let all ages know that they are at home in this house of worship. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the members of our congregation

The presence of children is a gift to our church and to our community. They remind us that we are to share and pass on our faith. It is a gift to have children among us. Please welcome our children and encourage their parents with a warm smile.

Thank you.

JANUARY 26, 2020

11 A.M.

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.*

Asterisk () indicates those who choose to may stand.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	Sonatina Op. 55, No. 1, Allegro	Kuhlau
INTROIT	Arise, Shine	K. Amano
WELCOME and PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
*CALL to WORSHIP		Rev. Shannon Abbott
Come, all who hunger and thirst for justice		
God invites us to use our power for good		
Come, all who dwell in shadows, for God's light shines		
The Spirit invites us to walk in the light		
Come, all who desire to follow the path of peace		
Jesus invites us to follow the way of God's love		
*OPENING HYMN #71	Rejoice, You Pure in Heart	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
*THE PEACE		

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM	Break, Day of God!	E. Butler
<i>Break, day of God! Break, day of God!</i>		
<i>Break, day of God, O break, the night has lingered long.</i>		
<i>Our hearts with sighing wake, we weep for sin and wrong.</i>		
<i>Break, day of God! Great day of peace!</i>		
<i>Bright and Morning Star draw near, O Sun of Right appear!</i>		
<i>Break, day of God, O break. The earth with strife is torn.</i>		
<i>The hills with thunder shake and hearts of the people mourn.</i>		
<i>Break day of God, great day of peace,</i>		
<i>And bid the shout of warriors cease,</i>		
<i>O break day of God!</i>		

*Break, day of God, O break, like to the days above!
Let purity awake with faith and hope and love.
Break day of God! Great day of peace!
Lo, we see the brightening sky; the morn is drawing nigh.
Break, o break, day of God!*

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 4:12-23	Rev. Shannon Abbott
SERMON	The WISE Jesus	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
HYMN #504	You Walk along Our Shoreline	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

*We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. Please share your name so that people might get better acquainted. Loving God **hear our prayer.***

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father or Our Mother or Our Creator or Our Sacred Presence, 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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INTERLUDE	Largo	Handel
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CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly if the announcement is not in the bulletin. Please see the "Calls to Serve" for volunteer opportunities.

*Guests, please fill out a **Connect Card** found in the pew holders so that we might learn more about you. The cards may also be used to for prayer requests that will be shared through our weekly prayer chain. Please place Connect Cards in the offering plate.*

*DOXOLOGY

To you O God we here do raise
our song and gifts of thankful praise.
The Christmas Child protect from harm,
and keep all children safe and warm.

WE GO

*CLOSING HYMN #495

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Arise, Shine

K. Amano

POSTLUDE

Sonatina Op. 55, No. 1, Vivace

Kuhlau

Please remain seated for the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly. Everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.



CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Nursery Care - Life is thriving in our Playground, and we are expanding our ministry offerings to our young ones by opening up the Nursery! We welcome our new nursery attendants, Olivia and Jess, who will be with us Sundays from 10:30-12:30 to care for our children. We need volunteers to join! If you are interested in being a volunteer in the nursery, please contact Lianna Campos at lcampos33@gmail.com or 317-954-1601. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Youth Climate Day – Tuesday, January 28, 12-3pm - Pastor Sarah, the Green Team and Board of Witness and Welcome invite you to join together at the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 28 from 12 - 3 PM to support the Youth Climate Day. Bring a sack lunch and your own water bottle. There will be key speakers addresses the gathering and you may talk with your legislators if you wish. Please go to the following website to learn more and to register. We will provide FCC signs or you may bring your own to support climate legislation.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-climate-action-day-the-indiana-statehouse-tickets-85685661119Youth Climate Action Day @ the Indiana Statehouse](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-climate-action-day-the-indiana-statehouse-tickets-85685661119Youth-Climate-Action-Day-@-the-Indiana-Statehouse)

Just Peace Tip - Dharma in Hell: Buddhist Mindfulness in Prisons - Tuesday, Jan 28, 7:00 p.m. (located in the Shelton Auditorium on South Campus, Butler University)

From the office to the hospital room, the benefits of mindfulness have been scientifically proven. In this session, we learn about various efforts to improve the lives of inmates through the practice of meditation. Fleet Maull will be the keynote speaker, founder of the Prison Mindfulness Institute and author of "Dharma in Hell" and "Radical Responsibility."

Adult Class – Sunday, February 2, 9:45 a.m. - We will finish the study on "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture." This week will be on "The Grief of Loss as Divine Judgement."

New Member Sunday February 2! Our church is growing as we seek to be a place to belong, a place to heal and a place to love. If you'd like to become a member of the church, please let Pastor Sarah know (email: pastorsarah@fcindy.org). We welcome you home!

Nicaragua 2020 – February 2, after worship - On February 2nd there will be a meeting to explore FCC's next mission trip to Nicaragua. If you are interested in going or want to hear more, join us in the church library after the service. See Rita Hummel if you have questions: 317-875-8388 or rithum1970@comcast.net.

Board Retreat – Saturday, February 8 - The newly elected Boards will meet in the Mayflower Room on Saturday morning, February 8th, from 9:00am - 12:00pm. New members will get indoctrination and training in Board activities and responsibilities. The Boards will elect their officers; e.g., Chair, Board representative, and secretary/recorder.

Green Team Tip - Going shopping? Be sure to take your reusable shopping bags. Don't have any? They are available cheaply at most grocery stores. Also we may still have some at church.

January Mission of the Month: Indiana Youth Group (IYG) - In 1987 the Indiana Youth Group was founded by two volunteers in order to provide a safe space for social gatherings for self-identified LGBTQ+ high schoolers. IYG has grown from a group of about a dozen youth to a social service agency providing resources for almost 1,000 youth and their families. Our donations to IYG help assure that the mission of IYG will expand throughout Indiana and act as a witness to FCC's ONA commitments.

Pantry Items of the Month - During the month of January, we are collecting: noodles, muffin mix, cereal, shampoo.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, January 26	12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting
Tuesday, January 28	7:00 p.m.	Dharma in Hell: Buddhist Mindfulness in Prisons (Butler University, Sheldon Auditorium)
Thursday, January 30	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, January 30	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 1	10:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
Sunday, February 2	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, February 2	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Today's Scripture (NRSV)

Matthew 4:12:23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the realm of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of God's realm and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



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