



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 to your spiritual home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making, Green for care of Creation, WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) for mental health church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQAAI+ 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.**

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
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall

We celebrate our church leadership:

Alice Rutherford, Moderator
Larry Eckel, Vice Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette * Jesse Wittman, string bass * Mike Kessler, percussion

JANUARY 10, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Gather Us In, We Three Kings Hauge, Trad., arr. Baker

INTROIT Shine, Jesus, Shine Kendrick

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #196 Let it Shine *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE

Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES "Considerations of Chloe the Camel"
by Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON "When Wandering, Walking Will Do" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

INTERLUDE I am the Light of the World Stratthdee, arr. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)
Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

WE GO

CLOSING SONG # 128

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Sing! a new creation

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Carry the Light

Moylan, arr. Baker

POSTLUDE

Carry the Light

Moylan, arr. Baker

Following worship, everyone is invited for Coffee Hour via Zoom.

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship on Zoom

Zoom Vespers Service - Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m. - With lessening daylight and colder weather, we are exploring ways to continue the fellowship we have shared the past few months. On Tuesdays, we will meet at 7 pm for a half hour on Zoom, to be together virtually.

NEW TIME for Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (Zoom) - Join us on **Tuesdays** from **7:30-8:30pm.** for a time to check-in and to pray together.

Wellness Wednesday, 10:30am (Zoom) - On Wednesday, January 13th, you are invited to participate in a practice of nurturing wellness through praying with the Gospel of Winter, including an introduction to body prayer.

Spiritual Support Group, Thursdays at 5:00pm (Zoom) – This group openly invites anyone seeking spiritual care concerning well being. Contact Pat Larracey at plainandfancy1963@att.net, or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@fcindy.org, or 386-478-9012.

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: www.fcindy.org

Continue Your Support of First Congregational UCC - Please continue supporting the mission and ministries of your local church at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

FC Emergency Fund - The FC Emergency Fund is available to support housing, food, and medical needs for any of our church family who find themselves unemployed or underemployed due to Covid-19 impacts. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012. To make a donation, send a check to the church with "emergency fund" on the memo or make a donation on the church website.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (press 1 for veterans, 2 for Spanish)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Information HelpLine provides information and referral services. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) and www.nami.org.

The Trevor Project hotline offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges at 1-866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and www.theTrevorProject.org

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, Jan 10	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Jan 10	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, Jan 10	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour w/ Welcome of New Members
Sunday, Jan 10	12:30 p.m.	Outreach & Service Buzz
Tuesday, Jan 12	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Tuesday, Jan 12	7:30 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wednesday, Jan 13	10:30 a.m.	Wellness Wednesday
Wednesday, Jan 13	5:00 p.m.	WISE Mental Health Team
Wednesday, Jan 13	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, Jan 14	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, Jan 16	11:00 a.m.	Neighborhood Walk (at FC)
Sunday, Jan 17	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Jan 17	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, Jan 17	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour

***All events are on Zoom unless indicated otherwise.**

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTK5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09> Meeting ID: 926 449 4206 Password: 7171

If you click on the URL, you should not need to enter in the Meeting ID and Password.

To dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID 926 449 4206, Password 7171.

Today's Scripture

Matthew 2: 1-12

¹ After Jesus' birth—which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod—astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage.” ³ At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. ⁴ Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem of Judea,” they informed him. “Here is what the prophet has written: ⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, “Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me—so that I may go and offer homage, too.”

⁹ After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. ¹⁰ They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, ¹¹ upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2204-2205). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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