



## 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](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

## **We celebrate our church staff:**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle

External Communications Manager/Office Admin, Cassidy Hall

Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker

Media Technician, David Clark

## **We celebrate our church leadership:**

Senior Councilors: \*Alice Rutherford, Steve Coomer, Larry Eckel

Clerk: Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Cheryl Dillenback

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Mayflower Quartette

Plymouth Players

Cassidy Hall

Liturgist, Sue Chapman

**January 9, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE	Gather Us In/We Three Kings	Haugen, Trad. arr. Baker
INTROIT	I Am the Light of the World	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
MISSION MOMENT		Wendy Baldwin
OPENING SONG #164	Arise, Your Light Is Come	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
MOMENT OF PEACE		Cassidy Hall
MEDITATION	Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring	Ellacombe

**WE PROCLAIM**

SPECIAL MUSIC	“Home by Another Way”	Christopher Grundy
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2:1-12	Sue Chapman
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

What Shall We Bring?

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #370

What Gift Can We Bring?

*New Century Hymnal*

## WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERLUDE

I Am The Light of the World

Strathdee, arr. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Mysterious One, throughout the ages you have been revealing yourself in new ways, drawing us more deeply into relationship with you. In Christ, you took on flesh that we might recognize your presence with us - weeping with us, eating with us, struggling and dreaming with us. Keep us open, O God, to the ways you continue to reveal your love in our midst today. Amen.

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 #159

As With Gladness those of Old

*New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Peace of the Earth

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. Baker

### **CALLS to SERVE**

*“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

**Zoom: Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.** – On Sunday mornings, join us on Zoom for a gathering time for faith formation.

**Zoom: Coffee Hour Immediately Follows Worship!**

**REMINDER: SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Meeting is Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm!** Please email your reports to Cassidy ([cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto:cassidy@fcindy.org)) by January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:plainandfancy1963@att.net), or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org), or 386-478-9012.

**Publications** - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: [www.fcindy.org](http://www.fcindy.org)

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

**Members In Need Fund** - The Members In Need Fund is available to support financial needs for any of our church family who find themselves in need. All requests for financial support will be confidential and your privacy will be honored and respected. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org) or cell (386) 478-9012.

**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](http://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](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)

### **How to Access our Zoom Gatherings**

Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto:cassidy@fcindy.org)

## **GIVING**

*We seek to love and to share our joy.*

*We offer care, give thanks and praise, when Christ is present among us all.*

*We know the world's a mission field, needing forgiveness, justice and hope.*

### **Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant.**

Our current outreach recipients: Exodus Refugee, Peace Learning Center, Family Promise, and Faith In Indiana.



**EXODUS  
REFUGEE**  
*The life ahead.*



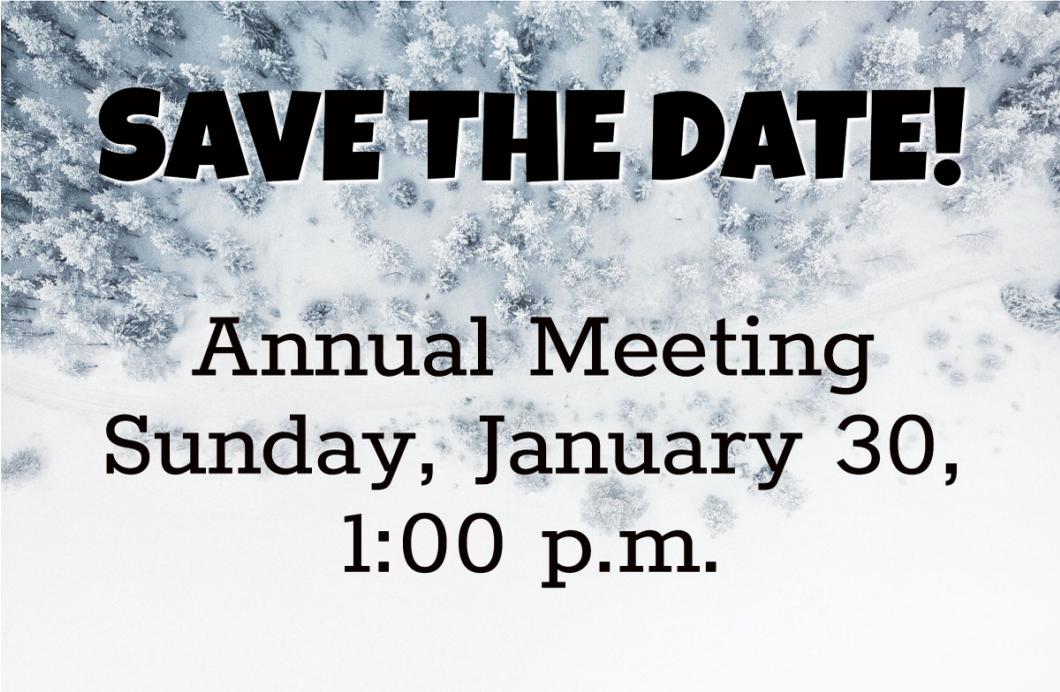
**FAITH IN  
INDIANA**



**Family Promise**

## THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, January 9	9:30 a.m.	Adult Education (Zoom)
Sunday, January 9	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Online Worship (YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, January 9	Reminder	Coffee Hour Following Worship (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 12	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, January 13	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 30,  
1:00 p.m.

## Today's Scripture

### Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth—which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod—astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage.” At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem of Judea,” they informed him. “Here is what the prophet has written: ‘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.’ ” Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. 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.” 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. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, 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. 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 (p. 2126). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

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