



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**.

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours	Shannon's Office Hours
Monday – Sabbath	Monday – Sabbath
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday – working off site	Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

We celebrate the team of people called to serve on 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
Just Peace Intern, Grace Langford

We celebrate the team of people elected to lead our church:

Rich Gibson, Moderator
Lianna Campos, Vice Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
George Meier, Financial Secretary

We celebrate those leading us in worship today:

Sue Chapman, Worship Leader

*The flowers on the altar are given by susanna-judith rae in honor of
her husband, Earl Hoppert, in celebration of his 80th birthday.*

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

11 A.M.

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

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	You Are Welcome Here	DeMan, arr. Baker
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INTROIT With Joyful Singing, Praise God F. Schubert, Arr. P Liebergen

WELCOME and PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP Sue Chapman

God welcomes us just as we are

We are born for love and part of God's community

The Spirit invites us to heal, belong, and love

We are diverse and united, we are equal, and we are one

Jesus embraces us as children of a Compassionate God

We are listening for God's call, we are home here in this place

*OPENING SONG #35	No Matter	<i>Sing! Prayer & Praise</i>
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*THE PEACE

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

We believe that we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. By this we mean that: Propelled by God’s grace we strive to welcome and love everyone! Seeking to hear God’s voice in today’s world; we worship, learn, and grow in faith individually and as a community. Responding to God’s call for compassion, justice and care of the earth, we equip and empower each other to make a difference in our lives and in the world!

Please join with me in making a covenant with the church:

I covenant with God and one another to serve God with faithfulness; treat one another with acceptance, love, and compassion; bear witness to the world with love; and live our faith humbly, yet boldly. Amen!

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

I Am Light

India Arie, Arr. M Hayes

I am light, I am light.

I am not the things my family did. I am not the voices in my head.

I am not the pieces of the brokenness inside.

I am light.

I'm not the mistakes that I have made or any of the things that caused me pain.

I am not the pieces of the dream left behind.

I am light.

I am not the color of my eyes. I am not the skin on the outside.

I am not my age. I am not my race.

My soul inside is all light.

I am light; I am compassion.

I am light; I am love.

I am divinity defined. i am the god on the inside.

I am a star, a piece of it all.

I am light.

SCRIPTURE

Job 19:23-27

Sue Chapman

SERMON

"Forgive Often"

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG # 388

Help Us Accept Each Other

New Century Hymnal

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 & LORD'S PRAYER

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Do not let us enter into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INTERLUDE

I Miss You

Mancini, arr. Baker

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.

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.

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY!!! BUZZ w/ Pitch-In: Faith in Indiana – Join us right after worship to hear a presentation from Faith In Indiana which acts as a catalyst for marginalized people and faith organizations to address and take action regarding racial and economic equity. How can First Congregational support this statewide initiative? We also invite you to join us for many different types of cake as we celebrate Earl Hoppert's 80th birthday!

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 attendant, Olivia, who will be with us every Sunday from 10:30-12:30 to care for our children. We need volunteers to join her! If you are interested in being a volunteer in the nursery, please contact Lianna Campos at lcampos33@gmail.com or 317-954-1601.

Adult Class, Sunday, November 17, 9:45 a.m. – Rich Gibson will lead us through a discussion of "Plymouth's Pilgrims: Their Church, Their World; and Ours." Copies of the discussion guide will be made available for attendees. Come with an open mind to learn more about our Congregational ancestors.

Next Sunday! Hoosier Village Alternative Gift Event: November 17 from 1:30-4:00 p.m., in the Chapel - This event is an alternative to the commercialization of Christmas. You and your family members will have the opportunity to make donations in a loved one's name to one or more not-

for-profit agencies that provide a variety of needed services in Marion and Boone counties. If you are unable to attend, you may pick up order forms in our narthex for absentee participation. Questions? Contact Sue Chapman, chair of Outreach & Service Board.

Annual Stewardship Campaign – Devoted to Generosity

Our fall annual campaign to identify funding and resources for our 2020 ministries is in progress.



Pledge materials have been sent to you, and are also available in the Narthex.

Our stewardship theme, “Devoted to Generosity”, will be a focus during the worship services throughout November, culminating in **Generosity Sunday on 11/24**. Pledges can be turned in on any of those Sundays, with a deadline of November 30, to help us with our planning for 2020.

On Generosity Sunday, 11/24, everyone is invited to attend a simple luncheon following worship. There will be fun activities and singing, as we give thanksgiving for the generosity of our church family, displayed in so many ways that touch so many people’s lives. Following the event, you can walk a labyrinth, set up in the Mayflower Room. Please RSVP to Wendy Baldwin, the church office, or use the signup sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for all of the generous ways that you give to the church and to the world, as we explore this theme through November!

Choir Rehearsals - Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please email Julie at juliehouston@comcast.net. We would love to have you join us!

Green Team Tip – An idling vehicle uses a cup of gasoline in one minute. Avoid drive-thru’s (unless you’re in a hybrid vehicle). If the line is long, turn off your engine while you wait, or park your car and order inside the restaurant. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

November Mission of the Month: Family Promise - This month our Mission of the Month is Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis, the organization that serves families in crisis by providing short term housing while helping them to find permanent housing and providing skills that will help clients keep jobs and manage finances. FCC has been affiliated with Family Promise, formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network, for over 25 years. Please give generously to support the important service Family Promise provides to homeless families in our city.

Pantry Items of the Month - During November we are collecting the following items: fruit cocktail, spaghetti sauce, quick oats, and tooth paste.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, November 10	12:30 p.m.	Buzz Pitch-In: Faith in Indiana
Tuesday, November 12	11:00 a.m.	Worship Design Team
Wednesday, November 13	11:00 a.m.	Music Support Team
Wednesday, November 13	5:00 p.m.	Mental Health Team
Wednesday, November 13	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, November 14	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, November 14	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 17	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class w/ Rich Gibson
Sunday, November 17	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, November 17	12:45 p.m.	PCRC w/ Pastor Sarah

Today's Scripture (Common English Translation)

Job 19:23-27

- ²³ Oh, that my words were written down,
 inscribed on a scroll
²⁴ with an iron instrument and lead,
 forever engraved on stone.
²⁵ But I know that my redeemer is alive
 and afterward [will] rise upon the dust.
²⁶ After my skin has been torn apart this way—
 then from my flesh I'll see God,
²⁷ whom I'll see myself—
 my eyes see, and not a stranger's.
I am utterly dejected.



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