

First Congregational Church of St. Albans (FCC) is a welcoming community of spiritual seekers, believers, and doubters.

**Please know that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

To create an open and loving community that encourages a joyous exploration with God.

To work together to care for and nurture the wider community.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as a community resource church is to provide a safe place for spiritual exploration and personal growth. To affirm the value of each person and to meet them where they are.

To connect to the community through personal service, giving, and pastoral care.

**Please feel free to contact us:**

Administrative Office:

**Tuesday -Friday 9am-2pm**

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours: Friday 9:30am -12:30pm

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For urgent pastoral matters call Pastor Jessica at 207-632-5544.

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**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE** IS BROADCAST OVER THE LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 1079 ON SUNDAYS AT 4 PM.



**"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."**

**WORSHIP WITH US:**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

**10 AM**

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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Centering Words:

When hatred with his package comes  
You forbid delivery.

Leonard Cohen

**❖ BEGINNING OF SERVICE ❖**

**THE PREPARATION**

The beginning of the prelude is a call to enter into the spirit  
of prayer and community.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *Here in This Place*

**Holy One, may your presence here open our minds.  
May your Spirit among us help us to find  
You are rising up now like a fountain of Grace  
From the Holy Ground.  
Here in this place. Here in this place.**

Morning Prayer<sup>1</sup> (Unison)

**Holy God, Divine Seeker of Our Hearts,  
We saunter about in our lives, seeking what's shiny instead  
of pursuing you. Even so, you still search for us. You'll climb  
trees with us, sit in the dust with us, and journey on long  
roads alongside us. You abide in our dwelling places- no  
matter their size or state of order. Today, we welcome you  
in our spaces: from the churches where we sing your praise  
to our homes where we rest for the upcoming week. May  
we recognize your presence and calling in our lives. Amen.**

**Welcome to all visitors:** We are delighted that you chose  
to worship with us today and are strengthened by your  
participation in our service!

If you are new to First Congregational Church of St. Albans,  
please sign the guest book in the narthex (main entrance of  
the church).

If you would like more information about our church and its  
programs or would like to receive our Morning Reflections,  
and weekly e-newsletter, "From the Manse," please fill out  
a Welcome Card and place it in the Offering tray (be sure to  
include your email address).

**THIS SERVICE IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS PARTICIPATION OF:**

**GREETERS:** B.J. Flagg and Paula Kane

**READER:** Rich Guzman

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

**ACOLYTES:** Kaia Newton, Mykala Pryor, and Ada Sanders

**After the service please join us for fellowship,  
conversation, coffee, and refreshments.**

\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

<sup>1</sup>UCC, WORSHIP WAYS

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:****A Special Note of Gratitude From All of Us At FCC:**

- ❖ Rich Guzman, Thank You for sprucing-up the Sanctuary for Tuesday's special concert!
- ❖ Val Odrechowski and Maria Barresi, Thank You for providing the reception for Tuesday's concert!
- ❖ Mara Vijups and Jessica Pecor, Thank You for welcoming concert-goers.
- ❖ Sandy Cristman, Thank You for organizing the crafts for Spooky Saturday and decorating the tent- it looked great!
- ❖ Stephan Conrady, Thank You for playing the accordion for Spooky Saturday- it was so much fun!

**\*November 9: Breakfast Church and Annual Meeting\***

**Breakfast Club: November 8**

**9am @ Maple City Diner**

**RSVP the Office or Sue Brown**

**Open-Mic & Pot-Luck:**

**November 15: 7-9pm**

**The 2025 Mitten Tree**

**campaign is starting soon!**

Please consider making or donating the following items: hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, skeins of yarn or blankets.

**Mindful Awareness with Jonathan:**

**Thursday mornings 8-9am - Free**

Explore present-centered awareness and insight to the present and letting go. Everyone is welcome.

**Bible Study: Wednesdays 7pm**

**Via Zoom**

**Next: Nov. 5, Luke 21:5-19**

**November 10-18:**

**Pastor Jessica will be away on a respite break.**

**Online Giving:**

**Wi-Fi (Sanctuary):sanctuary123**



HYMN\* ***For All the Saints*** (1, 2, 5) NCH 299

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup> (UNISON)

**Christ who abides throughout Creation,**

**We rush to find you as if you are our favorite celebrity. We look for you in the pretty people with seemingly uncomplicated lives. And yet, you are hanging with folks who many consider quirky, unique, and holy messes. You seek companions with our neighbors who are scattered and whose lives seem like fountains of chaos. We neglect noticing you as you like to dwell with the ones who abide in corners, shadows, and hidden in trees. May we seek you in the hearts of our neighbors instead of being distracted by shallow charmers and earthly glamour. Amen.**

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

INVITATION TO THE CANDLE LIGHTING

**THE MESSAGE**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:20-31

From: *Jesus & Nonviolence: A Third Way* Walter Wink

MORNING REFLECTION *A Level Place*

**THE COMMUNION**

Come to the table! Not our table, God's table.

Come in your brokenness, in your fear, and in your doubt.

Come in hope. Come in silence. Come to the table where we

are filled up and poured out. Come knowing that, in this

community and through this sacrament, our hearts can be

realigned with God's Love. Here, we can be made whole and

gather strength for the journey.

One: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pause

**All: Loving God, recalling Christ's gracious life and death, and proclaiming the resurrection, we offer this bread and cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ Jesus, and being built up by this precious sacrament of grace, we may receive the gift of eternal life in the blessed and heavenly realm.**

One: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, praying the prayer taught to the disciples:

**All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

One: Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

And Jesus took the juice and said, "This is my blood, poured out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Distribution of the Bread and Cup:** An Usher will invite you forward to be served Communion at the Table. If you would prefer to be served at your seat please notify the Usher.

COMMUNION TAIZÉ:

**Let all who are thirsty come, let all who wish receive the water of life freely.**

**Amen, come Lord Jesus, amen, come Lord Jesus.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, we thank you for refreshing us at your table. May we who share Christ's bread live his risen life. May we who drink Christ's cup bring abundant life to others. May the Holy Spirit who lights the world also enlighten our lives. Strengthen in us the hope you set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and so that the whole earth may live to praise your name. Amen.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER:

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD D. WELPTON

PASTOR'S PRAYER~

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

"THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE."

SCOTTISH PSALTER, 1615

## THE DEPARTURE

HYMN\*

**Let There Be Peace on Earth** BB 35

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖