



Prelude: "A Whimsy for Organ" Clarke
Silent Meditation: "After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb."
 -Nelson Mandela

Bringing the Light

Call to Worship

Choral Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise:** "Transform Us" R. 182

Welcome and Announcements

***Congregational Greetings**

***Covenant**

We covenant with God and with one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all His ways, according as He is pleased to reveal Himself unto us in His blessed Word of Truth.
 (Salem Church Covenant, 1639)

***Invocation Gloria Patri** R. 35

Children's Moment

Musical Offering: "Minuet, from *L'Arlesienne Suite*" Georges Bizet
 Breanna Smith, Flute

Old Testament Lesson: Psalms 1: 1-6

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Choral Response

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: "Moderato" Snow

***Doxology:** R. 46

***Dedication of Gifts**

***Hymn of Dedication:** "Son of God Made Manifest" R. 176

Anthem: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Mengel

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 5: 1-10

Sermon: "The Religious Situation of the 21st Century"

***Hymn of Commitment:** "You Servants of God" R. 110

***Taking the Light into the World**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune in C" Helman

(R=Red Hymnal)

***Congregation is invited to stand**

Please join us for conversation downstairs.

*Flowers were given by Barbara Bowerman
 for John's birthday
 Flowers from Carrs on DeBarr*

Welcome to First Congregational Church. We're delighted to have you with us this morning. We hope that you will find something of substance to take home with you and that you will meet new people who will become friends.



Everyone is invited to sign the green visitor cards, which are located in the pews. If you are a visitor or new to our community and would like to receive our newsletter and other church information, please check any appropriate boxes and include your contact information (address, email address, phone number). We invite each of you to join us downstairs for the Fellowship Hour following the service. Stop in and greet the people you know and meet those you don't.

Nursery service is available downstairs for children 3 and under. If you choose to bring your children to the service and they become restless, the Board Room is equipped with speakers, and you are welcome to take them there.

FCC Church Council Meets Today

You're invited to sit in on the meeting of the FCC Church Council, the central body in our governance structure. The Council receives monthly reports from all boards and committees of the church and makes decisions and takes action on behalf of the Congregation. Council member(s), on behalf of a board or committee, introduce matters for discussion. Decisions are determined by majority vote of the Council members. The Council approves recommendations from the Nominating Board for mid-term vacancies on all boards and creates a mechanism to develop a Goals and Objectives Plan for the Church.

Coming Up

Sunday, February 19

*Guest Minister:
 Rev. Richard Gay*

9:30 [No Adult Forum]/Choir
 10:30 Worship/Sunday School
 11:30 Fellowship Hour
 11:45 FCC Church Council
 [canned food drive ends]

Monday, February 20

7:00 Square Dancing

Tuesday, February 21

(after school) FCC Youth deliver
 cans to Kid's Kitchen
 6:00 Dine & Discuss

Wednesday, February 22

5:30 Ash Wednesday Service
 (after the Service) Handbell Choir
 [No Chancel Choir]

Sunday, February 26

9:30 Adult Forum/Choir
 10:30 Worship/Sunday School
 11:30 Fellowship
 12:00 Potluck (Hosts: Music &
 Membership Boards)

Looking Ahead



Sun. 3/4 Guest Minister:

Rev. Gary Holthaus
 9:30 [No Adult Forum]/Choir
 11:45 Christian Education Board

Mon. 3/5 6:00 Membership Board

Tues. 3/6 6:00 Dine & Discuss

Wed. 3/7 4:45 Music Board

Sun. 3/11 Girl Scout Sunday
 [No Sunday School – Spring Break]
 11:45 CAWS & Diaconate Boards

Tues. 3/13 5:30 Trustees Board

Sun. 3/18 Communion Sunday
 [No Sunday School – Spring Break]
 11:45 FCC Church Council

Tues. 3/20 6:00 Dine & Discuss

Sun. 3/25 Potluck/Bean-a-Fit

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Senior Minister

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Peggy McBride, Choir Director
Caroline Valentine, Organist,
Handbell Director

Christian Education

For February 2012
Kathleen Bailey, Children
Vivian Coleman, Youth
Randy Tomson, Teens
Kathy Means, Music

Nursery Attendant

George White

Serving Today

Deacon: Peggy Jones

Fellowship: Gordon Shortman

Greeting: Louise Smith

Liturgist: Cathy White

Lay Reader: Sharon Higgins

Usher: Louise Smith

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Last Day of Canned Food Drive for Kids' Kitchen

As of this morning, we've collected #10 cans. We try to donate as many cans as Elgin Jones' age (founder of Kids' Kitchen), which this year is 73.

We will be delivering them after school on Elgin's birthday. We will meet at the Church at 4 pm on 2/21 to load them up and take them to Kids' Kitchen (located in the Fairview Recreation Center). Thank you, The Oxys and CAWS

Ash Wednesday Service

We will gather at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22nd for a service of repentance and reflection as we prepare for the Lenten season.

Luke 4: 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. From Rev. Peter Gomes: "The struggle with evil in the world begins with the struggle with evil within ourselves, and that struggle depends upon self-knowledge: knowing and acknowledging our limitations and our capacities. Such introspection should take place at all times with us, but Lent is that particular time in the church year when we pay attention to that process. As Jesus prepared himself for the discipline of his ministry by his time in the wilderness, we prepare ourselves once again for that ultimate renewal that comes to us and to the earth in Easter."

Lenten Devotionals Now Available

The theme for this year's Lenten Devotional is "Forty Days of Giving Make Life Worth Living." This booklet, published by the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, has been compiled for you to deepen your daily worship as you read throughout the Lenten season. It is provided free of charge by the Diaconate Board. You will find them on the Narthex table.



It's Melodrama Time - Get Your Tickets!

Alaska Sound Celebration under the direction of Karen Leet and our own Peggy McBride is proud to present the 22nd Fur Rondy Melodrama, *Alyeska Jones and the Viking Crypt*.

George Blair plays the part of the scurrilous bartender, Thor the Gunder Thod. Sandy Skaggs sings with Alaska Sound Celebration.

Performances from Friday, February 24th through Saturday, March 10th at the Snow Goose Theater, 717 W. 3rd Ave.

Visit www.centerix.net or telephone 907-263-ARTS (2787)

A Reminder: We Support F.I.S.H.

Please put canned fruit, soup, or packages of powdered milk in your shopping cart next time you're at the store and bring them to the plastic bins in the Narthex.

First Congregational Church

February 19, 2012
Transfiguration Sunday



Learning to Live...

With passion, meaning,
and dignity in the
presence of God's Love

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