

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you would like to learn about membership at the First Congregational Church, please indicate this to an Usher or the Pastor. Introductory membership classes are forming.



First Congregational Church of Evanston
Hinman and Grove Evanston, Illinois 60201
founded 1869

GUIDE POSTS

Sunday, July 6

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

11:30 A.M. BANNER MINISTRY MEETING (SANCTUARY)

Monday, July 7

12:00 P.M. SENIOR CLUB MEETING (GUILD ROOM)

7:00 P.M. HUMAN RESOURCE MEETING (CONFERENCE ROOM)

Tuesday, July 8

10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING (CONFERENCE ROOM)

7:00 P.M. COMMUNICATIONS MEETING (CONFERENCE ROOM)

Sunday, July 13

8:45 A.M. COFFEE AND CEREAL BAR (CHURCH HOUSE)

9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL (CHURCH HOUSE)

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

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July 6, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

We invite you to use this time for silence, prayer, and meditation.

Prelude *Overture (Royal Fireworks)* G.F. Handel

Kindling the Light

An Introduction to This Worship Setting

****Please rise as you are able.****

Call to Worship (Lay Reader; **People**) from Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done: who is awesome in deeds among mortals.

God turned the sea into dry land; the people passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in God who rules by might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations — let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

Hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* **No. 262**

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Invitation to Confession Galatians 6:1-16

Silence for Personal Confessions

Corporate Confession (Unison)

As we approach your grace, God of our fathers and mothers and our God, hear our prayers for mercy and bless us. If we have acted as though our government had greater authority or power than you in our lives, please forgive us. If we have deferred to any other majesty, we are heartily sorry and regret our sin. Let us never lose our comprehension of your glory and your grace to us through our true Lord, Jesus Christ. And now and at our end, receive us into your midst with the love and care of a parent for wayward children who have come home. So may we ever rejoice in your Spirit's nurture and kindness and care. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Minister; **People**)

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her —

Nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the LORD: “I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

“And you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

“You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass.”

And it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with us, servants.

Singing God’s Glory (responsive) *Glory to God* Peruvian melody

Minister: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

People: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

Minister: To God be glory forever!

People: To God be glory forever!

Group 1: Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen! (sing 3 times)

Group 2: Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen! (sing 2 times)

Group 3: Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen! (sing once)

Ritual of Greeting (Passing the Peace)

You may be seated.

Welcome, Signing of Friendship Pads, and Announcements

Presentation “God Bless the Whole World!”

Prayer of the Day

Offering Our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory *The Peace (Royal Fireworks)* G.F Handel
(Andrew Nelson, flute)

****Please rise as you are able.****

Song of Praise *Doxology* Tune: OLD 100TH

Most people have memorized a doxology to this tune.

You may sing your favorite words, or use these, which the Minister is singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures, here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Here we offer and present to you, O God, our gifts, along with our spirits and bodies, to be a loving, holy, and living sacrifice to you. And although our worthiness to offer such a sacrifice might be questionable, yet we pray you to accept these as indications of our readiness for duty and service. Bless by your Holy Spirit, all we give and all we are, to your will and purposes in Christ’s name. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

Naming Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration, and Prayer of Our Savior

We say the following as the Prayer of Our Savior:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Invitation and Distribution of Elements

Distribution Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together” **Traditional**

1. Let us break bread together on our knees...

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me!

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees...

3. Let us praise God together on our knees...

Prayer after Communion (Unison) ***** All who are able, please rise. *****

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ’s presence and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

Hymn *O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies* **No. 564**

Parting Words from J. F. Kennedy’s inaugural address

The Light Goes Forth

Please remain standing until the light has passed you.

Postlude *The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks)* G.F Handel

During the Postlude, worshipers are free to be seated again quietly, or to exit the Sanctuary. Out of respect for those who may be offering a silent prayer, talking is discouraged until you have exited.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE
FROM AN USHER**

We invite visitors to sign the Guest Book and join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Children are always welcome in worship. However, if you need wiggle and play room there is an infant room with a changing table, crib and comfortable rocker on the lower level. If you need those facilities during worship, an usher will be happy to escort you.

A peace rose is placed on our altar to remind us of the ongoing pursuit of peace and justice in our troubled world. *Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Amos 5:24)*

You are welcomed and seated today by John Betts, Mark Clifton, Jean Herbert, and Laura and Steve Wilson.

The greeter today is Andy Nelson.

Our lay reader today is Luke Perkins.

Our acolyte today is Jane Koestring.

Thank you to Andy Nelson for hosting today's coffee hour.

Flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of Warren and Louise Wilson from Laura and Steve Wilson.

Special thanks to Andy Nelson and members of the Chancel Choir for sharing their music today.

Banner Ministry Organizational meeting – Today after worship in the front of the sanctuary. Please join us!

Please Help Support Sanctuary Organ Repairs – After 80 years of faithful service, our historic 1927 Skinner pipe organ is in need of repair. The tops of white keys are coming unglued and falling off. Erickson, Christian, and Associates, the respected Chicago company that has been servicing our organ, has submitted a proposal to replace all 108 white key tops on the three manuals. Our goal is to raise \$7500, or \$70 per key. If you are able to help underwrite the cost of this important repair, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Any financial assistance – large or small – could be made payable by check to the First Congregational Church with the memo “organ repair.” Please contact David Lornson, Director of Music, if you have further questions. **Pick a key, any key, and help us reach our goal! Thanks to all who have already contributed. To date we have raised \$6617 which covers 95 keys.**

Photos and stories about First Congregational Church

Many of you have captured wonderful photos of people and events in our church community. We would like to put a human face on the activities of our congregation by featuring some of these photos and stories on our website
(<http://www.firstchurchevanston.org/>).

To participate, email your photos and stories to Nathan Pedretti, our website coordinator, at nathan.pedretti@gmail.com. There is no deadline for submitting materials. We will try to use as many of the submissions as possible.

The church office has a new phone system. Now, when you call the office you are immediately greeted with a message from Pastor Dave. If you press the extension number of the staff member you are trying to reach (see below) you can instantly by-pass the message. Rev. Denoon – ext. 21, Melia Pappas – ext. 22, David Lornson – ext. 23, Deb Shamlin – ext. 24. Your call will be routed directly to the staff person you are calling.