



FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 14, 2018  
10:30 am  
Grace Hall, North Campus

## Welcome to First Community Church

We are a Christian church, affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ denominations. We welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith, and those who are searching.

Christian worship has been offered by First Community Church for over 108 years. By worshipping with us today, you become a part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers and church members, supported by members of the staff and a large number of volunteers, make up our church community. We are committed to diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here, because, as our church's belief statement says, "we strive to follow the path of Jesus Christ while recognizing other pathways to the divine."

Thank you for being with us for worship today. If you desire a pastoral call, please indicate this on the welcome pad. If you are in need of prayer, please fill out a prayer card located in the Welcome pad booklet and place it in the offering plate. Our prayers go with you as you return to your home.

*(The paper we use for the order of service is recycled. You are welcome to take it away with you, but, if you would like us to recycle it, please place it in one of the bins at an exit, as we are also committed to our environment, God's Creation.)*

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## The Service of the Word



*Man must evolve a method for all human conflict  
which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.*

*The foundation of such a method is love.*

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

*My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.*

— 14th Dalai Lama (b 1935)

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### THE GATHERING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*(You are invited to come forward in silence to light a candle at the beginning of the service, or at any other appropriate time during the service of worship.)*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

†THE MORNING SONG (All are invited to rise in body or spirit)

All Are Welcome<sup>(1)</sup>

Two Oaks



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safe - ly live,  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, And words are strong and true,  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found In wa - ter, wine and wheat:  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach Be - yond the wood and stone  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and vi - sions heard



A place where saints and chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give.  
 Where all God's chil - dren dare to seek To dream God's reign a - new.  
 A ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice meet.  
 To heal and strength-en, serve and teach, And live the Word they've known  
 And loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed As words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's grace;  
 Here the love of God, thru Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and space;  
 Here the out - cast and the strang - er Bear the im - age of God's face;  
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of grace,



Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.

†THE PRAYER

## †THE ALLELUIA

*Joyful Alleluia*<sup>(2)</sup>

The musical score consists of four staves of music in 7/8 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single line for each staff. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are accents (>) above the first notes of each phrase. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*(The people may be seated.)*

## THE WELCOME

*(During the Welcome, the children in K-5 and Middle School youth will be invited to leave for their Sunday school classes to continue their worship and study.)*

## THE EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:10-13

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## THE SERMON

*HARD HAT FAITH:  
FINDING THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR BUILDING A STRONG LIFE  
Part 1 – Resilience*

## THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence  
The Receiving of the People's Gifts  
The Song  
*If God Is For Us*

†The Presentation of Gifts and the Prayer of Dedication  
Leader: As the gifts are presented would all rise in body or spirit.  
Let us pray.

All: We present these gifts as an expression of our thanksgiving,  
as an evidence of our faith,  
and as a sign of our accountability both to You,  
and to each other.  
Use them, O God,  
to shine the light of Christ here in our midst  
and far beyond our individual sight. Amen.

†The *Doxology*<sup>(3)</sup>

*Praise God*

Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow;  
praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low;  
praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er more;  
praise Tri - une God, Whom we a - dore! A - men!

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### †THE CLOSING SONG

*Let It Be*

Paul McCartney (b 1942)

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me speaking words of wisdom, let it be.  
And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me  
speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.  
Whisper words of wisdom let it be.

And when the broken-hearted people living in the world agree  
there will be an answer let it be.

For though they may be parted there is still a chance that they  
will see there will be an answer let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.

There will be an answer let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.

Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.

Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines  
on me, shine until tomorrow, let it be.

I wake up to the sound of music Mother Mary comes to me  
speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.

Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.

Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

## †THE BENEDICTION

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~ *The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service* ~

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† *All rise in body or spirit*

### PARTICIPANTS

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. R. Glen Miles  
*Senior Minister*

**Liturgist:** The Reverend Ms. Katherine H. Shaner  
*Minister of Mission*

**Ushers:** Group A

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Tom Root, *acoustic guitar / music leader*

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<sup>(2)</sup> *Joyful Alleluia*. Howard Hughes, S.M. © 1973, 1979 G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-708978.

<sup>(3)</sup> *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*. Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg. Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-708978

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- **Church Membership:** Please contact Kristy Glaser at (614) 488-0681 ext. 161 or [kglaser@FCchurch.com](mailto:kglaser@FCchurch.com) if you are interested in becoming a member.
- **Baptisms:** Our next Baptism Sunday will be March 11. For more information go to [FCchurch.com/baptisms](http://FCchurch.com/baptisms). To schedule a baptism, contact Paula Russell at (614) 488-0681 ext. 228 or [prussell@FCchurch.com](mailto:prussell@FCchurch.com)
- Watch the 11 am South Campus service live on Facebook and [FCchurch.tv](http://FCchurch.tv)
- Watch *First Edition* on WWHO-TV, The CW, Sunday mornings at 8:30 am.
- If you need to step out during worship – restless child, coughing spell, etc. – the service can be heard in Unity Lounge.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher.

**TODAY AT FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**North Campus**

**9:15 am Worship:** Grace Hall  
 Crib to 5 years: Rose Wing  
 K-5th grades: Begin in worship, then excused to classes in the Rose Wing.

**10:30 am Worship:** Grace Hall  
 Crib to 5 years: Rose Wing  
 K-5th grades: Begin in worship, then excused to classes in the Rose Wing.  
 Middle School: Begin in worship, then excused to classes in Room 130.

**South Campus**

**8:30 am Worship:** Burkhart Chapel  
 Communion served.

**9:30 am Adult Education:** Wicker Room  
*Orthodox Christianity* with Professor Predrag Matejic

**11 am Worship:** Sanctuary  
 Crib to 5 years: Rooms 221 & 209  
 K-5th grades: Begin in worship, then excused to Lincoln Road Chapel.  
 Middle School: Begin in worship, then excused to Lincoln Road Chapel.

Grades 6-12 are invited to **Crossroads** tonight, 7 - 8:30 pm, North Campus.  
**Christianity 101** discussion group meets 7 - 8:30 pm, Room 211, North Campus.

Our Pastoral Care staff is available if you desire a visit or call during an illness, hospitalization or time of need. Please send notifications of weddings, births, hospitalizations or deaths to [prussell@FCchurch.com](mailto:prussell@FCchurch.com) or call (614) 488-0681 ext 228

## Parish Register

As of 1/10/18

### Recently Hospitalized

John Klamar  
Tom Norman

### Deaths

Nancy Hager 1/6/18  
Ellen Delay 1/9/18  
*Sister of Jane Belt*

*Visit [FCchurch.com/parish-register](http://FCchurch.com/parish-register) to view listings of upcoming Memorial Services.*

## THE PROGRAM STAFF OF FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

R. Glen Miles, *Senior Minister*

Paul E. Baumer, *Minister to the Staff*

David S. Hett, *Minister of Religious Life and Learning*

Ronald J. Jenkins, *Minister of Music and Liturgy*

James M. Long, *Minister of Pastoral Care*

Katherine H. Shaner, *Minister of Mission*

Sally R. Beske, *Associate Organist/Director of Youth Choirs*

Leigh Anne Easterling, *Director of Early Childhood Ministries  
& Mary Evans Child Development Center*

Cindy Sue Gepfert, *Foundation Administrator*

Pam Jameson, *Director of Facilities Ministry*

Bobbi Mueller, *Director of North Campus Administration/Akita Operations*

Scot Nicoll, *Executive Director of Camp Akita*

Missy Obergefell, *Director of Older Adult Ministry*

Julie Richards, *Director of K-12 Ministry*

Paula L. Russell, *Director of Congregational Care*