



Reign of Christ Sunday
November 26, 2017
25th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 29
8:30 am
Sanctuary Chancel, South 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, Columbus, Ohio, 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 for you, please place it in one of the bins at an exit, as we are also committed to our environment, God's Creation.)

The Service of the Word and Sacrament

25th Sunday after Pentecost



*Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter—to all these
music gives voice, but in such a way that we are
transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace,
and see reality in a new way.*

— Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

A Morning Contemplation

Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come this morning to give thanks for the privilege of worship, for the right to assemble in this place, and for the freedom to acknowledge the multiple blessings of God.

People: Come, let us sing, pray, listen and be in community.

Leader: Let us be the people of God.

People: Come, all thankful people, come.

Leader: Raise the song of harvest home!

†THE HYMN NO. 12

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

†THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

One: For the joys and hopes and dreams of children,
and for the safety of home,

Many: We thank You, loving God.

One: For the exuberance and energy of youth, and for the ability to
question and find one's own way, never deserted by Your love
and care,

Many: We thank You, loving God.

One: For the gifts of maturity, and the opportunity we are given to
nurture others in our family and our community, and when we
are given the occasion to bring our gifts into the world,

Many: We thank You, loving God.

One: For the accumulated wisdom of experience, and the hard-earned
knowledge that You never desert us, and for the opportunity to
help those who walk the paths we have already walked,

All: We thank You loving God. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY MOMENTS

THE READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 24:11-17, 20-24

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

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

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

LETTING LOVE LEAD

THE OFFERTORY

The Receiving of the People's Gifts

The Organ Voluntary

Largo

Betty Roe (*b* 1930)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

†THE HYMN NO. 332, vs. 1

As We Gather at Your Table

Beach Spring

(All are invited to remain standing.)

†THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And with Your spirit.

Celebrant: We give You thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for Your
blessing, an intrinsic gift of life. We do not have to ask for it
or seek it or fear that it will not be there. It is of the essence of
life. And we thank You for our journey as persons and society
toward realizing all the gifts of creation.

People: You weave our lives together, uniting us in one human family: from many different places, from different kinds of families, and from different understandings of Your will for our lives.

Celebrant: Even from the places of isolation or uncertainty, You have drawn us together today to remember and renew the covenant of love, which binds us to You and to one another.

People: We confess our feeble attempts to make life seem simpler than it really is, by denying the complexity and diversity of the whole human family.

Celebrant: Open our hearts, O God, to a new understanding of the wideness of Your love, which flings open church doors and celebrates the immensity of Your creation.

People: We rejoice that You call the entire human family to this table. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ.

(The people may be seated.)

Celebrant: *(The Words of Institution for the Bread)*
In his brokenness we find our healing.

People: In our brokenness Christ promises to be present.

Celebrant: *(The Words of Institution for the Cup)*
People of God, this cup is symbolic of the new life that is Christ. As he took scraps of bread and the cup of wine and made it a holy meal, we can trust that he takes our lives and makes them holy. We may also have confidence that God will make of this meal what our souls need. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

People: Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the Christ in our midst and in each other.

Celebrant: As Christ taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

Celebrant: Come and eat. All is ready. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(We serve each element separately; first the element, words from the celebrant, partake together. Gluten free bread is available on each bread plate in a separate cup.)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received Christ's gifts.

People: Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. Give us, as You have given Yourself, to the world in love. Amen.

†THE HYMN NO. 425

For the Fruit of All Creation

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†THE BENEDICTION

†THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX, "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

~ The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service ~

† *All rise in body or spirit*

PARTICIPANTS

Homilist/Celebrant: The Reverend Mr. David S. Hett
Minister of Religious Life and Learning

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Robert A. Griffith, *Organist*

~ Upcoming Music & Worship Events ~

WILLIAM BEAR HAS CHRISTMAS!

Next Sunday morning, December 3, 9:15 and 10:30 am

North Campus, 3777 Dublin Road

The 22nd Annual Christmas Musical, written and directed by Sally Beske.
Presented by our Youth Choirs.

CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday afternoon, December 10, 4 pm

Grace Hall, North Campus

This is our 44th annual Candlelight Christmas Concert presented by our Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers and Chamber Orchestra.
Conducted by Ronald Jenkins. Freewill offering.

- **Welcome visitors!** Stop by our Welcome Center for information on programs and activities and pick up a copy of our newspaper.
- **Church Membership:** Please contact Kristy Glaser at (614) 488-0681 ext. 161 or kglaser@FCchurch.com if you are interested in becoming a member.
- **Baptisms:** Our next Baptism Sunday will be January 14. For more information go to FCchurch.com/baptisms. To schedule a baptism, contact Paula Russell at (614) 488-0681 ext. 228 or prussell@FCchurch.com
- Watch the 11 am South Campus service live on Facebook and FCchurch.tv
- Watch *First Edition* on WWHO-TV, The CW, Sunday mornings at 8:30 am.

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 Room 130.

South Campus

8:30 am Worship: Chancel
Communion served.

9:30 am Adult Education: Wicker Room
The Great Spiritual Migration
by Brian McLaren

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.

Today the K-5 children will explore a passage from the book of Psalms.

Grades 6-12 are invited to **Crossroads** tonight, 7 - 8:30 pm, 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 or call (614) 488-0681 ext 228

Parish Register

As of 11/20/17

Baptisms

Elsa Berglund Lewis 11/19/17
Daughter of Cheryl & Jon Lewis
Corbitt Peter Walters 11/19/17
Son of Christy & Pete Walters

Memorial Services

Catherine "Kay" Graf (11/5/17)
Saturday, January 6, 2018, 2 pm
Sanctuary/Rev. Jim Long
Reception following in Brownlee Hall

Recently Hospitalized

Andy Snyder

Visit FCchurch.com/parish-register to view listings of upcoming Memorial Services.

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