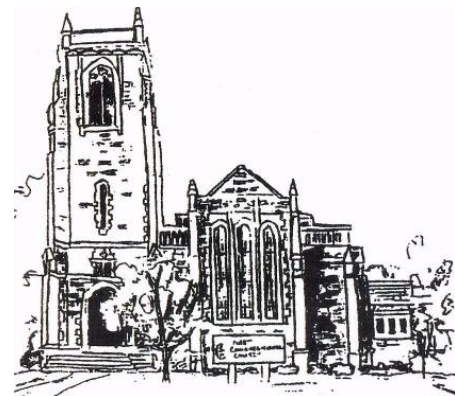


# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 19, 2012

10:30 in the Chapel

\*All who are able please stand.

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Timothy Wallace
<b>WELCOME</b>	Karen Garzon
<b>GATHERING PRAYER</b>	Karen Garzon
<p>O God, Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of Christ's countenance, may be encouraged in our faith to do the work of justice and to do the work of mercy and to walk humbly on this earth as sisters and brothers with all others and with creation itself. Amen.</p>	
<b>*GATHERING HYMN</b>	Chalice #95
<p><i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i></p>	
<b>*PASSING THE PEACE</b>	Maureen Matthews
<b>LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY</b>	Bob Godzeno

**ANTHEM** *Lo, a voice to heaven sounding* Dimitri S. Bortniansky

*Lo, a voice to heaven sounding, Praising everlastingly,  
As the voice of many waters, God, the Father, Praising ever joyfully.  
We, too, sing, we sing exultingly; We, too, sing now who love Thee,  
We sing this holy day. Amen.  
To the Lord our God everlasting in glory,  
Lift up your hearts! Rejoice in Him! Rejoice in God, rejoice in God!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Transform Us*

Chalice #182

**SACRED SCRIPTURE** *Mark 9:2-9* New Testament, p. 44  
Stuart Constantine

### REFLECTION

### SILENCE

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

We share joys and concerns of the community.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE 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 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, forever. Amen.

### MUSICAL RESPONSE

Grand Choir - All

**INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Alex McGregor

### OFFERTORY

*Spirit of God*

Arr. By Joseph M. Martin

Words: George Croly, Music Frederick C. Atkinson

Frances McGovern, *soprano*

### \*DOXOLOGY

Chalice #46

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alex McGregor

### \*SCATTERING HYMN

*We Meet You, O Christ*

Chalice #183

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*O, How I Love Jesus*

Grand Choir - All

Chalice #99

### POSTLUDE

Timothy Wallace

The Lectionary Passages for this week are: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6;  
2 Cor 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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*No matter who you are,  
no matter where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome in this United Church of Christ congregation*

## OUR WELCOME

Join us in the dining room right after worship on February 19 for a delicious pancake lunch. We will be celebrating “Shrove Tuesday on Sunday”.

Large-print Bibles and Chalice hymnals are available from the ushers.

Child-Care for infants to 5-year-olds is available during worship. Please ask an usher to introduce you to our caregivers, Elfriede Mallin and Julia Simpson.

Children’s Bulletins: Children’s bulletins and pencils are in a basket on a table in the narthex.

Library: Our church library, located across from the Church Parlor, is open whenever the church is open.

Envelopes for Open Plate Offerings: If you do not have a pledge envelope, we invite all givers to use the envelopes provided in your pew so that we might record your donations.

If you would like a pastoral visit from Interim Pastor Jane Ann, please call the church office (203)323-0200 for an appointment.

Looking for a Church home? We welcome you to join us. Make your desire known to the Interim Pastor, or an Usher.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### A WORSHIP-FULL WORKSHOP

*“Telling Our Stories & Considering Our History”*

February 25, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

In support of the work of this interim ministry, and in preparation for FCC forming a search committee to select a called pastor, a Workshop will take place for all members & friends of FCC. It is important for the entire church family to participate in the interim ministry workshops. Refreshments will be served. Several members have already registered. Sign-up sheets in the Chapel Narthex and the Parlor - or - call or email the office.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in our liturgical calendar. It is a day to remember our own mortality, commit to our Lenten disciplines, affirm our connection with the Earth, and prepare for Holy Week. Please join us on Wednesday February 22 at either 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary or 7:00 p.m. in the chapel, for meditation, prayer and imposition of ashes.

#### Lenten Prayer and Healing Services

*February 29, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4*

Each Wednesday evening in Lent we will gather for a brief service of Prayer and Healing in the Chapel beginning at 6:30 p.m. As we journey together through the season of Lent, this time together will create space in the midst of each week to recall the messages of the season and to join together on a spiritual journey. All are welcome.

#### Thursday Night communion with the Bible—A Genesis Group

continues with Interim Pastor Jane Ann, through March, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome.

**Celebrate Black History Month!** The Tinker hall display case contains a special exhibit of books about Henry Ossawa Tanner who was born in Pittsburgh in 1859 and died in Paris in 1937. There are two prints of Tanner paintings near the display case: The Annunciation, 1898 (gold) and Angels Appearing Before the Shepherds, 1910 (white transparent light).

Betty Ayres  
for the Library Committee

### Schedule for Today and the Coming Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>Last Sunday after Epiphany</b>
9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Worship—Chapel
12:00 noon	Shrove Sunday Pancake Lunch—Dining Room
12:00 noon	Worship Planning—West Parlor
<b>Monday</b>	<b>President’s Day</b>
	<b>Church Building and Office closed.</b>
7:00 p.m.	<i>Racism Reflections</i> – Matthews home
<b>Tuesday</b>	
11:00a.m.	Memory Support Program—West Parlor
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
12:00 noon	Imposition of Ashes in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Imposition of Ashes in the Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop (until 3:00 p.m.)
11:00a.m.	Memory Support Program—West Parlor
7:00p.m.	“Thursday Night...with the Bible”—Parlor
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Worship—Chapel
12:00 noon	Special Congregational Meeting—Chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday-Friday, 12 noon—Dining Room  
Al-Anon Hope for Today: Wednesday, 12 noon—Room 308  
Overeaters Anonymous: Monday-Friday, 12 noon—Room 309  
Literacy Volunteers: 203-325-5214

The church building and office are open weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### Church Directory

Ministers—All the people  
Senior Interim Pastor—Rev. Dr. Jane Ann Groom  
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