

*Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.
Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.*

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You are also invited to donate via virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click “Give” to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256.

References to God

References to God in traditional prayers, readings, and hymns in our worship may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God.

Land Acknowledgement

Our church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee Nation. We acknowledge this indigenous community who stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.

Online Streaming and Podcasting

You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on Facebook.com/FCUCCAppleton or at: www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream.

Video recordings of our live stream services can be found at:
www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/previous-livestream-services/

Written transcripts of the sermon can be downloaded at:
www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/sermon-transcripts/

October 16 Highlights at First Congregational

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Flowers

The flower arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning was designed by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Communion

All are welcome to receive communion the first Sunday of each month. We currently use TrueVine prefilled communion cups and gluten-free wafers.

Baptism

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month. The next Baptism Sunday will be November 20.

If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, please request a baptism registration form from the church office or download and print one from www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 2022

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Pastor Mary Jo Laabs, Interim Associate Minister for Congregational Life

PRELUDE

October: Autumn Song from The Seasons

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

*WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time.

People: To wake from our sleeping,

Leader: Throw off our fears,

People: Discard our excuses.

Leader: Now is the time

People: To walk towards freedom,

Leader: To believe in new life,

People: To turn away from dead ends,

Leader: To live new possibilities,

People: To sing new songs.

Leader: Now is the time

People: To open our hearts to our awesome God.

*OPENING HYMN #80

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 - ALL

Stanza 3 - Choir ONLY

*OPENING PRAYER

* Please rise, in body or in spirit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

4TH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We hope as you read the Bible, you will bring not only your faith, but also your doubts and your questions, too. We promise to be a loving, supportive, listening and teaching community. We want to grow with you in knowledge, faith, and love.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #103

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Stanzas 1& 2 - Sung by ALL

THE BAPTISM OF CAMERON BRANDON HERRIGES & KIERRA LYNN HERRIGES

Parents: Derek & Brittany Herriges

Godparents: Becky Krueger and Tyler Groh; Heather Porath and Brian Herriges

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

People: We offer our love, support, and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

Dear God of gentleness and love, once more you have spoken words of hope in the birth of these children. We delight in the new gift of life. Let your blessing and strength rest upon Cameron and Kierra and their families. May they cherish these children and lead them in the ways of faith. In the name of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN

BAPTISMAL HYMN #306

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17 (OT, p. 82)

MEDITATION

“Freedom From Means Freedom For”

Rev. Nicholas Hatch

OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL REFLECTION (see bulletin p. 7)

Teach Me, O Lord (Psalm 119)

David Hurd
(b. 1950)

The congregation joins in singing the REFRAIN as indicated.

Please note: *The choir's concluding section includes freely improvised moving lines, creating a shifting wash of sound through clusters of tones that are unique to each presentation.*

(During this time, you are invited to a virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click “Give” to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256).

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, email to a pastor for confidentiality.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin, p. 8)

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 – ALL

Stanza 3 – Choir ONLY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

Johann Pachelbel

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*

Sanctuary Choir

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Upcoming Worship Schedule

October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

Scripture: John 4:7-15

Music: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Sanctuary Choir; LU Music Scholars

Psalm Response

TEACH ME, O LORD

Psalm 118(119).33-38.40

Setting by David Hurd

The REFRAIN below is repeated immediately after the choir sings it at the beginning and as indicated in the text.



Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,



and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

REFRAIN

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

REFRAIN

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.

REFRAIN

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Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The vocal line begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on F4 and E4, then a half note on D4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

The second system continues the melody with a half note on D4, followed by quarter notes on C4 and B3. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the first system.

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

The third system continues with a half note on B3, followed by quarter notes on A3 and G3. The piano accompaniment remains consistent.

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

The fourth system concludes with a half note on F3, followed by quarter notes on E3 and D3. The piano accompaniment remains consistent.

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

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KB's Nova Runs with Orion SHU

Creative Writing: Flip the Commandments

Most of the 10 commandments repeat the phrase “you shall not.” Reverse each commandment, changing them from a negative to a positive so that instead of telling you what NOT to do it tells you what TO do. You may do this along, with a partner, or with a group around you. Feel free to discuss your answers!

Write the reverse of each commandment below, changing them from a negative to a positive. In the case of #4 and #5, rewrite the positive in your own words.

1. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
2. You shall not bow down to them (idols) or worship them.
3. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.

(Continued on next page)

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

10. You shall not covet.

What else would you add?

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Members of our church family benefit from our prayers, support, and words of encouragement as they celebrate special times or struggle with difficulties in their lives. Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

If you are in the hospital, please let the church know, as we are not always notified. In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call (920) 810-2600.

Jill Anthony's sister
Jill Anthony's nephew, Darryl
Scott Baehman
Valerie Bales
Sherry Bassett
Paul Bauman
Katie Behl
Barbara Ann Behl, Katie's sister
Aidan Bero
Nancy Bodway's daughter, Mary
Nicholas Breitzman
Marsha Brewer
Clair Brown
Don Brittnacher
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother
Christine Calhoun and Paul Siket
Dick Casperson
Steve Chapin
Colton and Misty, friends of Trudy Reilly
Lynn Cook
Dani, Fred's sister-in-law
Tom Dix
Jim Edwards
Rachel Edwards
Heidi Mendonca Erstad
Erstad family friend, Silas and his family
Friend of Pat Severin
David Galow
Wanda Gauger's sister, Jennifer
Steve Gehrt, son of Esther
Ken Geiger
Dylan Glick
Norm Goodacre and family
Family of Deborah Gorman upon the death
of her mother

Micki Guyette and her family
Margaret Hankwitz
Judy Hanson
Ted Healey, father of Sue Toussaint
Family of Florence Heckrodt upon her death
Maggie Hendrick
Ken Hocking
Carol Huddleston and family
Larri Jacquart, daughter of Helen Wilson
Jean Jepson
Ray Johnson
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Sandy Marcoe
Gerald Otto, brother of Stephen Otto
Sharon Radke
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Aria Arthur Schmidt, grandson of Julie Schaller-
Schmidt and John Schmidt
Jan Scheibe
Larry Schiedermayer
Pat Severin
Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
Mark Spindler
Cole Stoffel
Debra Stoner
Gloria Tate
Elsa Thiel
Jack Thiel
Peter Thiel
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke
Jean Van Wagenin
Tom Van Wyk
Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter
Diane White

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves*

“Pop Songs with a Message” Adult Education Class

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM

October 5 - November 9

In the Upper Lounge

The group will hear and share songs with a message and learn from each other and from the experiences of the writers.

The time will be led by retired pastor Paul Nulton who has used "pop songs with a message" for sermon illustrations since the days of Peter, Paul and Mary.

For questions: nultonpaul@gmail.com.

First Congregational Fellowship

If you or your group would like to supply refreshments after worship on a Sunday, we will offer you the opportunity to publicize your group. If your family would like to do it, you can put pictures of your kids or grandkids out. It will help us get to know one another better and also learn about the many groups in our church.

You can use the small kitchen in the Upper Lounge if you need it. You don't need to serve coffee, but we do ask that you try to be aware that some people are gluten intolerant.

Contact the church office at info@firstcongoappleton.org to sign up.

"We Make the Road by Walking" Adult Education Class

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM
in the Chapel**

The class is led by Pastor Susan and Pastor Peggy on Wednesday evenings.

The class will be taught as follows:

- September 14 - Chapters 1-2
- September 21 - Chapters 3-4
- September 28 - Chapters 5-6
- October 5 - Chapters 7-8
- **October 12 - No Class**
- October 19 - Chapters 9-10
- October 26- Chapters 11-12
- November 2 - Chapters 13-14
- November 9 - Chapters 15-16
- November 16 - Chapters 17-18
- **November 23 - No Class**
- December 7 - Chapters 19-20

Membership Exploration Class

Join Pastor Susan for a class after worship (until approx. noon) on the following Sundays in the Upper Lounge: October 2, 9, 23, and 30.

This class will be our new Membership Exploration Class. If you have completed one of the former classes and are ready to join the church, we will be introducing our new members to the congregation during worship on **November 13.**

Sign up to join the class or to indicate you are ready to join the church by sending an e-mail to info@firstcongoappleton.org.

Greeters and Welcomers Needed

We are looking for some friendly people to greet folks as they enter our church for worship on Sunday morning.

Greeters will stand by the main doors near the Chapel, smile and say good morning to everyone that enters the church. Due to COVID you DO NOT need to shake people's hands.

Welcomers will stand behind our Welcome Desk, smile and help guests get a name tag and sign our guest book. You will also answer any questions they might have. Don't worry about needing to know everything about the church! You can hand them one of the church business cards and tell them to contact the front office on Monday. The office staff will be happy to answer their questions.

Both welcomers and greeters can be done as a family or individual. If you would like to be a part of this ministry contact Carolyn Frederick in the front office, (920) 733-7393 or email her at cfrederick@firstcongoappleton.org.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service

NO CYF Programming

We follow the Appleton Area School District's school calendar so we will not have High School or Middle School programming on **October 19**.

We will not have Children's Ministry on **October 23**.

Worship and Music

*A diverse community practicing faith,
finding spiritual connection and experiencing
the Holy through artful sound*

Church Family Handbell Workshops - Come Ring!

Church Family Handbell rehearsals begin on **Sunday, October 23 in the Amistad Room at 10:30 AM (right after worship.)**

Come experience ringing our newly refurbished Whitechapel Handbells and have fun learning a variety of techniques under the leadership of Beth Vercouteren! Open to **elementary age through adults; families are encouraged to come ring together! Rehearsals continue each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM** (you do not need to attend every week) with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, November 19 (time TBA, based on schedule of the participants).

We will perform in 9:30 AM worship on November 20, with special music that celebrates Thanksgiving.

Please contact Beth Vercouteren at (920) 740-3571 to register!



Family Handbells, November 2021

Come Serve in Music Ministry!

You are invited to make music this fall, celebrating the joy we share in Christ! Please contact John Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries, at jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org or 920-851-8097 or with questions or to register.

Sanctuary Choir (high school - adults)

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM

- Music folders in choir room, rehearsals in Sanctuary (*masked*)

Youth Handbells (grades 7-12)

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:25 PM

- Amistad Room (off Fellowship Hall, *masking optional*)

Children's Choir (grades 2-6)

Sundays, 10:45-11:30 AM

- Gather after church school at 10:30 AM for a snack in the art kitchen, and then rehearse in the Choir Room at 10:45 AM (*masking optional*)

LU Music Scholars (college)

Sundays, 5:00-6:00 PM

- Rehearsals in the Choir Room and Sanctuary (*masked*)

Church Family Handbells (elementary through adults)

Sunday, October 23, 10:30-11:30 AM

- Rehearse in Amistad room or Sanctuary each week, ring in worship on November 20 (*masking optional*)

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice*

“Mind the Gaps” Economic Justice Bible Study

**Sundays, September 18 - October 23
11:00 AM - Noon**

Rev. Sekinah Hamlin leads these sessions via Zoom. Participants can either meet in the Chapel as a group or zoom individually from home.

Zoom link for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83553559688?pwd=L2pmak41RkgvSzNaejlQaXF1U2N5dz09>

Earth Day: Election Edition

October 22, 12:30 PM

Pierce Park, 1035 W. Prospect, Appleton

Help make climate the hot topic of this election!

This event features informational booths, music from Christopher Gold, Keynote speaker Ligia Rivera, and a march across the Memorial Drive Bridge and back to Pierce Park.

Ligia will be speaking about the League of Women Voters of Appleton Fox Cities' two-year study on local climate impacts and adaptations for our communities' climate resilience.

This event is co-sponsored by the following nonpartisan local organizations: Citizens' Climate Lobby-Appleton/Fox Cities, ESTHER Environmental Justice Task Force, League of Women Voters of Appleton Fox Cities, and PopEarth.

Would You Like to Make a Difference in a Child's Life?

"Friendship Circles" at Dunlap Elementary Looking for Volunteers

Julie Gamm, Judilynn McDermott, and Wanda Van De Hey are looking for a few volunteers to assist with "Friendship Circles" for elementary school children at Dunlap Elementary School.

The circles would take place during the children's 45-minute lunch period, once a week. The children will be either 3rd-6th grade or 4th-6th grade. The purpose of the circles is to provide some emotional and social support for the students who might be having a tough time navigating life's challenges.

A background check through the Appleton School District is required but is an easy process. The idea of Friendship Circles came as an outgrowth of conversations within the Racial Equity Zoom Group that has been meeting for the past two years.

If interested, please contact Wanda Van De Hey at wanvandh@gmail.com or 920-203-1500.



Blankets and Mattress Pads Needed for NOAHH

A special thank you to Lyle Van De Hey who purchased 5 twin mattresses and 5 twin bed frames for one of our Project NOAHH families.

We are also requesting the donation of **5 twin bed blankets and 5 twin bed mattress pad protectors and pads.**

You can drop the donations off at our front office during regular business hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



Administration

Welcome Mary Jo Laabs!

We are very pleased to welcome to our staff Pastor Mary Jo Laabs.

Mary Jo is a seasoned interim minister who has served four different churches in the Wisconsin Conference, most recently she has been Interim Pastor at Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay.

She will be our new Interim Associate Minister for Congregational Life, with specific responsibility for four areas: Visitation, Small Group Ministry, Adult

Education and Membership Development. This is a full-time position for eighteen months with an option to renew for six months.

An accomplished musician and graduate of St. Norbert College and the Lay Academy, Pastor Mary Jo is a licensed pastor whose previous churches raved about her energy, her enthusiasm, her preaching and her hard work as a pastor who quickly knew everyone's name.

Please welcome her to First Congregational and pray for her during this transition!



Calendar for October 16 - October 22

Sunday, October 16

9:25 AM - 11:35 AM

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Child Care - *Toddler Room*

Worship - *Sanctuary*

Children's Ministry - *All CYF Rooms*

Children's Choir - *Art Room/Choir Room*

Confirmation - *Fellowship Hall*

Adult Ed - *Chapel*

LU Scholar Rehearsal - *Sanctuary/Choir Room*

First Things First AA Meeting - *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, October 17

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary*

Boy Scout Troop 8 - *Fellowship Hall*

Tuesday, October 18

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

7:45 PM - 8:45 PM

Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*

Chrysalis - *Upper Lounge*

Pastoral Search Committee - *Upper Lounge*

Living Sober AA Group - *Common Grounds*

Fireside AA Group - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, October 19

5:45 PM - 6:25 PM

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Youth Handbells - *Amistad Room*

Adult Education - *Chapel*

Pop Songs with a Message - *Upper Lounge*

Sanctuary Choir - *Sanctuary/Choir Room*

Thursday, October 20

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Strong Bodies - *South Fellowship Hall*

Finance Committee - *Upper Lounge*

AA - Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*

TNT SOAR - *Fellowship Hall*

Mental Illness Support Group - *Upper Lounge*

Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Friday, October 21

7:00 PM - 8:45 PM

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

N.A. - *Common Grounds*

Al-Anon - *Upper Lounge*

Saturday, October 22

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*