



a just world for all

November 10, 2019

First Congregational
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
An Open and Affirming Congregation

10:00 a.m.



Order of Worship

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Ring the Bell
Welcome/Sharing of Concerns

Prelude "Air" J.S. Bach
Call to Worship from Psalm 145 (NCH)

One: I will extol you, my God and Ruler,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Great is God, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.**

One: God upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**All: God is near to all who call,
to all who call on God in truth.**

* Hymn No. 284 "Gather Us In" Haugen

Gathering Prayer/The Savior's Prayer
(UCC Book of Worship)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Sung Response

**There's a song deep within our hearts
There's a light burning in our souls
And a path in the darkness lit from above
God help us sing your song,
Spirit to shine your light,
Jesus to live your love.**

Special Music "Community of Faith" Martin

Youth Storytime Celia Motz
Following Youth Storytime, youth go downstairs to Sunday school or remain in worship; the childcare room in the main hallway is available for children 5 and younger.

Moment for Mission: Stewardship 2020 John French
Veteran Recognition Walt Lilley, Veteran

Hymn No. 607 "In All the Seasons Seeking God" Si-Shi

The Pastoral Prayer

Invitation/Sharing of Gifts

Offertory "Bouree" G.F. Handel

* Doxology

**Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,
may we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.
Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow!**

* Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Haggai 2:1-9

This is our sacred story.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Meditation "A Lasting Legacy" Rev. John P. Gardner

Moment of Quiet Reflection

* Hymn No. 477 "Pass it On" Kaiser

Prayer for the Journey JPG

**We thank you, O God, for the Way pioneered by Jesus, defined by liberty
and justice. And love like no other. Expand our horizons, keep broad our
sympathies, infuse our faith with courage and trust. May we persist in
living our days honorably. As stewards of the gospel of peace, in
solidarity with Jesus and the world he dearly loves, may we glorify your
holy name. Amen.**

* Benediction

* Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor" J.S. Bach

Mission Opportunities

Cahoots Teen Coffee House - This coffeehouse is located at 218 W. Maumee St. and provides a safe place for youth to "hang out" and fill their time with fun and healthy activities. On the weekend, Cahoots hosts a free open-mic night to all musicians, unless they've scheduled a concert featuring touring musicians! Cahoots has a full line of coffee beverages, lunch and snacks. Volunteers from our church include: Marj Lilley and Liz Andres, board members; Lauralee MacLeod, mentoring program; and Bun Mayer, kitchen. Come grab a cup of coffee or visit cahootscoffeecafe.com for more information!

Mason House of Hope - The site of the CHOICE Program, which offers post-high school training to special-needs young adults through the Northeast Special Education Co-Op.

Faith Community Health Clinic - Open on the first, third and fourth Wednesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m., this community clinic is located at Holy Family Episcopal Church. The clinic's director is our own Dr. Teresa Smith, supported by many volunteers from our church and others. The clinic offers medical care to those who are uninsured in our community.



Commitment Sunday, Nov. 17

Members and friends of FCUCC are reminded that Sunday, Nov. 17th, is Commitment Sunday. Pledge cards have been mailed and can be obtained from the church office and will be available on Commitment Sunday. It was Thornton Wilder who once said: "We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures." **FCUCC is a vital treasure**, impacting the lives of many, not only in the city of Angola, but extending far beyond into the surrounding tri-state region. Your support and participation enables the church and its ministry to thrive! So please: **be generous** and considerate in supporting the work and mission of the church with a pledge of time, talent, and treasure!



Christmas Day Dinner

A handful of area churches are planning a Christmas Day Dinner for local residents who might otherwise be alone. The meal will take place at Carlin Park Elementary and be served from 12-2 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, clean up, or provide food, please speak with Rita Lechleidner.

Opportunity to Donate to FCUCC Now!

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to donate via PayPal.

There is also a donate button on our website: angolaucc.org



Android phones may need a free QR code reader app from the Google Play store.

iPhones have a QR code reader in the built-in Wallet app.



Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCUCC), a progressive Christian community sharing the love of God and seeking to serve the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ! First time worshippers are encouraged to pick up a "Please Return" packet which can be found on the Information Table at the east entrance to the sanctuary and in the vestibule of the main entrance. Greeters are available to assist as needed.

Please, after worship join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation!

Questions about FCUCC? Visit our website at AngolaUCC.org or our Facebook page. You can email the church office via info@angolaucc.org. Rev. Gardner is on site on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available via jpg@angolaucc.org. Or you can call the church at 260-665-9362.

Children and FCUCC: A childcare room is available on Sundays for children age 5 and under. It is located on the main hallway of the church's educational wing. **Activity bags** for children to use during worship are located at the Information Table.

Today at FCUCC

Those participating in this morning's service include: usher, *Veryl Carpenter*; offering counter, *Lynn and Jim Simons*; liturgist, *Rita Lechleidner*; greeters, *Bev Gerner and Ron Hays*; youth storytime, *Celia Motz*; special music by our *Chancel Choir under the direction of Lynn Syler*; pianist, *Phil Zimmerman*; and our transitional Pastor & Teacher: *John P. Gardner*.

- Thanks to **Harris, Lewis, and Mueller** for preparing this morning's refreshments
- The **childcare room** is available today, for children five and below, down the main hallway; children are also welcome to stay in worship. There are **activity bags** for children to use during worship, located in the entrance to the sanctuary.



Basket Offering

Our Basket Offering this week will go to **Faith Community Health Clinic** which provides medical care for the uninsured. Toss your dollars in the baskets, which are located at the exits of the sanctuary. Thanks!

Community Harvest Dinner



Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 16, for our annual Community Harvest Dinner! We will serve a traditional Thanksgiving dinner from 5-7 p.m. and are accepting **Donations** to help fund this event. We are also looking for **Volunteers**; if you are interested in helping please see Ron Hays or Mark Elliott.

Welcome our New Pastor

On Sunday, Nov. 3 we voted to call **Nicole Shaw** to be our next **settled pastor**, and she accepted. Pastor Nikki led us in worship. It was an exciting day. To end the day, we all celebrated with cake in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Nikki's first Sunday will be **January 12**. In the interim, the Rev. John P. Gardner will continue to lead us through the Advent season.

The Pastoral Search Committee is grateful for all the support we received during this search process. We searched until we found the person who was right for our church. We could not be more excited about the next chapter of FCUCC.

Our Mission Statement

First Congregational United Church of Christ, as an inclusive and caring Christian community, welcomes into its full life and ministry persons of every race, ethnic background, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, criminal history and faith background, as we serve those within our church family, the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate each person's uniqueness and look forward to the gifts they bring to us.



Church Directory

"THANK YOU" to all who have gotten their photo taken for the new directory. It's going to be great to have an updated and current directory! We will be sending out a reminder to those who were not able to get theirs taken. **If you still need to submit your information and have your photo taken, please contact the church office.** Thank You!



This Week at FCUCC: November 10-17

Sunday	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Youth Sunday School Church Council Meets Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary Classrooms Community Room Fellowship Hall
M-F	8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Veteran's Day Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12 noon 7:30 p.m.	Soup & Scripture AA/Al-Anon	Cahoots Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	No-Book Book Club Bell Choir Chancel Choir Narcotics Anonymous	Bob Evans Sanctuary Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	WordHouse	Youth Lounge
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	5-7 p.m.	Harvest Dinner	Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship COMMITMENT SUNDAY Youth Sunday School Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary Classrooms Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

November 16 - Harvest Dinner	5:00-7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
November 24-Cahoots Brunch—No Social Hour	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cahoots
November 28- Thanksgiving	OFFICE CLOSED
November 30-Hanging of the Greens	10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
December 5-Christmas Concert (for Turning Pt.)	7:00 p.m. Community Center
December 6-Christmas Walk (for Cahoots)	5:00-8:00 p.m. Church & Chapel

Our Staff

Reverend John P. Gardner, *Transitional Pastor*
 Rita Lechleidner, *Licensed Minister*
 Michelle Armstrong, *Administrative Asst.*
 Phil Zimmerman, *Accompanist/Director of Hand Bell Choir*
 Donna Daeger, *Child Care*
 Erica Mays, *Technology Coordinator*
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