



a just world for all

January 26, 2020

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

10:00 a.m.



# Order of Worship

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2020

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

Ring the Bell/ Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Prayer" C. Kreuzer

Call to Worship

\* Hymn No. 276 "We Gather Together" Ruth Duck

Prayer of Confession (unison, from the 2020 Abingdon Worship Annual)

**Glorious God, our Light, and our Salvation,  
too often we have been afraid.  
We behold the beauty of your dwelling place,  
and feel unworthy to meet you there.  
We view the cleft in the rock, where you would hide us from our enemies,  
and we shrink from its dizzying height.  
When your prophets are arrested and put to death,  
we hide in the darkness, rather than proclaim the dawning  
of your great light.  
Forgive our foolishness. Guide our timid feet, O God,  
and do not turn your face from us, Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Savior's Prayer (text on screen, from the UCC Book of Worship)

\* Hymn No. 467 "Fill the World with Love" David L. Edwards

Youth Storytime Michelle Olson

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.

Invitation to Remember Our Baptism

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music (performed by Lynn Syler and John Curtis)

Invitation/Sharing of Gifts

Offertory "Andante" Gluck

\* Doxology (unison, sung)

**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 Readings Isaiah 9:1-7 and Matthew 4:12-23

One: This is our sacred story.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message of Hope Rev. Nikki Shaw

A Moment for Silent Reflection

\* Hymn No. 177 "What Was Your Vow and Vision" Brian Wren

\* Benediction

\* Postlude "Allegro" G. F. Handel

## 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, board member; and Lauralee MacLeod and Mark Elliott, mentoring program. Come grab a cup of coffee or visit [cahootscoffee cafe.com](http://cahootscoffee cafe.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.



## Getting Started at FCUCC

Pastor Nikki will be organizing covenant classes for interested new members and those who have been attending regularly, but would like to make a covenant statement of commitment to FCUCC. If you are interested in learning more about the history of the UCC, the history of First Congregational Church, the mission and outreach we engage in, and making a covenant relationship with this church, call the office or email Pastor Nikki at [PastorNikki@angolaucc.org](mailto:PastorNikki@angolaucc.org).

At FCUCC, we are blessed when our congregants take public vows to join in the work of this church. While you do not have to become a member in order to participate and engage with us, Christians throughout history have recognized the importance of making a covenant with God and each other.



## 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](http://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](http://AngolaUCC.org) or our Facebook page. You can email the church office via [info@angolaucc.org](mailto:info@angolaucc.org). Pastor Nikki is on site on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and available via [PastorNikki@angolaucc.org](mailto:PastorNikki@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: liturgist, **Lois McEntarfer**; greeters, **Norma Baker and Marge Mueller**; youth storytime, **Michelle Olson**; usher, **Sue Myers**; offering counter; **Ralph McDowell**; pianist, **Phil Zimmerman**; chancel choir under the direction of **Sara Mowrey**, music director and our Pastor, **Nikki Shaw**.

- Thanks to **Group Two** 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 **Adopt-a-Bill** which provides for members in need. Toss your dollars in the baskets, which are located at the exits of the sanctuary. Thanks!

## Trine MLK Event February 7



On Friday, February 7, Trine University will host its 29th annual celebration of the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Themed “Unity is Our Greatest Strength,” the celebration will begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in Ryan Concert Hall of the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts. Dr. Joe Martin, EdD, returns for a second year to give the keynote address. The Union Baptist Church Mass Choir of Fort Wayne and Chris Ford and Sounds of Redemption will perform. Mayor Hickman and Trine University’s Multicultural Student Organization (advised by Deb McHenry and participants in the FCUCC Diversity Sunday) will participate in the program. Not only is the program free and open to the public, refreshments will also be served. Don’t miss it!

## Church Refreshments 2020

The purpose of Fellowship Hour, following Sunday Worship is to get together and share conversation with each other. It is not to provide a meal, although we all enjoy the snacks. With that in mind, we are looking to **SIMPLIFY** how refreshments are provided, making it easier and less costly. Folks will be placed into 8 different groups, with the “snowbirds” being dispersed evenly among them. Each group will provide refreshments approx. every two months, dropping them off in the kitchen prior to Worship. An email (phoning if needed) will be sent out at the beginning of the week asking each person/family in the assigned group to bring **just one item** for the following Sunday. No one person will be in charge of the group — and whatever arrives will be the refreshments for that Sunday. If someone happens to be ill or out of town that particular Sunday, other items donated from the group should be enough. We understand there will be no guarantees as to what will be there each Sunday. (*Think of the surprise!*) Let’s give this a try and see how it goes.

## Reminders



- Please remember to pick up your Christmas cards from the basket beside the information table inside the sanctuary doors.
- Pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes just outside the sanctuary doors.
- Remember to wear your name tags while Pastor Nikki gets to know us better!

## 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.



## This Week at FCUCC: January 26 thru February 2

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:15 a.m.</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Youth Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Classrooms</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
M-F	8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
Tuesday	12 noon 7:30 p.m.	Soup & Scripture AA/Al-Anon	Cahoots Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:45 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell Choir</b> <b>Chancel Choir</b> <b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:15 a.m.</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Holy Communion</b> <b>Youth Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>Worship Committee</b> <b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Classrooms</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>

## Upcoming Events

February 2 - Worship Committee	11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
February 7 - Trine Univ.’s MLK Celebration	7:00 p.m.	Furth Center
February 9 - Council Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Community Room
February 16 - Pastoral Relations Committee	11:30 a.m.	Pastors Office
February 23 - Border Trip Immersion Experience	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
March 12 –15 - Pastor Nikki on Vacation		

## Our Staff

Rev. Nikki Shaw, *Pastor*  
 Rita Lechleider, *Licensed Minister*  
 Michelle Armstrong, *Office Manager*  
 Sara Mowrey, *Director of Choral Music*  
 Phil Zimmerman, *Accompanist/Director of Hand Bell Choir*  
 Donna Daeger, *Child Care*  
 Erica Mays, *Technology Coordinator*  
 Mark Elliot, *Tech Assistant*

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