



The First Church in Albany

**Sunday, November 7, 2021, 9:00 am
Drive-In Order of Service**

All Saints' Sunday

You may tune in on your car radio at 87.9FM.

We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” *Hebrews 12:1-2*

Call to Worship Based on Revelation 7:9-12, where John sees all those who have gone before us and will come behind us gathered to worship Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Leader: I looked up, and there was a great crowd that no one could number.

People: They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language.

Leader: They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

People: They were wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Leader: And they cried out with a loud voice:

People: Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: Let us worship this Lamb, Jesus Christ, who has conquered death by his resurrection, and has promised to raise from the dead all those who abide in Love!

*Opening Hymn

*“For All the Saints”
Chris Brunelle, guitar*

Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(A prayer inspired by Rev. Lucus Keppel)*

God, who is known by all the saints who have gone before us, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us to love, nor do we allow ourselves to receive love when we need to receive love. In our anguish and grief, we turn from you when we need to turn towards you. Send your Holy Spirit to embrace us. Comfort us as we mourn the passing of the saints that we know, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence, embraced in your abiding love.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon *(Based on John 20)*

Friends of Jesus, the good news is this: When Mary Magdalene, a follower of Jesus, went to the tomb where Jesus was laid to rest, she did not find him there. And so, in her anguish and grief, when she turned around and saw a man standing there, she thought he was the gardener. But, it was Jesus, and recognizing her emotional state he calls her by her name and gives her a hug. That very same Jesus, when you are in a state like Mary’s, calls you by your name, and finds a way to embrace you with his love. Live in that peace.

Passing the Peace



Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please **beep and wave** to one another as a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer for Illumination

God who has spoken to generation after generation, speak to us now. Open our ears so we may hear what you have to say, and empower us to “go and do as you have said.” Amen.

Scripture

1 Kings 17:8-16

“⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

More Than Enough

Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Sermon Notes

Trouble in the text:

Trouble in our world:

God in the text:

God in our world:

Ways that God is moving in me:

The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

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.**

Offering & Eucharistic Song

"Bread of Life"
Chris Brunelle, guitar

B. Farrell

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Charge & Blessing

Sending Song *"I Sing A Song of Saints of God"*

Wendell Kimbrough, guitar

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr

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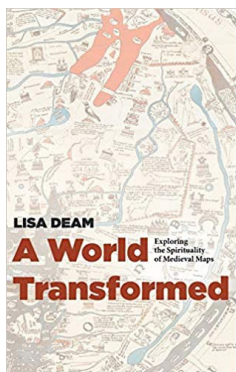
Please keep in prayer this week...

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Linda N. and Robert H., family
- Charlene Jones
- Jeff Curry
- Barb Andrews
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Ian and Edi Leet
- Fran Carr Morton
- Harriet Stockhoff
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Cheryl Gowie
- Steve Hoffman
- Ada Harris
- Ginger
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Our government officials, first responders and health care workers as we continue to manage the Covid-19 pandemic
- Countries like Haiti, recovering from natural disasters, and Afghanistan, dealing with political upheaval. For these and others, we pray for the humanitarian crises that accompany uncertainty and strife.
- Staff and Leaders of The First Church in Albany

Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us.

Submit on our website or call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org.

Fall Book Study Being Offered



Beginning in November, Rev. Trey will be leading a book study on *A World Transformed: Exploring the Spirituality of Medieval Maps* by Lisa Deam. Here's what Trey has to say about the book:

"Lisa Deam's book on medieval maps is a lot more interesting than it may sound! As an art historian, Dr. Dean utilizes medieval maps to help us think differently about our own tiny 'worlds' and our lives of faith. I'm looking forward to all the places we'll go with this book!"

If you are at all interested in participating, please send an email to Rev. Trey at assocpastor@firstchurchinalbany.org

We've got a new StoryWalk®

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



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The First Church in Albany



The pages of Ashley Spires' *The Most Magnificent Thing* will be hanging on the fence around the church building. Bring family and friends and enjoy!

This Week at the First Church in Albany



- Sunday 11.7 9am Drive-In Worship
10am Sanctuary Worship & Children and Worship
- Monday 11.8 9am Food Pantry
11am Prayer Shawl Meeting
- Tuesday 11.9 12pm Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday 11.10 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 11.11 Veterans' Day

Upcoming Events (info to come)

- Sunday 11.21 11am Advent Candle Set
- Thursday 12.2 7pm Thursday Worship Service in our Chapel

Consecration
SUNDAY
is November 21, 2021

Watch the mail.
A letter is enroute.
If you do not receive a letter,
please contact the office at
518-463-4449

TOM THE TURKEY HERE!
FIRST CHURCH, WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FILL
OUR THANKSGIVING
BASKETS!
TAKE A TAG OR TWO
AND BRING THE ITEMS
TO CHURCH BEFORE
NOVEMBER 12
THANKS A BUNCH!



The tags that Tom speaks of are available on the display above the stairs to Zimmerman Hall, as you come in by the office. Stop by today to get some tags!

If you have any questions about First Church in Albany, call the number below or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org for information.



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