

The First Church in Albany

**Sunday, October 24, 2021, 9:00 am
Drive-In Order of Service**

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

We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

Call to Worship *Based on the Westminster Catechism, Heidelberg Catechism, and Our World Belongs to God, a Contemporary Testimony.*

Leader: Congregation, in whom is our help?

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Leader: Why are we here?

People: We come to worship and enjoy the Triune God.

Leader: What do we long for while here?

People: We long to truly know God and know ourselves.

Leader: What do we already know about God and ourselves?

People: We know that all who abide in love, including our world, belong to God.

Leader: So, with hearts lifted in humility and gratitude, let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn**

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

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, we confess that we resist you when you call us to reform. We resist giving ourselves to you and to others, and so we end up resisting your grace. Resistance to you has made us tired and sometimes miserable because resisting you is resisting goodness. Hear us as we own and confess our resistance to you in our life together. Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to receive your reform of ourselves, and transform us to become agents of justice and joy.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, at the cross, Christ took upon himself the ultimate resistance of humankind towards God. And so, the good news is this: Though Christ did die from the worst of our resistance, Christ rose again and conquered our resistance. This same Christ who is ascended in heaven now freely gifts us salvation -love, forgiveness, and hope- by his Spirit. This free gift of faith sets us free from our bondage of sin and misery. Be set free; don't resist the Love of God in Jesus Christ.

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

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Hebrews 9:11-14

11 But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), 12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

God Is Good News

Rev. Trey Tirpak

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 & Offertory

Response Song

Charge & Blessing

Sending Song

Postlude

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr



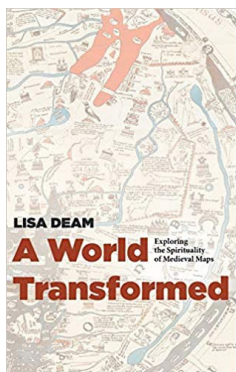
Please keep in prayer this week...

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Iteke Prins and Colleen Lais, for the passing of friend Raebeth
- 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!"

At this time, there is no set time for the weekly meeting to discuss the book, but that will be determined with those who would like to participate.

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

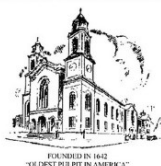
We've got a new StoryWalk®

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 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 10.31 9am Drive-In Worship
10am Sanctuary Worship & Children and Worship
- Monday 11.1 9am Food Pantry
11am Prayer Shawl Meeting
- Tuesday 11.2 12pm **Election Day**
Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday 11.3 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer

Other upcoming dates...

- Sunday 11.21 10am Consecration Sunday



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!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



All Saints Day is November 1st

On Sunday, November 7, we will remember our loved ones lost in 2020. Please email or call the office with the names of church members and friends who have passed. We will include these in the bulletin and the names will be read in memory.

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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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