



The First Church in Albany

Sunday, October 3, 2021, 9:00 am

Drive-In Order of Service



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We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: You, O Lord, silence your enemies

People: with songs sung by children.

Leader: You put to ease our anxieties

People: with the laughter of infants.

Leader: And when we lie down to sleep,

People: you watch over us as a loving parent.

Leader: Let us worship this God who calls us his children!

Opening Song

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

Prayer of Confession

Good God, we confess that being childlike, as Jesus describes, is seriously hard business. Instead, we tend to be childish: foolish, short-fused, and sometimes reckless. Holy Spirit, transform us to become childlike as Jesus describes, so that we can embrace the Kingdom of God with open arms, hope, and playfulness.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The good news is this: Christ has taken away all barriers to be reconciled with God so that we can embrace the Kingdom of God, and Christ has sent us his Holy Spirit to make us born again as children of God.

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

Lord, open our lives to receive the Word you have for us today. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked Jesus again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to the disciples, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord,

People: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Go Fly a Kite! Healing from Play

Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

Offering and Offertory



Meaning of the Sacrament and the Invitation

The 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.

Leader: You are worthy of our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Guest Musician: Melanie Chirignan, flutist

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss and Stephen Reohr

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:



Please keep in prayer this week...

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Myrica Cook, friend of the Persons family
- Jeff Curry
- Barb Andrews
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Ian and Edi Leet
- RB with a recent diagnosis
- Kenneth Carr (Fran's brother) and Angela Venable, for the loss of their daughter
- 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.



Children & Worship

Delay in the Start of the Program

The Children and Worship Team has decided that a safe course of action would be to delay the start of Children and Worship by two weeks in order to assess the impact of school exposure on Covid cases among children, and to be prepared to adopt additional guidance that may result.

The Open House/Orientation for children and parents is now scheduled for Sunday, October 10 during the regular worship service. The first session will meet on Sunday, October 17.

Preparations for the coming year include the development of safety protocols and moving the children's Worship Center to a larger space that will support social distancing.



For questions, contact Sara Bonam Welge at
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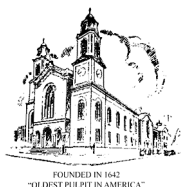
All Saints Day is November 1st

- 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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