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Prelude: “Andante” Piano Sonata No.5, K.283, by W.A. Mozart

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8

Call to Worship

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Leader: The world wagers on fear.

People: We bet on love!

Leader: The world underwrites division.

People: We dare to invest in love!

Leader: The world trades with pessimism.

People: We bank on Christ’s love!

Leader: Let us sing to the God who is love, and whose love changes how we live together!

***Opening Hymn:** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (p. 4)

Call to Confession

The Apostle Paul says that “Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

Prayer of Confession

God of Love, we confess that love is hard. It asks more of us than we want to give. Love stretches us, humbles us, and even sometimes breaks us. Yet your relentless, steadfast love keeps calling us to bet on love again. Empower us in the days to come to take the risk of love again and again. Amen.

Call to New Living

Beloved, take heart: Jesus bet everything on love and won. He bore all things, believed all things, and endured even death so that love would have the final word. In Christ, you're forgiven.

And in Christ, your bet on love will pay off. So, take the risk with your life and bet on love.

For Christ says, “Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?”

***Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace,
children please come forward for a message and blessing.)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk
of the horn and a hand-sign of peace.

Children's Message & Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

**God, in the hearing of your Word, reveal
what love is, so by the power of the Spirit,
we might love like you. Amen.**

Sermon Text 1 Corinthians 13

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What to bet on: Bet on love

Prayers of the People

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.
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***Offertory & Sending Hymn:**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (p. 5)

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude:** “Song Without Words” in C Major,
Op 102 No 6, by Felix Mendelssohn

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316

1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 4 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

TEXT: Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.
 MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812
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TWENTY-FOURTH
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"Oh don't go tell me that the best that you had is behind
 And don't believe them
 when they tell you you're out of your mind
 Your obligation is to work out
 what's right and what's wrong
 Our great obsession
 is to end up just where we belong...
 So bet on love, bet on beauty,
 On the chance to rise again"

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747

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R. H. Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
 2. Come al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us all thy life re - ceive;
 3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

1. fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 2. sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 3. let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee,

1. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 2. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 3. changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

1. vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 2. pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 3. till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Alternative tune: BEECHER, 479










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Prayer LIST as of 7.29.25 (To add an item to the prayer chain, contact a minister, the office or a member of consistory.)
 **Indicates a new listing**



Current Concerns

-  • For the passing of our beloved sister, Wilma Sheffer on Tuesday, July 22. Her funeral was held Tuesday, 7.29.25.
-  • For Donna Jones and family, as they mourn the passing of her brother Brian Miller, after a serious illness.
-  • Zachary, son of Joy Smith, experiencing a complicated medical issue
-  • John Patterson, Joanne Farrell and family as they mourn the death of John's mom, Anne Degolyer
-  • Keith Curry, our First Church Sexton, investigating some health issues and discerning possible future surgery
-  • Rev. Trey Tirpak's uncle awaiting test results and decisions on health treatment
-  • For Iteke Prins, continuing recovering after surgery, back in St. Peter's, prayers for healing.
-  • Pam, daughter of Betty Pierce, recovering from a stroke
-  • For Carm and Julie, sister and brother-in-law of Pete Pagerey, for Carm's diagnosis of Parkinson's and a setback in his treatment

Ongoing Needs

- Olivia Gaydushek
- Mia Westman
- First Church, as it moves forward with a pastoral transition. For all that makes up that transition process.
- For areas recovering from natural disasters like flooding, fires, earthquakes, etc.
- For war-torn places and area of conflict throughout the world

Give Thanks

-  • From Joy Smith, thanks for all of the prayers, well-wisher, calls and caring during her recent medical issue
-  • For the ministry of Camp Fowler and for the naming of a new camp director

Note: Prayer concerns will be kept on the list for 4 Sundays. Please let the office or a member of Consistory know if a concern needs to be kept on after that.



August 2025



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 2025	BACK TO SCHOOL		Last Drive-In is Aug. 24				1	2		
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FOCUS <small>CHURCHES OF ALBANY</small> Combined Worship Service 10am, Emmanuel Baptist Church No worship at FCIA	3	4	 Pantry 9am Consistory 6:30pm	5	 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm Hot Dogs 12pm	6	 Pantry 9am	7	8	9
 Drive-In Worship 10am Lemonade Lull	10	11	 Pantry 9am	12	 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm Hot Dogs 12pm	13	 Pantry 9am	14	15	16
 Drive-In Worship 10am Lemonade Lull HAPPY BIRTHDAY FCIA is 383!	17	18	 Pantry 9am	19	 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm Hot Dogs 12pm	20	 Pantry 9am	21	22	23
Last Drive-In Worship 10am Communion Sunday First Church Grill-Out	24	25	 Pantry 9am	26	 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm Hot Dogs 12pm LAST DAY	27	 Pantry 9am	28	29	30
FOCUS <small>CHURCHES OF ALBANY</small> Combined Worship Service 10am, Unity Church No worship at FCIA	31	Key: Drive-In Worship 10am Communion Sunday Lemonade Lull Pantry 9am Centering Prayer 12pm Book Study Hot Dogs AA 12pm								
Coming in Sept. • Sept. 1 (Mon.) - Labor Day - Office Closed • Sept. 7 (Sun.) - First Sunday of Indoor Worship										

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**
THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY



- TUE 12** **PANTRY**  **9AM**
6:30PM
- WED 13** **CENTERING PRAYER POWELL RM** **NOON**
AA MEETING THE PARLOR **NOON**
HOT DOGS IN THE PARK  **NOON**
- THU 14** **PANTRY**  **9AM**
- SUN 17** **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  **10AM**
FIRST CHURCH
DRIVE-IN WORSHIP
LEMONADE LULL CLEE PARK

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
WORSHIP WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL AND
THE LEMONADE LULL WILL BE IN ZIMMERMAN HALL.

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