



**Welcome.** We are a *Reconciling Congregation*. First Church is a vibrant, accepting congregation that welcomes all who seek God, inclusive of age, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and special needs.

### Prayers

Steve Armstrong, Priscilla Arndt, John & Tina Bryson, Laura Bowers, Mary Bowers, Edith Clay, Barbara Clemson, Pam Diener, Gerard & Jeanette Egan, Laura Ferguson, Ron Gearing, Herbert Gefvert, Jean Hall, Puff Hampson, Laura Heffel, Bernice Klosterman, Dan Lee, Eva Lee, Diane Logan, Liz Markel, Sam Overton, Carole Pryzby, Billy Ray Thomas, Richie Vernon & Rose Wright.

*Nick Perry who is a patient at St. Francis Hospital.*

*Larry Loecker is receiving cancer treatment at St. Francis Hospital.*

*Barb Ulrich's mother, Marion Ulrich, is recovering from surgery at Evanston Hospital.*

*Condolences to Barb Miller on the recent death of her mother, Gerry Pearson.*

### Worship & Fellowship

Curious about the history and architecture of First Church? Join a **30-minute tour** today after worship to learn more about the building with a focus on the sanctuary and Tittle Chapel. Tour led by trustee Bill Brown.

**Church Assessment Survey** – The upcoming retirement of our Senior Pastor, Dean Francis next year, and our preparation for a new Senior Pastor, we are entering a time of discernment as we prepare for the next phase of our ministry. As a part of this work, the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Church Council have decided to use *The Church Assessment Tool (CAT)* to gather a clearer picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future. Your response is important to us.

All church members and regular worship attenders are being asked to complete this survey before April 9.

The assessment will take between 30 and 40 minutes to complete. Please set aside enough time to complete it all at one time as you will not be able to log out and back in.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FirstUMCEvanston>

Eight tickets are available at \$70 to church members and friends for an **Alvin Ailey dance troupe** performance on March 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Auditorium Theatre. Stay after worship for lunch and we'll travel downtown together. Interested? Email Jane Cheema at [jane@faithatfirst.com](mailto:jane@faithatfirst.com).

After a year hiatus, the **First Church Fighting Methodists** will again play in the City of Evanston recreation coed "mushball" softball league. Seeking enthusiastic First

Church members and friends to play on the team. Talent optional. Games take place on Monday evenings April 24-June 26. Sign up on the registration page at [faithatfirst.com](http://faithatfirst.com). Fee: \$30. Questions? Contact [mollie@faithatfirst.com](mailto:mollie@faithatfirst.com).

### Music Ministry

After today's worship service, Brian Schoettler will present an **organ concert at 1:00 p.m.** This 60-minute concert featuring the "King of Instruments" is free and open to the public.

This Friday, March 24, the Birmingham-Southern College Concert Choir will present a **free concert** at 7:00 p.m. in Tittle Chapel as part of their Midwest concert tour.

### Children's and Youth Ministry

**First Steps to Faith** (ages 0-3 with parents) meets on Sunday, April 2 in the nursery from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

**JUMP** (grades 4-6) meets here at the church in the Great Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7. Please RSVP to [cherie@faithatfirst.com](mailto:cherie@faithatfirst.com).

**Club 123** (grades 1-3) meets here at the church from 4:30-6:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship and fun on Sunday, April 9. Please RSVP to [cherie@faithatfirst.com](mailto:cherie@faithatfirst.com).

**R&R Youth Fellowship** meets here today from 4:30-6:00 p.m. All youth in grades 7-12 are needed!

**Registration continues for summer camps and mission trips.** For more information and to sign up, go to [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

Creation Camp, (grades 3-8 fall) June 19-22

Children in Action Camp, (grades 3-6) June 26-29

Rockford Mission Trip, (grades 6-7) June 28-July 1

Vacation Bible School, (grades K-4) July 10-13

ASP Youth Mission Trip, (grades 8-12) July 22-29

Family Camp, (all are welcome) August 11-13

### Adult Education in Lent

**One Church, One Conversation: Encounters with Jesus**

In lieu of our typical adult class line up, our "One Church, One Conversation" groups continue to meet during Lent through April 2 for conversation and reflection around four encounters with Jesus from the Gospel of John lectionary passages. Space permitting, you are welcome to jump aboard a group. Details and online registration are at [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

**From Palm Sunday to Easter** – *Sunday, April 9, 9:15 a.m. in Glenna Hall.* What happens between the parade and the resurrection? Why is this week “holy”? How does our understanding of Holy Week shape worship, prayer and spirituality, and what has this meant for us at First Church? Led by Ron Anderson, Professor of Worship and Music, Garrett Evangelical-Theological Seminary.

**Mission and Outreach**

On Saturday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m. Couples Salon will get together at Pat and Joe Haughney’s home in Deerfield for some snacks, then go to Libertyville to pack meals to support the **Feed My Starving Children** program from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We have reserved 30 spots and need to commit so please RSVP to [lfederer@ameritech.net](mailto:lfederer@ameritech.net), and plan to bring some friends and munchies!

**The altar flowers** are given today in memory of William G. Swanick by his daughter Beth.

**Today’s Worship Leadership, Sunday, March 19**

**Preacher:** Dean Francis  
**Liturgists:** Jane Cheema & Bonny Roth  
**Minister of Music and Organist:** Brian Schoettler  
**Time with Children:** Jane Cheema  
**First Church Chancel Choir**  
**First Church Chamber Choir**  
**Greeter/Usher Team Captain:** Jim Champlin  
**Usher Team:** John Hardy, Austin & Samantha Spencer  
**Communion Celebrant:** Phyllis Bird  
**Sound System:** Frank Montagna & Chris White  
**Reader:** Christine Conda  
**Crossbearer:** Geoff Renk

**Sanctuary Attendance last Sunday: 275**

<b>This Week at First Church</b>			
<b>Sunday, March 19</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	Young Adult Class One Church, One Conversation Lent Groups Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist Children’s Council Meeting One Church, One Conversation Lent Group Organ Concert – Brian Schoettler R&R Youth Fellowship	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:35 a.m. 11:45 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Panera Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Conference Room Glenna Hall Sanctuary Great Hall
<b>Monday, March 20</b>	Total Childcare Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Conference Room
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	One Church, One Conversation Lent Group Mission and Outreach Meeting	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b>	John Bible Study Staff Meeting Cherub Choir Rehearsal Children’s Choir Rehearsal Handbell Choir Rehearsal Journey Festival & Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room Choir Room Choir Room Choir Room Great Hall Choir Room
<b>Thursday, March 23</b>	DCOM Progressive Theology Archive Committee Soup Kitchen One Church, One Conversation Lent Group	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Dining Room Archive Room Dining Room Glenna Hall
<b>Friday, March 24</b>	Birmingham-Southern College Choir Concert	7:00 p.m.	Tittle Chapel
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	First Feet Walking Group	9:00 a.m.	Church & Hinman
<b>Sunday, March 26</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	Young Adult Class One Church, One Conversation Lent Groups Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist One Church, One Conversation Lent Group	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:35 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Panera Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Glenna Hall