

January 7, 2018

# First Things First

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## Prayers

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

## Worship & Fellowship

**Want to learn more about First Church?** We'd love to tell you about this faith community and its ministries. Please contact Mary Taylor-Johnson at [mary@faithatfirst.com](mailto:mary@faithatfirst.com) or 847-864-6181 ext. 216.

**Men's Breakfast Group** will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 a.m. in the dining room. \$7 donation. Please RSVP to [dadart51@gmail.com](mailto:dadart51@gmail.com).

**First Flicks**, the First Church Movie Discussion group will be discussing the film, *Lady Bird* on Friday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Glenna Hall. All are invited to join the conversation. If you would like to participate in the poll that selects the group's next movie email [dean@faithatfirst.com](mailto:dean@faithatfirst.com).

**First Hands** fellowship group is sorting diapers for Bundled Blessings on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 5:00 p.m. then 6:30 dinner at Olive Mountain. Please RSVP to [LeahLHolzwarth@gmail.com](mailto:LeahLHolzwarth@gmail.com).

Fire up those slow cookers and start perfecting your new chili and cornbread recipes! The First Church **Annual Chili Cookoff** is January 21 after worship. Register online at [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations). Contact Mary Cox at [maryshawcox@gmail.com](mailto:maryshawcox@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Readings for Progressive Christians** is a book discussion group that meets during the school year at noon on Thursdays in Glenna Hall. It is open to all persons who seek to read and discuss books that are of interest to the group members. Our next session will begin on Thursday, Jan. 25 and we will be reading *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J. Vance. The book commemorates and grieves for the decline of life for the white rural poor in the U.S. If you would like to know more about the group or be added to their email list, contact [dean@faithatfirst.com](mailto:dean@faithatfirst.com).

Would you like to donate/dedicate **altar flowers** for a Sunday worship service? There are two upcoming available dates; Jan. 28 and Feb. 4. Cost is \$65 for mixed flower arrangements and \$120 for roses. If interested, contact Pam in the church office at [pam@faithatfirst.com](mailto:pam@faithatfirst.com) or 847-864-6181.

## Adult Education

**Faith Builders: Intentional Living** – *Sundays, January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room (note date change)*. In the new year, join with others to consider questions such as: What is the current chapter of my God story? How do I pay attention to God, and what is God calling me to? Led by Jennifer Christensen, Anne Hampson, and Kathy Olson. Advance registration strongly encouraged. Please visit [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

**Invitation to Psalms Bible Study** – *Wednesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 21 and March 21-April 11, 10:00-11:30 p.m. in Glenna Hall*. The Psalms give voice to all aspects of our human experience. This class is ideal for persons interested in connecting scripture with prayer practices, and is accessible

for anyone regardless of Bible study experience. Led by Janet Lutz and Ellen Feliciano. Please register at [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

**Mindfulness Meditation Group** – *Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the library*. This group gathers weekly for quiet reflection around scripture or other inspirational text. Led by Helen Damon-Moore.

**Abide** – *Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in third floor Room 37*. This group gathers for spiritual connection to God, mutual support in community, and faith formation. Led by Tim and Becky Eberhart and others.

**Faith and Parenting Class** – *Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 24*. Parents gather weekly to discuss connections between faith and everyday life and to support each other.

**Young Adult Class** – *Sundays at 9:00 a.m. at Panera*. Twenty- and thirty-somethings gather to reflect on faith in everyday life. Led by Mollie Foster. Questions? Email [mollie@faithatfirst.com](mailto:mollie@faithatfirst.com).

## Children's and Youth Ministry

**R & R Youth Road Trip!** Today from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Start your year off with a youth group adventure! We are going to Lock Chicago (in Evanston) to try and "escape" from the Matsuri escape room! We have room for 10 youth! MUST R.S.V.P. to Jane by 1:00 p.m. today at [jane@faithatfirst.com](mailto:jane@faithatfirst.com). No cost to youth!

**FNL Middle School youth group** meets on Friday, Jan. 19! All youth in grades 6-8 and friends are invited! 7:00-8:30 p.m. at church. How fast can you run the obstacle course? Who will dominate at our Minute to Win it tournament??

**Youth Group Winter Retreat** is January 26-28. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to get away for a weekend of winter fun- skiing, snowboarding, sledding! Register now (before Jan. 22) at <https://faithatfirst.webconnex.com/YouthSnow>.

Register now for Summer Youth Mission Trips at <http://faithatfirst.com/registrations/>! All First Church youth and their friends are invited to spend this summer serving people in need.

**ASP Youth Mission Trip** is July 21-28. All students currently in grades 8-12 and college-aged students are invited to join our team!

**Middle School Mission Trip** to Polo, IL is June 27-30. All Students currently in grades 6-7 and high school students who would like to serve as peer leaders are invited to be part of this team. Contact [jane@faithatfirst.com](mailto:jane@faithatfirst.com) with questions.

## Mission and Outreach

**Adult Spring Mission Trip** with the Appalachia Service Project is April 11-15. We will be serving in Jonesville, VA with ASP's home repair program. Cost \$315/person. Register NOW if you are a returning team member or if you are wondering about joining the team, come to an information session on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 11:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Registration is open through March 11. Group size limited to first 15 who register. Scholarships are available. <https://faithatfirst.webconnex.com/ASPadult>.

**December 31, 2017  
Sanctuary Attendance: 177**



**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.



**We have many services available to you at First Church**

- ◆ **Visitors are welcome** to stop by the church office for more information about this congregation and its ministries.
- ◆ **Nursery care is available Sundays**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in our church nursery on the second floor.
- ◆ **Hearing Assistance:** The sanctuary, chapel and dining room are equipped with a “loop” assistive listening system. Switch your hearing aid, cochlear implant, or tactile device to “T” (telephone). Also available for loan are digital “walkman style” receivers at the front desk of the office.
- ◆ **Wheelchairs** are available in the Narthex. There is an access ramp on Church St.
- ◆ **Parking** is free on Sundays at the garage on the corner of Church St. & Chicago Ave.
- ◆ **Visual Impairment:** Large print bulletins are available from an usher. Digital bulletins are also available from the office to upload to your smart phone or tablet.
- ◆ **Church office hours** are Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Fellowship Time** – join staff and church friends in Great Hall after worship.
- ◆ **Podcast** at [www.faithatfirst.com](http://www.faithatfirst.com)
- ◆ **Copies of Faith at First**, our newsletter, are available at the Church office.
- ◆ **The altar flowers** this morning are given by Kathleen & Bob Dove in loving memory of their daughter, Karen Dove Cabral.

**Today’s Worship Leadership, Sunday, January 7, at 10:30 a.m.**

- Preaching:** Dean Francis
- Reader:** Cate Whitcomb
- Liturgists:** Jane Cheema, Bonny Roth
- Sound System:** Jack Hinz & Frank Rose
- Time With Children:** Jane Cheema
- Usher/Greeter Team:** Joe Haughney
- Minister of Music & Organist:** Brian Schoettler
- Communion Setup:** Young Adults
- Music Assistant:** Cody Michael Bradley
- First Church Chancel Choir**

<b>THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH</b>			
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	Young Adults Class Rev. Francis Retirement Info. Session Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal First Steps to Faith Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Gospel Choir Rehearsal Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:50 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	Panera Dining Room Various Locations Sanctuary Room 29 Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Choir Room Rooms K & M
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	Grace Circle Lay Visitors Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Conference Room Glenna Hall Rooms K & M
<b>Tuesday, January 9</b>	Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	9:00 p.m.	Rooms K & M
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>	Psalms Bible Study Staff Meeting Cherub Choir Rehearsal Children’s Choir Rehearsal Handbell Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room Room 33 Choir Room Choir Room Choir Room Rooms K & M
<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	Men’s Breakfast Group Read, Pray, Love Soup Kitchen God’s Story, Our Stories SPRC Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	7:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Dining Room Conference Room Dining Room Glenna Hall Conference Room Rooms K & M
<b>Friday, January 12</b>	First Flicks Movie Discussion Group Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Rooms K & M
<b>Saturday, January 13</b>	Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	9:00 p.m.	Rooms K & M
<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	Young Adults Class Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Gospel Choir Rehearsal Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:50 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	Panera Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Choir Room Rooms K & M