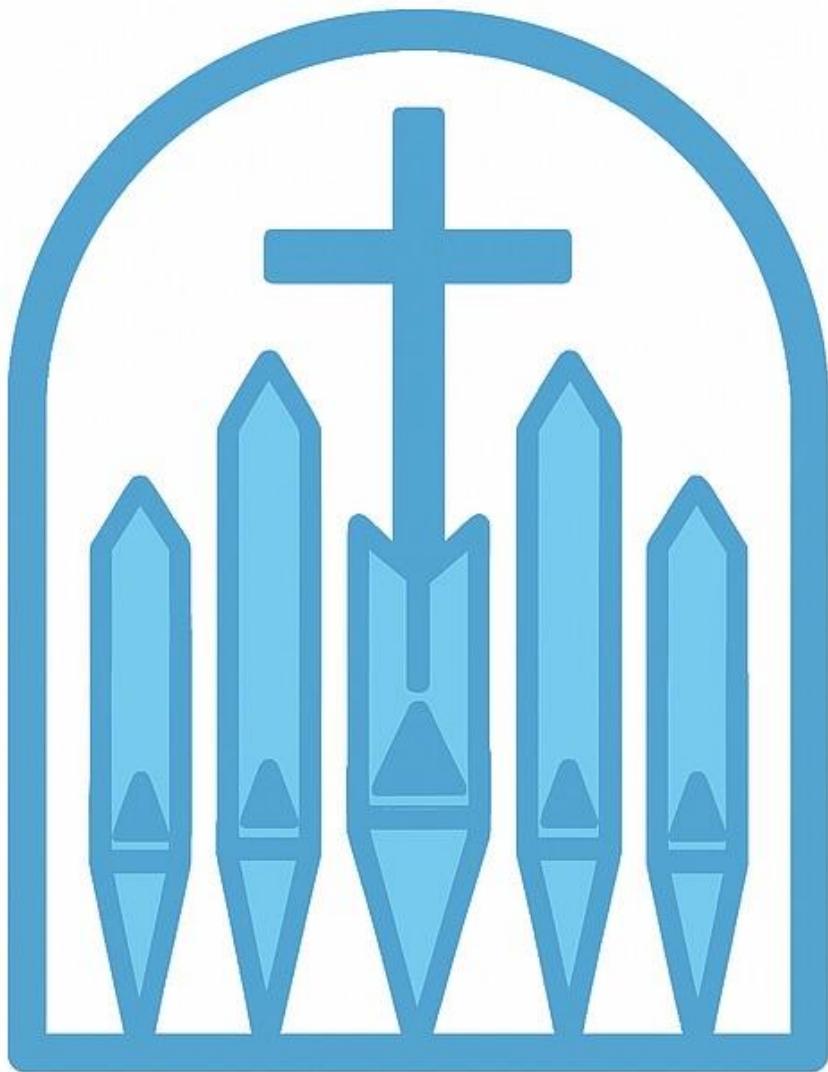


First Congregational Church of Georgetown



January 18, 2026
First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Want to get to know some
amazing people?
Join us downstairs in
Fellowship Hall after worship
for snacks, smiles, and chit chat!

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Office Hours: 9am-noon on T, W, Th

Gathering

Gathering Music / Prelude

“Peace in the Valley”

Presley

Welcome & Announcements

Introit/Centering Music

“Ave Verum”

Mozart

*** Call to Worship**

One In the routines of ordinary life, we launch out — working, striving, casting our nets — sometimes through long nights of empty hands.

Many: God, we bring You our weariness, and we make room for the Spirit's quiet guidance.

One: When we cannot see clearly, Christ still stands on the shore and calls us to try again, to shift our habits, to trust a wisdom beyond our own.

Many: We loosen our certainty, stay open to Your direction, and listen for Your voice.

One: Jesus offers a simple feast — bread and fish, enough and balanced, welcome for all.

Many: Teach us to receive without grasping, and to give without fear, until our lives find Your holy “enough.”

One: Christ does not call us to abundance for ourselves alone, but to shared joy: God's provision and our labor, the Spirit's invitation and our collaboration.

Many: Make us a people of community — cooperating, sharing, and gathering gladly at Your table.

All: We give you thanks. Amen.

Psalm 30

* Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Clara H. Scott

O- pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you
O- pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you
O- pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth
have for me place in my hands the won - der - ful key
send so clear; and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear,
ev' - ry - where; o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare
that shall un - clasp and set me free. Si - lent - ly now I
ev' - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
love with your chil - dren thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I
wait for thee, read - y, my God thy will to see;
wait for thee, read - y, my God thy will to see;
wait for thee, read - y, my God thy will to see;
o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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Words & Music 1897

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

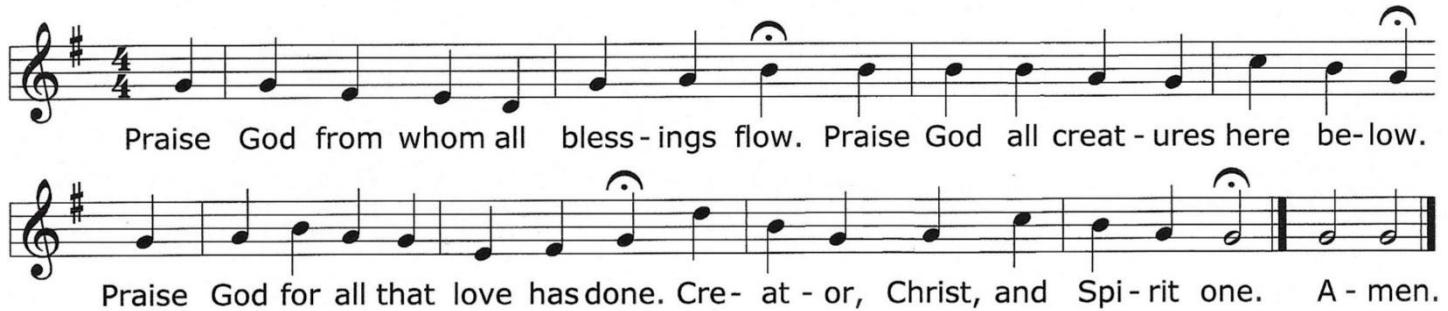
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Bach

* Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

We walk by faith. We live by faith. We give by faith. God of great gifts, You have given us so much, accept this offering as our faithful response to your abundant grace. Amen.

The Word

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-13

So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.

Message

“What’s for Breakfast?”

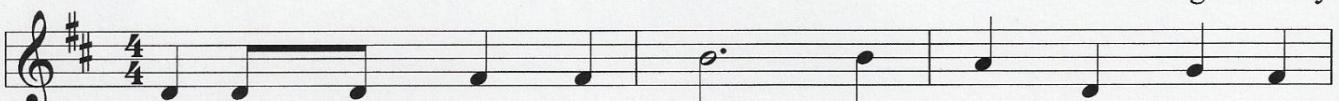
Sending

* Hymn

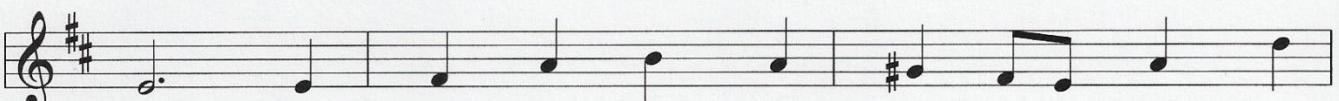
Jesus, the Lord of Life

Unknown

George J. Elvey



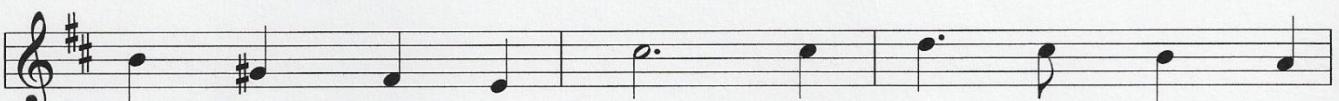
Je - sus, the Lord of life, re - veal your-self a -
Je - sus, the Lord of love, come teach us how to
Je - sus, the Lord of Peace, speak to our troub - led
Je - sus, the Lord of Hope, de - scend up - on our



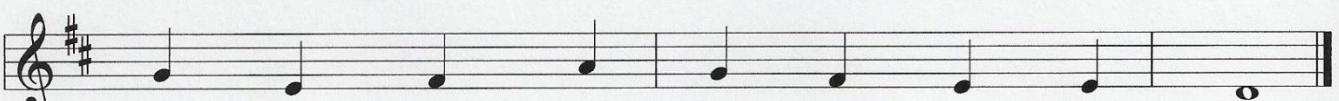
new. Re - move our doubt, in - crease our faith, give
live. Break down our walls, re - move our masks, and
earth. Strike down our pride, build up our trust, give
way. Shut off the past, make plain the now, point



us a wi - der view. That we might see your hand in
make us free to give; That we your spir - it show in
us a sec - ond birth; That we be re - con - ciled and
to a bet - ter day; That in your com - pa - ny, and



face and field and sky, and so with thank - ful
acts and words and thoughts, and with your chil - dren
cease to war and kill, thus learn to see the
charged with zeal and will, we strive to meet the



hearts and minds, up - on your grace re - ly.
ev' - ry - where, be joined in minds and hearts.
good all 'round, and so our Sav - ior's will.
com - ing age with ev' - ry prom - ise filled.

***Benediction**

***Postlude/Sending Music**

“How Great Thou Art”

Steeple Lighting

*The steeple will be lit during the month of January
in memory of [Karen Young](#) by the
Young and Pesce families.*

Today's Worship Team

Minister
Director of Music
Organist
Lay Leader
Musicians

Rev. Doug Brendel
Robert Knapp
Emily Knapp
Michelle Brock
FCC Band

Meetings & Upcoming Events

Sunday, 1/18	12 noon	Bells Rehearsal
Tuesday, 1/20	7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal
Friday, 1/23	9:00 am	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, 1/25	11:45 am	Annual Meeting

OFFERINGS

We are most grateful for your prayers for the ministries, staff, and volunteers of our church and for your offerings. You can make a financial gift on our website fccgeorgetownma.org/giving or use this QR code.



THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

First Congregational Church is an engaging congregation rooted in Christian tradition, but open to new expressions. With openness of heart and responding to God's compassionate grace, we reach out in service to the community and the world! If you would like to learn more about our congregation and its ministries or would like a call or visit from our pastor, please complete the visitor card found in the pews and place it in the offering basket.

EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

First Congregational Church is an **"Open and Affirming"** congregation of the **United Church of Christ**, which means that wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, we welcome persons of every age, gender, race, national origin and ethnicity, marital status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical health and abilities, economic and social status, political affiliation, education, and faith background. We also welcome and encourage all people to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission, and fellowship.

A COMMUNITY THAT AIMS FOR HOSPITALITY

We have large-print programs, hearing assistance devices, wheelchair and elevator accessibility, and all-gender restrooms. We also serve gluten-free bread and grape juice during our communion services. For those wishing to worship with us virtually, we live stream our services at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84545128875>. While we strive to anticipate needs, please share any ideas you have for ways to expand our hospitality for all.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We encourage children to actively participate in our worship service; this is where they learn the most about the Christian family — by experiencing it! Children are encouraged to sing, clap, wiggle, fidget, offer prayer requests, share a sign of peace, and receive communion.