

# First Congregational Church

1047 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL

United In God's Love



1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Encourage**  
each other and  
**build**  
each other  
**up.**



**Sunday Morning Worship**

November 19, 2017

9:30 AM

**No matter who you are  
or where you are on life's journey ...**

**You are welcome here!**

**A SPECIAL WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

- Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you feel the warmth of God's spirit here as we worship together! Please complete the form (in the pew) to let us know a little more about you and place it in the offering plate. As our guests this day it is the only offering we ask. If you should have a prayer concern or would like to meet with the Pastor please indicate this next to your name. Thank you!
- Following worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for an informal Continental Breakfast.
- Please note our worship services are online and televised, your participation in the service may be visible during these live ministries. If you should not wish your child to be on screen, please refrain from sending them forward during the children's time or have them sit directly in front of the pews in the front.
- Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.
- An elevator is at your disposal for all levels; our west entrance has a ramp.
- Children are welcome in worship; however, should your child grow restless feel free to sit with them in the Parlor at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Nursery/childcare is available for children up to age 2 and is located just off the hall of the main Sanctuary.
- Children are invited to attend Sunday School following the Children's Message. Classes are offered for all ages.
- Today's Sunday School: This week, 3 years – 4 ½ years in room 202, 4 ½ years – K in room 203, 1st & 2nd grade in the Chapel, 3rd & 4th grade in room 603 and the 5th & 6th graders in the east half of the Youth Room, room 602.

*"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."*

**–Martin Luther King Jr.**

*"We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face...we must do that which we think we cannot."* **–Eleanor Roosevelt**

*"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time."*  
**–Abraham Lincoln**

**God is still speaking ...**

*Please pass the clipboard in the pews. Sign in and sign up for events and let us know you're here.*

PRELUDE *Grateful* - Bucchino

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Scott

VIDEO OF AWARENESS *Hope's Front Door*

\*SHARING THE PEACE

\*OPENING SONG #724 *Sing to The Lord of Harvest* Monsell/Steurlein

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Kim

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;

grace to risk something big for something good;

grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth

and too small for anything but love.

So, may God take your minds and think through them;

may God take your lips and speak through them;

may God take your hearts and set them on fire. **AMEN.**

*William Sloane Coffin*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Amen, Sing Praises to the Lord* -Molefe  
*It's Good to Give Thanks*

Cherub Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Will Give Thanks* -Jothen  
Jr. Choir

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Scott

The Lord's Prayer (read in unison)

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Jesus Loves Me (2<sup>nd</sup> Verse)

MUSIC MINISTRY	<i>Because of Your Love</i>	-Baloche The Band
SCRIPTURE READING 1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-11		Susan Keys
SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION		
MESSAGE		Rev. Dr. James Olson
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Silent Prayer Prayer		Pastor Scott
OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory Offertory Music	<i>For the Autumn Sky</i>	Pastor Scott  -Schram Chancel Choir
*Presentation of the Gifts with Praise ( <i>sung in unison</i> ) <b>To God, all glorious heavenly light,</b> <b>To Christ revealed in earthly night,</b> <b>To God the Spirit now we raise,</b> <b>Our joyful song of thankful praise.</b>		
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Kim
*CLOSING SONG #726 <i>We Praise You, O God</i>		-Cory/Kremser
*BENEDICTION <i>One of our worship traditions to show our solidarity and love in community is to join hands and sing. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to join us in song and in spirit.</i>	<i>Ancient Words</i>	- Deshazo
*POSTLUDE	<i>You Are Good</i>	-Houghton The Band

**OUR TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED.  
NOW MAY OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE BEGIN!**

### Today's Musicians

Vocals: Kelley Calpin and Anthony Berg  
Percussion and Piano: Justin Kono Percussion: Lily West

### New Church App

Download our new app on your iPhone or Android NOW! Just search for our church name. The app will keep you connected “real-time”.

<b>PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS</b>
For Bailly Rose Butkus and her parents Mike and Kelly (Grandparents Jan and Rick Martin), Harold Laughlin recovering from back surgery, Rick and Genevieve Franz, Barb Bayer- recovering from a fall, victims of Suutherland Springs, TX terror attack, Residents of Puerto Rico

**GREETERS:** James & Lora Finucane, Chris Gales

**USHERS:** Gail Jaroski, Dave Swartz, Nancy Hessler, Jan Hessler

**(HEAD USHER:)** Jim Hallman

**COUNTERS:** Pat Lockett, Bill Lockett, Sr.

**(Lead Counter)** Pam Swick

**This week's continental breakfast will be hosted by Leadership.**

**This week's altar flowers are in celebration of Scorpio's birthday from Bob & Marilyn Katrein.**

## *This Week's Announcements*

Upcoming dates:

- Hanging of the Greens will take place next Sunday November 26th after worship. Please join us for preparing our church sanctuary and parlor for the Advent and Christmas Season December 10<sup>th</sup>. Join us after worship for Lunch and Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins.
- Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: NAMI mental Health Workshop - free to participate, includes lunch
- January: New member church exploration opportunity – come learn about who we are January 7th after church with lunch, New Member Sunday January 14th
- March 4<sup>th</sup>: Elmhurst College Jazz Ensemble will be sharing a Worship and Arts Arts and Soul Concert here at the church time TBA

**Today is our last Sunday with Pastor Kim.** She will continue with Bible Study, confirmation support and Christian Education Godly Play activities through the first of December. Please take some time to thank her for her time with us in the church parlor following worship today.

**Christmas Concert:** Please plan on attending our annual Christmas Concert which will be held on December 17th at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. All of our music ministries have been working very hard on the music for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season! The concert will feature music from the Alleluia Ringers, the Junior Choir, the Chancel Choir, and of course The Band! Plan to greet your friends and family following the concert for a dessert reception in the Parlor.

**Night Ministry:** November 26th & December 17th are the next two dates. We will also be collecting wool socks, waterproof gloves, warm hats and scarves and gently used winter coats. NIGHT MINISTRY OF CHICAGO NEEDS YOU... CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE OUR FRIENDS IN HUMBOLDT PARK! We will pack up the cars and head to Humboldt Park at 3:00 pm, serve a meal to our Night Ministry guests at 4:00 pm and head back to church following. Please join us if you never have before. The Night Ministry of Chicago provides many services throughout neighborhoods in Chicago, helping children, teenagers, and families. Questions, call Dena Provenzano 630-660-7445 or [denapro@comcast.net](mailto:denapro@comcast.net)

**Mission Ministry:** Calling all volunteers - join our prison ministry team at the Illinois Youth Center (Warrenville)! Each Thursday evening, two members of our team teach a "life skills" class to help better prepare the youth for life outside the juvenile justice system. You can volunteer as often as you would like, but you don't need to be there every week. Our spring semester will begin in February 2018. If you are interested in this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Amy Curran at [amyccurran@gmail.com](mailto:amyccurran@gmail.com) or 630-964-2205 for more information.

**Greeters Wanted:** All that is required is a smiling face and a warm welcome, possibly two or three times a year for about 20 minutes prior to church on Sunday mornings. I will give you a short list of duties and information that you should know to prepare yourself ahead of time. We have had a lot of new people join the church, and it would be nice to get to know some of you, and this is a great way to meet people, too. You can sign up as an individual, or with your family. Please contact Skyla Hall at 630-493-1140. Thank you.

**Women's Fellowship - Ladies of the Morning and Evening:** Women's Fellowship Annual Christmas Brunch --Friday, December 8, 9:30-12:30pm. Join the Ladies of the Morning and Evening at our annual Christmas Brunch. All are welcome! As usual, our lovely Jan Hibbeln will be our gracious hostess. We'll meet at her home at 1505 Gilbert in DG at 9:30am. Please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to Jan H including what dish you will be bringing. 630/728-4843 Questions: call Peggy Gutzke at 630/971-1382 or email her at [peggy.gutzke@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.gutzke@gmail.com)

**PADS Christmas Gifts:** On Christmas night, our church will host 40-50 overnight PADS guests in Fellowship Hall. Since 2012, our church members and friends have generously responded to provide personal gifts for over 370 PADS

guests. We hope to continue this tradition in 2017. Our goal is to provide one (\$50) gift or gift card per adult and several smaller gifts per child. You will be assigned a name and a desired gift. Most of the gift cards can be purchased at the Manna table. If you would like to share in this most worthwhile cause, please email Tom Williams at [dontomas23@aol.com](mailto:dontomas23@aol.com) or call/text at 630-664-8915. Thank you.

**This Thanksgiving please join us in celebrating with gratitude all the blessings we share.** This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held on Tuesday November 21st at 7:30pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Non perishable foods will be collected for local food pantries. Please bring a pie or cookies to share at the event. Choir members are invited to participate in a community choir for the service. On Sunday November 26th Please consider making food or joining us for Food distribution for the Chicago Night Ministry- If you would like to go downtown, please sign up soon as space is filling up quickly.

**FCC Book Club:** This December, we will once again partake in a shared dinner at Trudi Connick's home on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM. Trudi's home is at 718 39th Street in Downers Grove. The book selection is "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy. Please call Trudi at 630-968-6916 to let her know you will be coming and also to let her know what dish you will bring to share. Looking forward to seeing all of you bibliophiles then!

**On January 18, 2018,** faith leaders from around the country will join together for National Day of Fasting and Witness in protest of Wendy's executives' ongoing and unconscionable refusal to join the Fair Food Program. Following what's sure to be an exciting fall season in the Wendy's campaign (with a major march to the New York City offices of Board Chair Nelson Peltz coming up on November 20!), this mobilization will galvanize faith communities nationwide into action – both in commemoration of the great strides that have been made over the course of our decades-long struggle for justice in the fields, and in advancement of the urgent campaign to bring Wendy's into the Fair Food fold.. Please consider a fast along with CIW on January 18th to bring awareness with them.

**Hope's Front Door will be holding our 9th annual Toy Sale** at St. Scholastica on Saturday, Nov. 25th and Sunday, Nov. 26th. We need new and gently used toys for the toy sale. Additionally, we will need 4 volunteers per day to wrap presents. We are also asking for donations of wrapping paper and ribbons/bows (can be dropped off on 6th floor in our office or outside of office door). Volunteers are asked to bring their own scissors and tape. Please contact Adrienne Colvert if you are interested in being a Rapper! Email: [acolvert@att.net](mailto:acolvert@att.net) or 630-795-0535. Thank You.

**Irma Fund Information:** Ken Klindtworth and Joslyn Kirkegaard (630.215.5467) are a part of the local relief efforts of Irma along with Pastor Jim and Kirk of the Keys Church. If you would like to support this effort make all checks payable to our church with Irma Fund in the memo.

**Chancel Flowers:** Did you know that the flowers displayed on the Chancel are donated by church members? Everyone is invited to donate flowers in joy, celebration or remembrance of a loved one. The cost to donate is \$35.00 and there is a sign up calendar on the bulletin board on the Sanctuary level, south entrance. When you donate a floral arrangement you are encouraged to take it home with you following service so that you may enjoy its purpose. We do ask, however that you return the vase so that we can recycle them with the florist. Any questions, please see Linda Schranz or Barb Hammack.

**Amazon Smile:** When you shop @AmazonSmile, Amazon will make a donation to First Congregational United Church of Christ.  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2361106>

**MANNA: MANNA CARD CHANGES!** The Manna company we have been using has been acquired by Great Lakes Scrip Center. There are some changes that will make it easier to purchase Manna Cards and support our church. Here is the website for the new company- [shop.shopwithscrip.com/](http://shop.shopwithscrip.com/). You can use this to order cards on your own. Orders received by Tuesday night can be picked up on Sunday morning. You can also use the website to reload some of the cards you purchase. Check out the list of merchants and the percent they give back to our church on the website. Remember you pay for the amount you receive, so it is easy to help the church budget at no cost to you. Follow these instructions to set up your account and begin ordering today. If you have questions, see us at the Manna Table on Sunday mornings. Go to <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/> click on the grey "register" button in the upper right hand corner, click on the left side Join a scrip program. Use the enrollment code 92A2CLLA55623. You can create your logon information. Once you create your account you can order by clicking the "shop" button. If you sign up for Presto Pay, which is their ACH system you can order and pay online. You will need to go through their security process to sign up. If you do not want to sign up for Presto Pay you can email orders to Laurie Olsen [glennlaurieolsen@gmail.com](mailto:glennlaurieolsen@gmail.com) and Steve Johnson [Sjoh413@gmail.com](mailto:Sjoh413@gmail.com).

**Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack:** Join church members each Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 pm for a food repack session. The Greater Chicago Food Depository is located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, which is just off the Stevenson Expressway at Pulaski Road. For more information, contact David Hersemann at [dah5@comcast.net](mailto:dah5@comcast.net), or Laurel Carlson at [lacduke@comcast.net](mailto:lacduke@comcast.net).

**Christian Witness in Society:** Make a positive difference. UCC.org examines current justice issues within the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus in today's world, and offers opportunities to take personal action. Receive weekly justice action alerts from the UCC by going to [ucc.org](http://ucc.org). Click on "Advocate for Justice," then click on "Take Action." You can receive justice alerts by email or text. Sign up. You CAN make a difference in the world.



## First Congregational Church of DG, IL

### Capital Campaign as of October 31, 2017

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Status</u>
<b><u>Funds Received</u></b>		
Pledges / Reserves	993,540	
Endowment Loan (Quarterly interest only @ 3.00%)	200,000	
SBA Loan (monthly payments @ 2.85% interest)	6,069	
Winnetka Loan (monthly payments @ 2.00% interest)	13,780	
<b>Total Funds Received</b>	<u>\$1,213,389</u>	
<b><u>Expenditures Paid</u></b>		
Safety, Compliance & Efficiency Issues	91,565	
Office Renovation including asbestos, move & furniture	257,061	Complete
Driveway, Sidewalks & Railings	323,076	Complete
Roof Replacement	125,046	Complete
HVAC Controls & Upgrades	165,151	Complete
Consultants & Misc	78,940	Complete
Rooftop HVAC Units	100,678	Complete
Sanctuary Lighting	17,817	In Process
Interest Payments Endowment & Winnetka Loans	16,555	
<b>Total Expenditures Paid</b>	<u>\$1,175,889</u>	
<b>Net Funds Available</b>	<u><u>\$ 37,499</u></u>	

### **Other Projects Planned for 2017 - assuming funds are available**

Remaining balance on CCER for Sanctuary Lighting	\$ 17,516
Security - Install exterior cameras	\$ 8,477
<b>Funds Available for Planned 2017 Capital Campaign projects</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,507</u></u>

**Total Pledges/Reserves to Date \$1,322,229.28**

**2016 Additional Capital Pledges Received \$5,100.00**

**2017 Adj for lost pledge balances (\$18,200.00)**

**Revised Total Pledges/Reserves to Date \$1,309,129.28**

**Total loan principal outstanding \$220,526**

## First Congregational Church of DG, IL

<u>Operating Budget through October 31, 2017</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	382,828	426,175
Endowment	115,493	111,539
All other revenue	54,589	56,525
<b>Total revenue</b>	<u>\$ 552,910</u>	<u>\$ 594,239</u>
Church payroll and benefits	419,581	413,437
All other expenses	212,565	224,008
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>\$ 632,146</u>	<u>\$ 637,445</u>
<b>Net income/(loss)</b>	<u>\$ (79,236)</u>	<u>\$ (43,206)</u>



# POINSETTIAS

Here's a special opportunity for you to help make worship in our sanctuary this Christmas a more BEAUTIFUL event! Share a poinsettia with us! Attach your payment with the completed order form and return in the collection plate by December 17, 2017.

Your name and the name of your loved ones will appear in the bulletin.

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- ☐ I would like to take my plant home after one of the evening services.
- ☐ I would like to leave my plant for distribution to our homebound members and friends.

What a wonderful way to remember dear ones at this time of year!

Your Name:

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(Please PRINT clearly)

Telephone Number/E-mail:

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Name of Loved One whose memory flowers are given:

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(Please PRINT clearly)

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks made payable to First Congregational Church)

## *Coming Up This Week*

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Cherub Choir Singing in Service
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Boy Scout Troop 55 Wreath Delivery
- 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Praise Band Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Caring for Creation Team Meeting-503
- 11:00 AM Sunday Adult Discussion Group-Parlor

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel
- 6:00 PM PADS Overnight Guest-Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 7:00 AM PADS Departure- Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Parlor
- 6:30 PM CE Meeting-Library
- 6:30 PM MCB Joint Meeting-Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee-Pastor Scott's Office
- 7:00 PM Finance & Budget-Rm 503

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017**

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study (at members' homes)
- 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting-Library
- 12:00 PM Administrative Deadline for Bulletin
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds of Hope Worship Service-Coffee House
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017**

FCLC Closed

THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 7:00 PM Last Thursday-Two Way Coffee House Open Mike

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017**

FCLC Closed

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel
- 8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Chapel
- 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bluegrass Jam!-Coffee House



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- Visit our weekly Sunday Service on channel 6 each Sunday at 11:30am or view the service online at [www.uccfn.org](http://www.uccfn.org)  
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