

First Congregational Church
Sunday Worship Service
September 23rd, 2018



United In God's Love
9:30am

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 in worship! Please let us know a little more about you by taking a moment to sign the red friendship folders in the row next to you. 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.
- Nursery/childcare is available for children up to age 2 and is located just off the church parlor
- Nursery and Sunday School: The nursery is open today for infants through age 2. 3yr olds- 1st grade will meet in the Mayflower Room, grades 2nd -4th will meet in the Godly Play Library Room (502).

The world's love says I love you if...God's love says I love you even if...

Dr. Arnold

Being loved is the second greatest blessing; loving is the greatest. –

Jack Hyles

*Where love is, God is. -**Hank Drummond***

*The world does not understand theology or dogma but it understands love and sympathy. –**Dwight Moody***

*When one has once fully entered the realm of love, the world – no matter how imperfect – becomes rich and beautiful, it consists solely of opportunities for love.” – **Søren Kierkegaard, Works of Love***

*God is not keeping score with our bank accounts, our trophies, or what people are saying about us. The only thing that matters is how we spend our love. -**Camille Alice***

God is still speaking ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Scott

PRELUDE

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG

Love the Lord

-Brewster

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Pastor Scott

If I am a great church goer, but don't receive others with kind words and sincere love

Then I am a Jesus follower by name but not by heart

If we pray the most eloquent prayers and preach sermons that inspire but do so without love

We are just paying lip service to who God wants us to be

If we say and do all the right things within these walls but speak harshly and act coldly to others

We are living a double life

If we say we love but only care for our own and plead ignorance to the woundedness of others who look differently, pray differently, or live differently

Then is it the love of God we really profess? God help us above all things- to love deeply, selflessly, sacrificially and generously that everything we say and do as a church may be grounded in a love that points to the love You have for all Your people. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor Scott

Grace Michelle Priester

Invitation and Words of Blessing to the Baptized

Questions of Faith Identity

Congregational Response of Support (read in unison)

Grace, we thank God Who has made you one of a kind in God's Love. As your church family brought together by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do our best to walk with you as you grow in your journey with God. As brothers and sisters in Christ we will seek to live out the faith we profess with you, and to learn from your faith and life as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. We will pray for you and for your family. We will seek to model God's forgiveness, hope and love in our lives together. We give thanks to God, rejoicing with the Holy Spirit, for the joy of sharing this faith journey with you. Amen.

Baptism

Baptismal Song

Mother's Prayer

-Sager/Foster
The Band

Gifts and Prayer

Congregational Care and Pastor Scott

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.

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (2nd verse)

**Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give,
Light and love to all who live.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jenni Hallman

1st Corinthians 13:1-3

1st John 4:7-12

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

With Every Act of Love

-Gray
The Band

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Where We Lead With Love

MESSAGE

More Than a Feelin' (Thank you Boston)

-Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD	Jim Hallman
Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory	
Offertory Music	<i>The Gift of Love</i>
	Hopson
	-Kelley Calpin

*Presentation of the Gifts with Praise (*sung in unison*)

**To God, all glorious heavenly light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful song of thankful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication	Jim Hallman
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*CLOSING SONG	<i>Seasons of Love</i>	-Rent
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*BENEDICTION	<i>Ancient Words</i>	-Deshazo
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POSTLUDE	<i>All You Need is Love</i>	-The Beatles The Band
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<p><i>OUR TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED. NOW MAY OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE BEGIN!</i></p>

Today's Musicians

Vocals: Kelley Calpin, Emily Durham Anthony Berg, Mitchell Kian
Bass: Eric von Holst Percussion: Lily West
Drums: Alex Williams Piano: Justin Kono

Our Church App

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<p>PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS</p>
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<p>Carlson family, Bryson-son of Zoe Kupka, Cheryl Comeford, Karen Zyche, Judy-sister of Carl Lorek, Dorothy Allen-WI, Vern Cleveland</p>

GREETERS: Candace & Larry Ferries, James & Lora Finucane

USHERS: Marty Schranz, Linda Schranz, Vicki Christiansen, Mark Herrick

HEAD USHER: Jim Hallman

COUNTERS: Lisa Lockett, Mark Lockett, Sr.

(Lead Counter) Larry Ferries

This week's continental breakfast will be served by PUNK BAKERY.

This week's altar flowers are in celebration of Ella Forsman's birthday
from Kathy & Mike Bosco.

GARAGE SALE FINALE TODAY: A big THANK YOU to all who helped so far this year! Don't forget to shop in the Chapel and Fellowship Hall after the service for the ½ price and \$5 bag sale. There are plenty of "treasures" left! After you're finished shopping we will still need some help until 1:00-

cashiering, bagging, and door watching (sitting job!). Also, we need lots of folks to help box up the leftovers and/or help clean up from 1:00-3:30-ish. Lunch will be provided.

UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEW Administrative Deadline for bulletin –Tuesday by 3:00 pm
- Bible Study—at the Public Library meeting room A at 1pm. We will host a study about environmental stewardship, five-5 consecutive weeks through October 9th. An evening class will be held by Jan Hessler (TBD)
- New Members Class Sunday Sept 23rd
- New Member Sunday September 30th

FCC Bridge Group: Attention Bridge Players!! The 2018/2019 Bridge Season is about to begin. If you are interested in joining us please contact Marilyn Katrein 708 341-7445 or Pam Wiemerslage 630 985-34566 by the end of September.

Our NEW YOUTH GIVING MINISTRY☑: This ministry of elementary age children through high school will begin on Sunday, September 23rd with “Popsicles in the Park” following church service! Please meet in Fishel Park to learn more about our NEW YOUTH GIVING MINISTRY☑ This new ministry will be a wonderful mix of mentoring, service, mission, outreach, youth events and street ministry where we will connect our love for Jesus by showing our care for others throughout our community, the Chicago area and the world around us. If you and your children along with our super teens would love to be part of this intergenerational ministry, please plan to attend with your child/children on Sunday, September 23rd beginning right after service in Fishel Park! Any questions, please contact Dena Provenzano at 630-660-7445 or denapro@comcast.net

Fellowship Ministry-Dinner for 8: It's time once again to sign up for Dinner for 8. It's easy to sign up; we have a table set up in Fellowship Hall, just come over and pick up a form, fill it out and return it. Once we have all the forms we will set up groups of 8. The host will contact the group and set up a date for a potluck dinner. If you haven't participated in the past please consider signing up this year. It is a fun evening and you will get to know some of the people you see every Sunday a little better! We hope you will give it a try. The deadline for signing up is October 14th.

Pads-Food and Volunteers Still Needed for October: This is our 33rd year of serving the homeless in DuPage County. We provide three meals and a place to do laundry, shower, and sleep on Monday nights through Tuesday

morning. I still have lots of blank spaces for both food and volunteer shifts. Come see me, Char Wild, after the service to sign up in the Parlor or email charwild@comcast.net or 630 985-4416.

FCC Brothers Social Events: We are full speed ahead Sunday, October 14th at 12 noon at Emmett's we will meet to watch the Bears play Miami. Men, (working or retired) please join us as we rejuvenate FCC Brothers. For more info, contact Eric Nelson at nelson4dg@sbcglobal.net, or (630) 740-8451.

Christian Education is beginning to recruit our volunteers that we will need for Sunday School this year. This fall, we will continue with Godly Play for the pre-k to first graders in the Chapel, as well as for the 2nd-4th graders in the church library (this has changed from the 6th floor classroom). Additionally, 5th and 6th grade will continue to meet in the youth room. Their curriculum has changed slightly as they will rotate between two different sets of curricula. We will need two volunteers per Sunday to be in the nursery. If you are interested in teaching within any of these areas, please contact Megan Ruschke at 630-390-4302 or lockett.megan24@gmail.com

ADULT COLORING: Studies have shown that coloring reduces stress and anxiety, and provides relaxation. In addition to those benefits, our Adult Coloring group also provides fellowship - and we will be coloring all throughout the summer in our new location in the Church Library on the 5th level. Come join us on Tuesdays, 10AM to 12NOON. Even if you have not colored before, or don't have pencils or books, you are welcome. We always have extra supplies for visitors! We look forward to seeing you and sharing the benefits of Adult Coloring.

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 has begun. If you are interested in this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Amy Curran at amyccurran@gmail.com or 630-964-2205 for more information.

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.

MANNA: Manna Cards- Manna Cards- There are three easy ways to purchase cards and increase income for our church ministries. You can purchase or order for purchase actual cards, you can reload cards you have purchased and you can now get ecards on your device. You can go to www.ShopWithScrip.com. Questions? Email Laurie Olsen at glennlaurie@earthlink.net and Steve Johnson at sjoh413@gmail.com. or come by the Manna Table during Coffee Hour.

Conscious Bean Coffee- This is the direct trade coffee served during coffee hour that travels from San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala to our church. We purchase the coffee for North Central College Enactus a student run organization. You can purchase this coffee for your own use during coffee hour. It is available in one pound bags or KCups. New flavored coffees are now available. Come learn more!

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, or Laurel Carlson at lacduke@comcast.net.

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Illinois Conference



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

UCC DAY at ELMHURST FOOTBALL



Saturday, October 6
Tailgating at 11:00
a.m., Kickoff at 1 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION!

Friends,

Join us on Saturday, October 6 at Elmhurst College - Langhorst Field for a fun day of fellowship and football!

The Elmhurst College Bluejays will take on the Washington University of St. Louis Bears in this NCAA Div. III matchup!

Everyone is welcome!

Admission is free, but registration is required. RSVP to Naomi Else at ilconfnaomi@gmail.com by **Tuesday, October 2** with the number of people attending, and whether or not you plan to join the tailgating at 11 a.m.

Tailgating is completely bring-your-own lunch, and alcohol is **not permitted**.

This event will not be rescheduled due to inclement weather.



The Rev. Dr. James J. Olson, OCC

Acting Associate Conference Minister
Fox Valley Association and Chicago Metropolitan
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at 1st Congregational Church

1047 Curtiss St, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Sponsored by: All Bridge Saints Group

October 27th, 2018

Two members of

The United States Marine Corp.

will be joining us from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Please bring a new UNWRAPPED
toy or game to donate to **Toys for Tots.**

Please note: Stuffed animals are not accepted.

Cash donations will also be accepted.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Over 97% of your donation goes directly to our mission of providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children. The 3% spent on support principally covers fundraising expenses — not one donated dollar goes to salaries or any other manpower costs.

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Baptism-Grace Priester

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Jr Choir Rehearsal-Coffee House

9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Garage Sale-1/2 off

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Bells Rehearsal

11:00 AM New Member Class-Library

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel

7:00 PM Two Way Street Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Library

1:00 PM Bible Study-DG Public Library Room A

3:00 PM Administrative Deadline for Bulletin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Night Repack

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds Of Hope-Coffee House

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Music Room

7:00 PM Last Thursday-Two Way Coffee House Open Mike

7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

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, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Parlor

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Country Western Jam -Coffee House

6:00 PM Barn Dance Setup-Fellowship Hall

8:00 PM - 10:30 PM Barn Dance-Fellowship Hall



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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