

All Saints' Day
First Congregational Church
Sunday Worship Service
November 4th, 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 do not want 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 Chapel; grades 2nd -4th will meet in the Godly Play Library (Room 502).

*Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. –**Book of Common Prayer***

*We are, each of us, like a small mirror in which God searches for His own self-reflection. –**Saint. John Marie Vianney***

*Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God. Pain is never permanent. –**Saint Teresa of Avila***

*Those who carry God in their hearts bear Heaven with them wherever they go. –**Saint Ignatius***

*Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it. –**Saint Mother Teresa***

God is still speaking ...

SCRIPTURE READING
Hebrews 9:11-22

John Hall

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

At the River

-Lawrey/Arr. Copland
-Brett Owen

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE

Blood, Heifers and Ashes, (What?)

-Pastor Scott

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastors Scott & Karen

*This table reminds us of the open invitation and grace of God. This table is open to any and all who seek deeper relationship with God in receiving the Bread of Life for life's journey and the Cup of God's Salvation in Christ. Christ invites each of us to come, taste and see the goodness of God. Therefore, we offer this table to **all God's children** – no exceptions! Welcome to the table God has prepared!*

Invitation to the table
Silent Moment of Confession
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of God's Grace
Words of Institution
Distribution of the elements
Special Music

Come Share the Lord

-Fair/Martin
-Chancel Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

TOLLING OF THE BELL IN REMEMBRANCE of the SAINTS

-Pastor Scott & Pastor Cathy

Rick Franz, Veather Peters, Harold Peters, Marjorie Prince, Gladys Prince, Clarence Clarke, Geoffrey Barnes, Sr., Jean Wierig, Michael Dowling, Greg Mangieri, Larry Sperling, David Hardie, Bud Crawford, Betty Heery, William Miller, Lindsey Lewis, J. Robert Sandman, Richard Sandman, Nicholas Sandman, Kirk Connick, Katherine Dedina

Special Music

Go Rest High on that Mountain

-Gill

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

-Pastor Karen

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Offertory Music

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

#734 Glory Be To The Father

- Greatorex

**Glory be to the Father,
 And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Karen
 *CLOSING SONG #39 *All You Works of God, Bless the Lord!* -Starke/Potter
 *BENEDICTION *Ancient Words* -Deshazo
 POSTLUDE *When The Saints* -Armstrong
Chancel Choir

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

Today's Musicians

Vocals: Kelley Calpin Drums/Piano: Justin Kono
 Soloist: Brett Owen Alleluia Ringers Chancel Choir

Our 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”.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS

Butkus family, Geoffrey Barnes’ family – Lima and his daughter, Toni, Patti Miller, Avery Joy Whalen- daughter of Tiffany & Larry Whalen, Karen Zyche, Dorothy Allen, Vern Cleveland, Amanda Meierdick, John & Rebecca Jay, Janell Robinson’s family, Ken Hall, father of John Hall, Nick Costanzi and the people impacted by Hurricane Michael and the people coming to their aid.

GREETERS: Carol Kullen, Edith Larson

USHERS: Tim Costanzi, Fred Rensch, Lindsey Mullins, and Corinne Rensch

HEAD USHER: Dirk Gutzke

COUNTERS: Skyla Hall, Paul Zimmerman

(Lead Counter) Jim Finucane

This week’s continental breakfast will be served by Building and Grounds.

This week’s altar flowers:

- In celebration of Jerry & Joan Topel’s 45th Wedding Anniversary.
- In memory of our dear Leonard Johnson (1928-2018) from the Johnson Family.

UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Special Fall Congregational Meeting** November 18th in Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study: Habits of the Heart: Practicing a Faith Worthy of the Human Spirit meets on Tuesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm. There is 1 more session: 11/6 Habit #5 Creating Safe and Supportive Communities Acts 2:42-47

OUR VETERANS DAY SUNDAY:

We would be honored to have pictures from when you first entered the service, if you have them. If not, then from a time when you were in uniform. We will display on Sunday, November 11th during worship. We appreciate you helping us make this service personal in ways that speak to the beauty of the people who are with us through the living out of these ancient words that ARE ever true. Please send jpeg images to: adminsec@uccdg.org and note with the name of the individual and which day(s) of honor it should be used.

YOUTH TEEN GROUP:

YOUTH GIVING MINISTRY:

“Mentor Mashup”

Sunday, November 18th from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Join us for fun, fellowship and food wars in Fellowship Hall!

Come join Elementary- High School teens for our NEW program!

FIELD TRIP TO THE THEATER!

“Wizard of Oz”

Sunday, December 9th at Paramount Theater in Aurora.

Meet 11:15 am in the Parlor. (We will ride the bus together)

1:00 pm performance

Space is limited.

Sign up will begin on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st.

PADS Christmas Elves:

Monday, December 17th & Monday, December 24th 6:00-7:30 pm.

We need families to help spread Christmas cheer to our families in the PADS program.

More information will go home following the Sunday, November 18th “Mentor Mashup”.

Any questions, please reach

Dena Provenzano at 630-660-7445 or denapro@comcast.net

Women's Fellowship: Stitch and Chat in the Parlor Friday, November 16, from about 9:30-11:30 AM. You don't need to bring anything to stitch, but can just hang out and chat. This is a very casual gathering. Come and stay for as long as you like, whenever you can.

Save the date: Women’s Fellowship Annual Christmas Brunch -Friday, December 7, 9:30-12:30AM. All are welcome to join us at our annual Christmas Brunch! 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 and include what dish you will be bringing. c-630/728-4843

or email: janhibbeln@sbcglobal.net If you have any questions, please contact

Peggy Gutzke at Home: 630/971-1382 Cell:630/632-3014

peggy.gutzke@gmail.com

Congregational Care: COAT DRIVE THANK YOU! Many thanks for all the warm coats, mittens, hats and scarves collected for head start children, Bridges and Pads guests. Toasty thoughts for 63 people.

Calling All Young Actors!: It is time to start rehearsals for Christmas pageant. The pageant this year will be during service on December 23rd. Rehearsals will be right after church starting November 11th and go until 11:15 AM. All of our little friends that do not want a speaking part (angels and animals) will only rehearse the morning of the pageant. Please contact Michelle Rafacz by November 7th at mdeumbrum@yahoo.com if your child/children would like to participate.

Medicare Presentation: DO YOU HAVE MEDICARE QUESTIONS? The better you understand Medicare, the smarter decisions you can make about it – no matter if you’re enrolling for the first time, investigating changes to your current coverage, or wanting to learn more to help a family member make better decisions. Now is the ideal time to do so – because Open Enrollment is taking place now! Join John Vercellino on November 11th after service in Fellowship Hall as he discusses Medicare’s parts and what they cover, eligibility and enrolling, coverage options, and Medicare resources and tools. John is a certified Medicare Consultant volunteer with the State of Illinois Department of Aging and helps people make informed decisions regarding Medicare. If you have any questions, please contact John Vercellino at (708) 431-2693 or jvercellino@yahoo.com

Special Fall Congregational Meeting: The meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18th, in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. There will be a presentation of our future church vision plan and a proposed restructure for our ministries. Both will be shared and up for discussion. During the January Annual Meeting the restructuring of the ministries will be up for vote.

Meal Express: We are looking for volunteers who will prepare (can purchase a prepared meal) and deliver meals to members of our church. This could be for sickness, new baby, hospitalization, etc. If interested, please sign up in November after church in Fellowship Hall or contact April Prescott at 630-846-0469 amprescott@sbcglobal.net or Gail Jaroski at 630-916-0149 jarosk19@comcast.net (no “i”).

2019 Fellowship Dinner Gala: Christian Fellowship is hosting a dinner gala on Saturday, February 23rd. The event will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien. Dinner will be family style, and a cash bar will be available. The cost will be \$50 per person. Watch for details as to time and where to buy tickets in the December and January Pilgrims and bulletins. Friends from outside the church are also welcome to attend.

2019 Dance Lessons: For those who’d like to hit the dance floor in style at the Christian Fellowship dinner gala or some other event, but need to dust off their dancin’ shoes a bit, we will be offering six weeks of group dance lessons on Friday evenings in the Fellowship Hall starting January 11th. Watch for details in the December Pilgrim and bulletins. Questions? See Lynn Niemi.

Christian Education: Teachers for Godly Play are still needed for pre-k to first graders (Chapel), 2nd-4th graders (Library), 5th and 6th (Youth room). 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, anxiety and provides relaxation. In addition to those benefits, our Adult Coloring group also provides fellowship. Come join us on Tuesdays, 10 am to 12 pm in the Library. Even if you have not colored before you are welcome. We always have extra supplies for visitors!

Mission Ministry: Consider joining 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 are able. Please contact Gaye Smith at eyesgirl@comcast.net or (630) 712-9148 for more information.

Chancel Flowers: Did you know that the flowers displayed on the Chancel are donated by church members 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 it. We do ask, 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 actual cards. You can also reload cards you have purchased and get ecards on your device. You can go to www.ShopWithScrip.com. If you have any questions, please e-mail 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. We purchase the coffee for North Central College Enactus a student run organization. It is available during coffee hour in one pound bags or KCups.

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.

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>

Upcoming NAMI Wellness Seminars:

Transitioning Relationships With Older Adults By: Kate Evans, MA, LCPC

Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7:00pm or Sunday, Nov. 11 at 1:30pm

Mindfulness, Self Care and Techniques to Restore Your Well-being By: Michelle Karls, LCSW

Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7:00pm or Sunday, Dec. 9 at 1:30pm

Thursday sessions are held at the Community Wellness Center:

4731 Willow Springs Road, LaGrange

Sunday sessions are held at the Oak Park Library: 834 Lake Street, Oak Park

Seminars are free of charge but registration is encouraged.

<https://namimetsub.eventbrite.com> FREE CEUs are available for all sessions



Troop 55 Wreath sales 2018

- o Wreath delivery for church members will be held on November 18th after services. The scouts will be available to assist everyone with their wreath orders that morning on the front lawn of the church.

If you need additional information, please contact:

Jana Peters, 630-640-2787 or Karen Gatewood 630-964-2903



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 it in the collection plate by December 16, 2018.

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:

(Please PRINT clearly)

Telephone Number/E-mail:

Name of Loved One whose memory flowers are given:

(Please PRINT clearly)

Number of Plants _____ X \$13.00= _____

(Checks made payable to First Congregational Church)

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

- Stewardship Campaign (5 weeks)
- 12:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sleepout Saturday!
- 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Jr Choir Rehearsal-Coffee House
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Blood Pressure checks -Parlor
- 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal/ Mayflower Room
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Youth Fall Retreat-Tower Hill Meeting/Youth Room
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Bells Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM P.E.O. Meeting-Parlor
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 6:00 PM PADS

- 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM HFD Budget Assistance program - 603/604

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Library
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study - Habits of the Heart: Practicing a Faith Worthy of the Human Spirit/Parlor
- 3:00 PM Administrative Deadline for Bulletin
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study - Habits of the Heart: Practicing a Faith Worthy of the Human Spirit/Parlor
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Technology Committee meeting-504

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study (at members' homes)
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds Of Hope-Coffee House
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Book Club-Parlor
- 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Troop 55 Committee meeting-503
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
- 7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 5:00 PM Troop 55-Electronic Night-Fellowship Hall (overnite)
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

- 10:00 AM Troop 55-Electronic Night-Fellowship Hall (leaving by 10am)
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- 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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