



The First Church in Albany

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 9:00 am
Drive-In Order of Service

You may tune in on your car radio at 87.9FM.

We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

“Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”
- Revelation 3:20-22

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: We were like those who dream.

Leader: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

People: And our tongues with shouts of joy!

Leader: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

People: May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy.

Leader: First Church, those who go out weeping, bearing the seeds for sowing,

People: Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying bundles of laughter.

Leader: Let us worship this God who turns our sorrows into joy and laughter!

*Opening Hymn

Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of healing, we look for you in all the wrong places. We assume that we know how you work and where you are at work. Because of this, we miss out on seeing your glory, and we fail to join with you as partners in your work. Send your Holy Spirit to give us the spiritual eyes of faith that the blind man in today’s text had, so that we may also be made well. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends in Christ, the good news is this: Jesus asked the blind man what he wanted, and when the blind man told Jesus what he wanted, Jesus gave it to him. The same is for us today and everyday for Jesus says, “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Passing the Peace 

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please **beep and wave** to one another as a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, we also shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me,” and bring to light what we need to see today. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord,

People: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Jesus Stood Still

Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Sermon Notes

Trouble in the text:

Trouble in our world:

God in the text:

God in our world:

Ways that God is moving in me:

The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Amen.**

Offering & Offertory

Response Song

Charge & Blessing

Sending Song

Postlude

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr



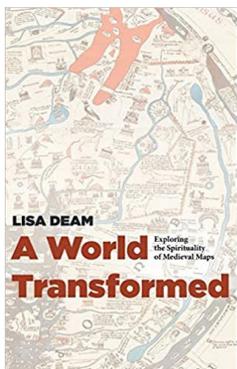
Please keep in prayer this week...

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Iteke Prins and Colleen Lais in the passing of their friend Raebeth.
- Imani Brewer
- Jeff Curry
- Iteke Prins, in memory of her husband Harry R. Prins
- Barb Andrews
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Ian and Edi Leet
- RB with a recent diagnosis
- Kenneth Carr (Fran's brother) and Angela Venable, for the loss of their daughter
- Harriet Stockhoff
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Cheryl Gowie
- Steve Hoffman
- Ada Harris
- Ginger
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Our government officials, first responders and health care workers as we continue to manage the Covid-19 pandemic
- Countries like Haiti, recovering from natural disasters, and Afghanistan, dealing with political upheaval. For these and others, we pray for the humanitarian crises that accompany uncertainty and strife.
- Staff and Leaders of The First Church in Albany

Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us.

Submit on our website or call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org.

Fall Book Study Being Offered



Beginning in November, Rev. Trey will be leading a book study on *A World Transformed: Exploring the Spirituality of Medieval Maps* by Lisa Deam. Here's what Trey has to say about the book:

"Lisa Deam's book on medieval maps is a lot more interesting than it may sound! As an art historian, Dr. Dean utilizes medieval maps to help us think differently about our own tiny 'worlds' and our lives of faith. I'm looking forward to all the places we'll go with this book!"

At this time, there is no set time for the weekly meeting to discuss the book, but that will be determined with those who would like to participate.

If you are at all interested in participating, please send an email to Rev. Trey at assocpastor@firstchurchinalbany.org

We've got a new

StoryWalk®

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



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The pages of Ashley Spires' *The Most Magnificent Thing* will be hanging on the fence around the church building. Bring family and friends and enjoy!

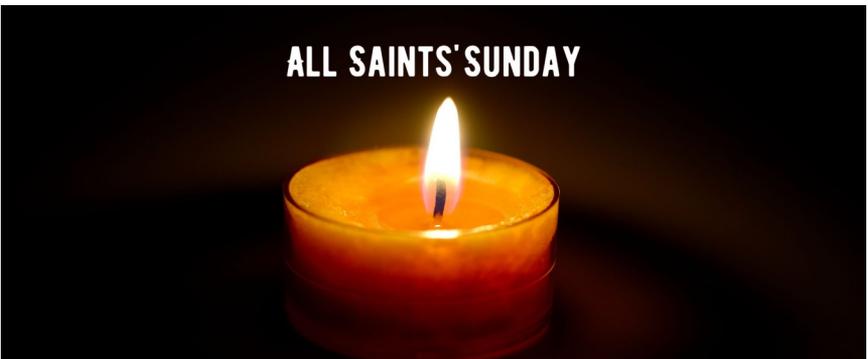
This Week at the First Church in Albany



- Sunday 10.24 9am Drive-In Worship
10am Sanctuary Worship & Children and Worship
- Monday 10.25 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 10.26 12pm Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday 10.27 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer

Other upcoming dates...

- Sunday 10.31 10am Mission Sunday—Youth Report from July Work Trip



All Saints Day is November 1st

- On Sunday, November 7, we will remember our loved ones lost in 2020. Please email or call the office with the names of church members and friends who have passed. We will include these in the bulletin and the names will be read in memory.

Office email: office@firstchurchinalbany.org

Office phone: 518-463-4449

TOM THE TURKEY HERE!
FIRST CHURCH, WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FILL
OUR THANKSGIVING
BASKETS!
TAKE A TAG OR TWO
AND BRING THE ITEMS
TO CHURCH BEFORE
NOVEMBER 12
THANKS A BUNCH!



The tags that Tom speaks of are available on the display above the stairs to Zimmerman Hall, as you come in by the office. Stop by today to get some tags!

If you have any questions about First Church in Albany, call the number below or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org for information.



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