



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*No matter who you are, or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQ community since 1994.

We welcome first time guests and include **all ages** in our worship service. We believe we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. We are a place to **belong**, a place to **heal** and a place to **love**.

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours

Shannon's Office Hours

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| Monday – Sabbath | Monday – Sabbath |
| Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Thursday – at MH First Aid Training |
| Friday – at WISE MH Conference | Friday – at WISE MH Conference |

Pastoral Care: Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or at pastorsarah@fcindy.org. While Pastor Sarah is serving the wider church at the WISE Congregations for Mental Health Conference in Phoenix, AZ from November 1 - 3, Rev. Worth Hartman may be reached at whartman@westminstervillage.com or (317) 417-0806.

We celebrate the team of people called to serve on our church staff:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
Choir Director, Julie Houston
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall
Just Peace Intern, Grace Langford

We celebrate the team of people elected to lead our church:

Rich Gibson, Moderator
Lianna Campos, Vice Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
George Meier, Financial Secretary

We celebrate those leading us in worship today:

Wendy Baldwin & Rev. Elizabeth Price, Worship Leaders
Rev. Nathan Day Wilson, Guest Preacher
Jesse Wittman, String Bass Mike Kessler, percussion

The altar flowers are a gift from Wendy Baldwin in memory of her father, Herbert E Baldwin, Jr.

OCTOBER 27, 2019

11 A.M.

Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.

Asterisk (*) indicates those who choose to may stand.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE I'm Beginning to See the Light Ellington, James, arr. Baker

INTROIT You Can't Always Get What You Want Jagger, Richards

WELCOME and PRAYER Rev. Elizabeth Price

*CALL to WORSHIP Wendy Baldwin

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

And the light shone in the shadows.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

And the light shall not be overcome.

*OPENING SONG #524 This Little Light (v. 1,2,3,1) *New Century Hymnal*

*THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM Give Almes of Thy Goods Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods

And turn never thy face from any poor one.

And then the face of our God

Shall not be turned away from thee.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 4:3-9 Wendy Baldwin

SERMON When God Disappoints Rev. Nathan Day Wilson

SONG #495

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1,2) *New Century Hymnal*

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

*We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. Please share your name so that people might get better acquainted. Loving God **hear our prayer.***

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Do not let us enter into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INTERLUDE

Night Flower

Mancini, arr. Baker

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly if the announcement is not in the bulletin. Please see the "Calls to Serve" for volunteer opportunities.

*Guests, please fill out a **Connect Card** found in the pew holders so that we might learn more about you. The cards may also be used to for prayer requests that will be shared through our weekly prayer chain. Please place Connect Cards in the offering plate.*

*DOXOLOGY (785)

*We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

WE GO

*CLOSING SONG #495

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 3,4) *New Century Hymnal*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Nathan Day Wilson

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

You Can't Always Get What You Want

Jagger, Richards

POSTLUDE

Minuet in G Major

Mozart, arr. Baker

Please remain seated for the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly. Everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.

At First Congregational we recognize God as a loving, creating, all-encompassing Spirit who is not limited by usual human boundaries. Therefore, we practice the use of inclusive, expansive, and non-gendered language when speaking of and to God.

We welcome Rev. Nathan Day Wilson as our guest preacher today while Pastor Sarah is serving as guest preacher at St. Peter's UCC in Lamar, IN.

Rev. Nathan Day Wilson is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Currently he is director of communications at Christian Theological Seminary, coordinator of the Faith & Values section of The Indianapolis Star and personal trainer for body and brain fitness. You're invited to follow him on Twitter: @nathandaywilson



To the parents of our young children: God put the wiggle in children, please don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. You are invited toward the front using the Playground if you like. Keep children engaged by quietly explaining the parts of the service, actions of the pastor, worship leaders, and musicians. Sing, pray, and speak the responses; children learn worship behavior by copying you. The way we adults welcome children in church directly affects how they respond to the Church and to one another. Let all ages know that they are at home in this house of worship. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the members of our congregation: The presence of children is a gift to our church and to our community. They remind us that we are to share and pass on our faith. It is a gift to have children among us. Please welcome our children and encourage their parents with a warm smile.

Thank you.

CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

NEXT SUNDAY, November 3rd: Daylight Savings Time Ends – Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Sunday Adult Class, Sunday, November 3, 9:45 a.m. – Rich Gibson will lead us through a discussion of "Plymouth's Pilgrims: Their Church, Their World; and Ours." Copies of the discussion guide will be made available for attendees. Come with an open mind to learn more about our Congregational ancestors.

Next Sunday, November 3rd: All Saints/All Souls Day - In our worship service next Sunday, we will celebrate All Saints/All Souls Day. These are occasions in the church year to honor and remember the saints of the church and loved ones who have died. We affirm models and examples of faith who have inspired us and we remember loved ones whose earthly life is over but who live on in God's eternal care and in our hearts and memories. To aide in our worship next Sunday, we are asking worshipers to bring objects that symbolize your favorite saint or loved ones. This could be a photo, a favorite object, a personal item, a gift, a painting, anything that recalls this important person in your life. We will place some tables in the front of the sanctuary where you can place your items before worship. We look forward to your participation in Sunday's worship.

Thinking about making First Congregational your church home? We would love to welcome you into membership. We are planning our next New Member **Sunday, November 10th**, so let Pastor Sarah know if you are interested or have questions.

Choir Rehearsals – Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please email Julie at juliehouston@comcast.net. We would love to have you join us!

Green Team Tip – Save gas by keeping your tires inflated to at least their recommended pressure. For even more mpg, fill your tires with nitrogen. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

Technical Difficulties Resolved - Our Office Administrator's email is back up and running! Thank you for your patience. You can once again email her at shannon@fcindy.org.

October Mission of the Month: Neighbors In Need - Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives. As we continue to hear about this administration's injustices at the southern border our JWM are giving special consideration to projects focusing on

assisting our immigrant neighbors and communities. Grants are available to empower local churches to support these justice issues. Please give as generously as you can. Thank You. (source: www.ucc.org)

Pantry Items of the Month – During October we are collecting the following items: pudding and Jello mix, rice and beans, canned soup, paper towels.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

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| Thursday, October 24 | 11:45 a.m. | Women's Lunch |
| Thursday, October 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday, October 26 | 10:30 a.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday, October 27 | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday Adult Class w/ Cassidy Hall |
| Sunday, October 27 | 11:00 a.m. | Worship w/ guest preacher, Rev. Nathan Day Wilson |
| Wednesday, October 30 | 10:00 a.m. | Care & Connections |
| Wednesday, October 30 | 5:00 p.m. | Completing the Circle Meeting |
| Wednesday, October 30 | 6:30 p.m. | Calling Circle |
| Thursday, October 31 | 1:00 p.m. | Men's Lunch |
| Thursday, October 31 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday, November 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday, November 3 | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday Adult Class w/ Rich Gibson |
| Sunday, November 3 | 11:00 a.m. | Worship w/ Rev. Worth Hartman |

Today's Scripture (Inclusive Bible Translation)

Genesis 4:3-9

³ In the course of time Cain brought an offering to YHWH from the fruit of the soil, ⁴ while Abel, for his part, brought one of the finest of the firstborn of his flock. YHWH looked with favor on Abel's offering, ⁵ but had no regard for Cain's offering. At this, Cain was filled with rage and despair. ⁶ YHWH asked Cain, "Why are you filled with rage? Why are you downcast?" ⁷ If you intend good, you can hold up your head; if you don't intend good, then sin is a demon haunting your doorway, and it wants you—but you can conquer it." ⁸ Cain said to Abel, "Let us go out in the field." When they were in the field, Cain turned on his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ God asked Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain answered, "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?"