



We are a community who seeks to be rooted in God's love, nourished on our spiritual journeys, and growing as an inclusive Christian presence in Northern Colorado and beyond.

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

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Greeley, CO
Sunday, January 28, 2023
10:00am



Additional Announcements & Full Calendar

For more details regarding the following ways to engage, connect, and serve with First Congregational Church visit www.firstconggreeley.com/announcements:

- Becoming a Member at First Congregational
- Centering Prayer
- Wednesday Night Live Schedule and Meal Rotation
- Choir Schedules & Info
- Scripture Seminar

You can access the church calendar at <https://www.firstconggreeley.com/calendar>.

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PRELUDE

The Ash Grove
Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling Dale Wood

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

The Call Z. Randall Stroope

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

You are invited to text prayers you would like included in our Prayers of the People to 970-573-6299 by the end of the Reflection. Please include your name with your prayer.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)

God, we would grow with you.
**New shoots reaching out, stretching upward like leaves newly formed,
Soaking up your light and warmth,
God, we would grow with you.**

God, we would grow with you.
**In sunshine and rain, in darkness and light,
In winter's cold and summer's heat,
God, we would grow with you.**

God, we would grow with you.
**And bring forth fruit, that nourishes our community,
Fed by your living water, giving sustenance to others,
God, we would grow with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing NCH(Black)#459, vs 1, 3.
*Come, O Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love!*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the love I've known;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for your very own.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

REFLECTION

Rev. Tamara Torres McGovern

CHORAL ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

CALL TO THANKSGIVING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

NCH (black) #505, vs. 1, 2

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Maker’s throne, make all my needs and wants be known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for your return!
With them I hasten to the place where I should know my Savior’s face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Benediction

Dorothy Elder

POSTLUDE

Postlude Variations on “Morning Song”

David Lasky

Dollars & Donuts

A new series providing financial information related to the programs and operations of First Congregational Church, Greeley will premiere on Sunday, February 4, 2024. Sessions will be held during Fellowship Hour after both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. More detailed information, including the budget as proposed for a vote at the Annual Meeting, will be presented at Wednesday Night Live on February 7. A review of a bylaws amendment changing the church’s fiscal year will also be provided. Members are encouraged to take advantage of these information sessions.

While not yet scheduled, future regular sessions of Dollars and Donuts will be held after church services on a quarterly basis. If you would like a better understanding of where your church dollars go, plan now to join these discussions.

Pews for Rosebud Epsicopal Mission

Several months ago, at the hands of an arsonist, Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Parmelee, South Dakota burned to the ground. This is a tremendous loss for our friends on the Rosebud Reservation. But the loss of their 133-year-old building is not the end for the Holy Innocents congregation. Plans are already underway to rebuild. In support of the rebuilding efforts, we have gifted Holy Innocents with nine pews that we were no longer using. Transportation costs to move the pews were approximately \$1,150. We are currently accepting donations to help offset the cost. You may give online by selecting Roseud in the fund dropdown or mark your cash envelope or check “Rosebud.”

Faith Formation

Children: This week, we’re exploring the story of Jesus and the storm. All kids 3 years old - 5th grade are welcome!

Youth: Middle and High Schoolers are invited to gather in the youth room today! Youth group is held on Wednesday nights during Wednesday Night Live.

Nursery care is available weekly from 9:45 - 11:15 am.

Wednesday Night Live

Join us for Wednesday Night Live in the new year! Wednesday Night Live, our midweek programming, has something for everyone. Please see our website for full details.
5:15 - 6:00 pm: Dinner in Chadwick Hall. \$3/person or \$9/family. Gluten free and vegetarian options are provided.
6:00 pm: Organized Games in Gym, Youth Group, Adult Education Classes

Year End Giving Statements

Today is the last day to pick up year-end giving statements! If you have opted in to receive communications electronically, you should have already received an email with your statement. Any statements not picked up will be mailed tomorrow. Please reach out to Church Administrator Laura Gurney with any questions.

Wreath Ring Return

Did you make a wreath during Advent Workshop? If so, don't forget to bring the wreath ring back to the office so that we can use it again next year. Thank you!

Office Closed for Staff Retreat

The Church office will be **closed Monday & Tuesday** while staff is away at Staff Retreat. Regular office hours are 9am-3pm Monday - Thursday.

Colorado Host Asylum Network

There is an urgent need for folks to partner with Asylum seekers in Greeley. The Outreach Ministry Group is looking for folks to join a team working with a family vetted through Colorado Host Asylum Network for 4-6 months. Find out more at a 30 minute information session **after the 10:00 am service today** in Slighter Hall or email Mel Jensen at melissasjensen@gmail.com

A Place at the Table: TightKnit Brewing Co. Tour & Guided Tasting

Join A Place at the Table for a brewery tour and guided tasting at TightKnit Brewing Co. on **February 25 at 2:00 pm!** We will begin at the brewhouse (3940 Carson Ave, Unit 4, Evans) to learn how their beers are produced and then move to the taphouse (813 8th St, Greeley) to sample the beers. Cost is \$25/person and will include the brew tour, a guided tasting, a flight and a full pour. This is a 21+ event. Please RSVP by February 23 using the link in the Friday blast or contact Kate Norris (knorris.mail@gmail.com) so we can ensure that there’s A Place at the Table for everyone.

FCC Game Night

Football season will be over and it won’t be time for the Super Bowl yet. Come join us **February 4 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm** for FCC Game Day. Bring your favorite board games or cards and a snack to share for a time of fun & fellowship. You can learn a new game or play one of your old favorites.

Craft and Knitting For Habitat

Are you interested in knitting or crafting items to sell as a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity? If so, please contact Sue Norris at snorris2005@gmail.com.