

All Saints/All Souls Celebration
All the Tears
November 7, 2021
#BiggerBalcony



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 7, 2021

10:00 am

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PRELUDE

“I Am Weary”
by Pete Roberts

Unbroken Circle

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Shepherd

Today we turn toward all the saints, who from their labors rest:

The saints gone too soon

before the fullness of their grace was truly known by human minds.

The saints who were not lauded,

but whose faithfulness bore generations of fruit.

The saints whose witness spoke truth to power

and brought forth new creations.

The saints who died with doubts, questions, and hope in mystery.

The saints whose pained ends brought out words that God received,

knowing their truth.

The saints whose legacies are the history from which we learn

how to do and be better.

The saints who are only remembered by God

and who rest in peace perpetual.

For these and so many others,

we give thanks to God.

MUSICAL RESPONSE**"Thanksgiving Introit"**

Lucy Bledig


Tune: KREMSER



We ga - ther to - ge - ther to ask for God's bless - ing to be in com -



mun - i - ty through time and space. We come now, as seek - ers and



doubt - ters, ex - press - ing our thanks for you, O God, for your love and your grace.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Tim Shepherd

- There are several options for giving: 1) Give at our website, <https://fcb.net/giving/>. 2) .Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. 3) Use the GivePlus app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give! 4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to 208-516-2657, and set up your account. You're ready for easy giving by text! 5) Give by PayPal. Our easy link is [PayPal.Me/fcbbucc](https://www.paypal.com/mefcbbucc).*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Lucy Bledig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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The Prayer of Jesus

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:
"Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."*

Our Creator

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.*

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-9

Tim Shepherd

Common English Bible, alt.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Gail Warren

SERMON & RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

"All the Tears"

Sharon Benton

COMMENDATION

Sharon Benton

In sure and certain hope of eternal life embraced by your Love, Almighty God,
we commend to your welcoming arms your beloved servants:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Acknowledge, we pray, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, children
of your own redeeming. Receive them into the blessing of everlasting peace,
and into the company of the saints of light. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Gather something to eat and drink;
the risen Christ will meet us wherever we are.*

BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

"Wayfaring Stranger"

Unbroken Circle

Let us know you're here! Go to Worship Connect <http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect> to sign in.

Pledges of Funding, Promises of Faith

Thank you for the ways you've supported your church's ministries in the past! Please help us plan for 2022 and what we might accomplish through welcoming all, growing in faith, living God's love, justice, compassion ... Your financial promise to First Congregational is the only way we can plan for next year.

Pledge form options:

- complete online: <https://forms.office.com/r/x66hcLu7aa>
- download a pdf to save, fill out, and return by email or postal mail: **Fillable pdf Pledge Form**
- if you'd like a hard copy of the pledge form, please contact the church office (office@fccb.net or 360.734.3720).

We'll give thanks for the gifts pledged in worship on **Sunday, November 14**.

Thank you again!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

After a long, thoughtful decision-making process, Church Council has voted to approve a return to hybrid worship (in person & online) **November 14**. To be as welcoming and inclusive as possible, we are not requiring proof of vaccination. We trust the members of our community to take appropriate care of each other and encourage all who can to be vaccinated.

Precautions:

- Masks required
- Distancing practiced
- Windows will be open, so dress warmly
- Sign in for contact tracing
- If you wake up feeling even a little under the weather, join us at home on Facebook Live.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live, our #BiggerBalcony

WAYS TO CONNECT: For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact office@fccb.net.

- **Monday**
 - ◆ Poetry Writing Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm**
 - ◆ Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
 - ◆ Adult Forum: **weekly, 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Afternoon Coffee Group: **2nd & 4th Friday, at 1:00 pm**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Spirit Group (Exploring Prayer), **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - ◆ Creative Connections, **1st Saturdays, 10:00 am**
- **Sunday**
 - ◆ Lectionary Study, **Sundays, 11:30 am**

To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fccb.net/blog/>.

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral staff are available by appointment virtually or in person, with masks. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

Davi: davi@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at office@fccb.net and she'll pass your message on.

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INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

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ORGANIST: Judy Widrig

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