

Where God Dwells
November 21, 2021
#BiggerBalcony



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 21, 2021

10:00 am

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"Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them." ~ Alfred North Whitehead

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Gorrell

One Voice: God promised to be near us—

All Voices: We heard God promise us success.

One Voice: God promised to redeem our land—

All Voices: We heard God promise us ownership.

One Voice: God promised us grace—

All Voices: We heard God promise us ease.

One Voice: God promised us love—

All Voices: We heard God promise us control.

One Voice: In the midst of promises, made and unmade,

All Voices: Gather us, Faithful God, in this time of worship.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Thanksgiving Introit"

Linda Allen

Tune: KREMSEK

We ga - ther to - ge - ther to ask for God's bless - ing to be in com -
6 mun - i - ty through time and space. We come now, as seek - ers and
11 doubt - ters, ex - press - ing our thanks for you, O God, for your love and your grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Davi Weasley

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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Judy Widrig

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Arts in Worship Board Mary Chaney

TIME WITH CHILDREN Bert Miller & Matti Malone-Miller

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 132 Julie Gorrell
New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Julie Gorrell

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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Judy Widrig

SERMON Davi Weasley

MUSICAL MEDITATION "You Are Welcome Here"
by Linda Allen Linda Allen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Julie Gorrell

*There are several options for giving: 1) Give at our website, <https://fccb.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/fccbu](https://www.paypal.com/mefccbu).*

BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

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

We joyfully welcome music in our worship service and deeply appreciate those who share their musical gifts with us. Singers and musicians who participate are asked to be masked and fully vaccinated. In addition, groups will have mutually agreed to assume any potential risk associated with performing together.



**All services will be hybrid:
In person and streaming on Facebook Live.**

- * **November 28:** Homesick
- * **December 5:** Laying the Foundation
- * **December 12:** A Home for All
- * **December 19:** Seeking Sanctuary
- * **December 25:** Christmas Eve,
5:00 pm—Invited Home,
11:00 pm - By Candlelight
- * **December 26:** Chosen Home

When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts.

More information on our web-
site at www.fccb.net.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have returned to hybrid worship (in person & online). 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@fcb.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, 11:00 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.fcb.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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Ted & Susan Huffman

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

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