

“Today’s the Day, Satan”
January 15, 2023



We thank the following people for assisting with worship:

We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows in the front where they can see the instruments and participate fully, or the coloring, book, and play area is available in the corner near the windows. Their movements back and forth are a joy for us.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 8, 2023

10:00 am

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

INTROIT

“You Are Welcome Here”

Linda Allen

by Linda Allen

*No matter who you are, where you’ve traveled
If all you’ve known has come unraveled
Are you tired? Too tired to bear it?
We will walk with you, we will share it
You are welcome here, welcome here
You are welcome here.*

*No matter who you are, what name you choose
The miles you walked In someone else’s shoes
Who you are, the work you do,
Does not define our care for you
You are welcome here, welcome here.
You are welcome here.*

Instrumental

*If you feel loved, and long to share it
If you feel lonely, we’ll help you bear it.
If you are strong, strong as an oak tree
If you’re a river seeking mystery
You are welcome here, welcome here.
You are welcome here.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ted & Susan Huffman

RINGING THE BELL

THE STORY

Davi Weasley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Stacy Malone Miller

One Voice: We find ourselves in the wilderness, tempted, maybe too often

**All Voices: We are suddenly afraid, we are caught surprised by our doubts,
our own hatred sneaks up on us**

One Voice: We come to this story of Jesus tangling with the devil

All Voices: And we take comfort, or challenge, or hope in it

One Voice: Here in this place, we confront our fears, we confront our deep desires,
we confront mystery

All Voices: And learn together with Jesus what the wilderness has to offer.

***HYMN 476**

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ENDLESS SONG

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SUNG RESPONSE 524

“This Little Light of Mine”

THIS JOY

verse 1

The children are invited to go to Children’s Church during the song.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Extravagant Welcome

Membership Board

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.

*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,
go to www.fccb.net/contact-us/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

SUNG RESPONSE

“We Three Kings”

KINGS OF ORIENT

Refrain



INVITATION TO OFFERING

Stacy Malone Miller

- 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 Breeze app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give!
4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to (360) 205-1297, and set up your account.*

Offering Music

“Psalm”

Linda Allen

by Linda Allen

*I feel like a child in a hurricane
Nothing to hold in the wind and the rain
Where is the God of the still, small voice
Calling me home again*

*Come to me now, let me hear your song
Let me feel your touch 'til the storm has gone
You are the God of the still, small voice
Come and take me home*

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-17

Stacy Malone Miller

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Stacy Malone Miller

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.

SERMON

“Today’s the Day, Satan”

Davi Weasley

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Carry Us Through This Night”

Linda Allen

by Linda Allen

The congregation is invited to sing along with this round.

Carry us through this night

Into the promise of morning

***BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

**Save the Date:
February 12
Annual Meeting
after worship**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP: Add to the beauty of our worship by providing flowers!

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fabae2baaf58-flower1#/>

THANK YOU to today's Head Usher Carol Garguile & our Liturgist, Stacy Malone Miller.

Our bulletin cover is a design by Heather Seevers of Subversive Cross Stitch, stitched by Lucy Bledig.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Hybrid worship in person, on Facebook Live, and now (the first Sunday of each month) on Zoom, our #BiggerBalcony.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For details, see our Connection Calendar in the Friday email or contact office@fccb.net.

Monday

Board Meetings—2nd Mondays, **6:30 pm**

Church Council—4th Mondays, **7:00 pm**

Poetry Group—**7:00 pm**

Tuesday

Book Club—First Tuesday of the month, **9:30 am**

Wednesday

Glee Club—**3:00 pm**

Adult Forum—**7:00 pm**

Chancel Choir—**7:00 pm**

Thursday

Evening Book Study—**5:00 pm**

Friday

Knitting Group: weekly, **10:00 am**

SPIRIT Group, 2nd & 4th Fridays, **6:15 welcome, 6:30 pm**

Game Night—3rd Fridays, **6:00-9:00 pm**

Saturday

Creative Connections—1st Saturdays at **10:00 am**

Sunday

Worship at **10:00 am**. Children's Church during worship

Youth Group—**11:30 am**

Going Deeper—after worship, hybrid

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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LEAD PASTOR: Sharon Benton—

PASTOR FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS,

& MISSION: Davi Weasley

INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

Ted & Susan Huffman

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

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