

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
of Falmouth, Massachusetts  
of the United Church of Christ**



**Sunday, January 21, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. Nursery care is available throughout the service - please speak to an usher. Children and youth in FCC KIDS will leave the service after the children's message. If you would like to share a prayer of joy or concern, we invite you to write them down on the podium outside the sanctuary entrances. During the *Moment of Greeting* we invite everyone to fill out the fellowship pad and pass the pad down your pew and back again.

**REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister**



**Meditation:** "Most of us have nicknames--annoying, endearing, embarrassing. But what about your true name? It is not necessarily your given name. But it is the one to which you are most eager to respond when called." *Vera Nazarian*

**ORGAN PRELUDE: FANTASY IN A MINOR BY J.S. BACH**

[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

**A MOMENT OF GREETING**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 108, Come Christians, Join to Sing**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Passing of the Lord's Peace**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Based on Psalm 26

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity.

**I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

Prove me, O Lord, and try me.

**Test my heart and mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

**And I walk in faithfulness to you.**

**INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Generous God, thank you for all you give us: a world of beauty and grace, a community of love and caring, an opportunity for new life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray for all who are in need and for those who are hurting. We offer ourselves as your people, ready to share your love with others and to share of our bounty, hopeful that your church will grow in meeting the needs of the people who turn to us while looking for you. This we pray in the name of Jesus, saying *Our Father, 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 glory forever. Amen.*

**LET THE CHILDREN COME**

[After this, FCC KIDS may go to their classes.]

**\*HYMN NO. 442, What a Friend We Have In Jesus**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Mark 1:14-20

**SERMON:** Leaving to Follow

**OFFERTORY: ADAGIO IN A MINOR BY J.S. BACH**

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\***HYMN NO. 26, Praise to the Lord, The Almighty**

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 368, Blest be the Tie**

\***POSTLUDE: Postlude in c minor by J.S. Bach**

\*Those who are able, please stand

**Visitors** - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them.

**Please** turn off your cell phones.

**Please note!** Print-outs of the day's sermon are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

**Greeters** are Jolie Drury and Carla Zavorskes.

**Ushers** are Doug Oesterheld, Judy Heller, Bob Heller, Bob McGowen, Elyse Degroot.

**Lay reader** is Meg Becker.

**Flowers** on the altar-table are given by Carol Erhardt Haslun in loving memory of Bruce Haslun.

**Deacons for the service** are Marine and Wil Bindler-Desbiens.

**Jr. Deacon** is Elijah Drury.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **First Congregational Church Office** will be open on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** between the hours of **9:00 AM and 1:00 PM**. The church itself will be open five days a week to support all of the groups and activities, but the office will only be staffed on three of those days.

Sign up to enjoy the play, **Clue presented by the Falmouth Theater Guild** on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Highfield Theater. Tickets are only \$28.00 per person and guests are welcome. The play is based on the movie and the popular game and is a hilarious mystery. It begins at a remote mansion where six mysterious guests assemble at a dinner party where murder is on the menu!!! Sign up with a check payable to Falmouth Theater Guild and is due by February 5, 2024. Give to Bette West at church or mail to her at 42 East Harbor Drive, Falmouth MA 02536.(508-457-9860)

Please join us in helping to make our **RISE Against Hunger meal packing event on March 9, 2024, from 1 -3p.m.** successful! Please sign up by using the link in this week's Care and Connection to register. (See below)

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstCongregationalChurchofFalmouth2024>

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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Mon.	1:00 p.m.	Book Group
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
	6:30p.m	Soto Zen
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:30 p.m.	Guided Meditation

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, January 28                      314th Annual Meeting of the church

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