



TODAY

January 19, 2025

Happy Birthday, SHIRLEY POLEN!

9:30am Coffee Fellowship
10:00am Worship Celebration
11:00am Social Time
11:15am Deacon Board

Worship Team

Pastor: Dr. Steven Wood
Keyboardist: Melanie Wood
Liturgist: Sue O'Brien
Ushers: Cindy Stull
Mary Jane Edwards
Acolytes: Freida Glass
TBD
PowerPoint: TBD
Livestream: Penny Caverly
Childcare: Lori Childs
Snacks: Mary Golden

THIS WEEK

MONDAY
January 20, 2025

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Happy Birthday, GREG DREW!

TUESDAY
January 21, 2025

7:00pm Trustee Board

WEDNESDAY
January 22, 2025

7:00pm Wednesday Nite
LIVE(stream)

*Facebook and YouTube

SATURDAY
January 25, 2025

Happy Birthday, SHARI SCHUYLER!



SOCIAL TIME

Join us in the Social Hall after Worship for light refreshments and good conversation!

ANNUAL MEETING

The 129th Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church will be held Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the Worship Celebration.

NOTE: Annual Reports from all officers, boards, and committees must be submitted by January 20. Please email them to the Church Secretary at: fcccauthen1@gmail.com.

POTLUCK DINNER

FCC invites everyone to a Potluck Dinner following the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025. The church will supply the meat for the meal and we ask everyone else to bring a side dish and desert to share. Plan on joining us!



ATTENTION LADIES!

"The Good and Beautiful Bible Study," a five-week study for ladies, begins March 11, 2025. The group will meet at 7:00pm in the church building. A sign-up sheet is on the Literature Table. Scholarships are available to cover the cost of materials. All ladies are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FCC is always looking for volunteers to facilitate worship on Sundays. We need liturgists, ushers, acolytes, and people to run the computer and camera each week. If you can help, please sign up at the Literature Table in the back of the Sanctuary.



PRAYER

PRAYER CHAIN

To submit praises and prayer requests text Pastor Steve (810-624-2418).

PRAYER SPACE

We invite everyone to use our Prayer Space for prayer and meditation before, during, and after Worship, as well as any time throughout the week.

LITERATURE TABLE

Stop by our Literature Table at the back of the Sanctuary before you leave today. It is full of useful printed materials. You can pick up a copy of our 2025 Church Calendar, the "Through the Bible" reading guide, or the latest issue of "Our Daily Bread, just to name a few. Take all you will use!



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some opportunities to spread the Gospel and help those in need:

ONE ITEM A MONTH

FCC's One-Item-a-Month for January is **CANNED SOUP**.

Please leave soup and any other non-perishable items at the back of the Sanctuary throughout the month. They will be delivered to our friends at Loaves & Fishes for distribution to those in need. Financial donations should be marked, "Loaves & Fishes."

MISSIONS JUG

The jug on the Literature Table is intended to collect change for "Loaves & Fishes" to purchase groceries for those in need.



THROUGH THE BIBLE

- Here are this week's readings:
- Jan. 19: Luke 14:25-35; Gen. 26; Psalm 19
 - Jan. 20: Luke 15; Gen. 27:1-45; Psalm 20
 - Jan. 21: Luke 16; Gen. 27:46-28:22; Psalm 21
 - Jan. 22: Luke 17; Gen. 29:1-30; Psalm 22
 - Jan. 23: Luke 18:1-17; Gen. 29:31-30:43; Psalm 23
 - Jan. 24: Luke 18:18-43; Gen. 31; Psalm 24
 - Jan. 25: Luke 19:1-27; Gen. 32-33; Psalm 25

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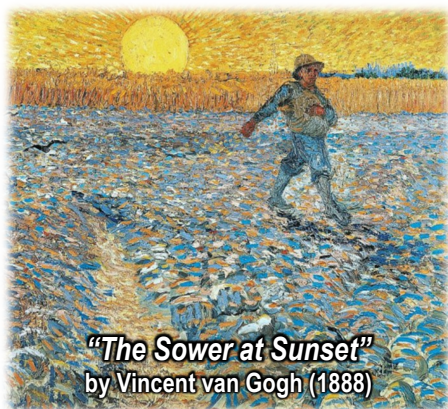
Welcome to First Congregational Church! Thank you for joining us this morning. Whether you are a longtime member, friend, or first-time guest we hope you will join with us in worship by praising God for who he is and thanking him for all he has done. We hope you connect with God and one another through the Holy Spirit as we sing, pray, and study his Word together.

If this is your first time with us, please fill out a Guest Card (they are in the pew rack in front of you) and give it to an usher or drop it in the Offering Plate when it is passed later this morning. You are important to us, and we would like a record of your visit with us today. In addition, I would love to meet you and talk with you! You can contact me through the Church Office: (989) 288 6684), Facebook Messenger: Pastor-SteveFCC, or email: pastorsteve.fccdurand@gmail.com.



Again, thank you for joining us this morning!

God bless you!
Dr. Steven Wood
 Dr. Steven Wood,
 Pastor



"The Sower at Sunset"
 by Vincent van Gogh (1888)

"Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening."



SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 19, 2025



PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS GREETINGS

Sue O'Brien, Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP (chimes and lighting of candles)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalms 27 (selected)

INVOCATION

PRAISE MUSIC

PRAYER

- Testimonies, Praises, and Prayer Requests
- Personal Prayer Time
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer (congregation in unison)

*Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
 Amen.*

HYMN #299:

"Amazing Grace"

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Giver's Prayer

(congregation in unison)

*Oh God, I present you with my tithe,
 a tenth of the financial gain You have blessed me with.
 In obedience to your word I give my tithe to this local church.
 I give the tithe so that Your house and Your work can be maintained.
 Anything I give above my tithe is because
 you have blessed me and allow me to do so.
 Because I am obeying You, I trust You to do as You have promised.
 I believe You will supply my needs. I believe You will bless my family.
 I believe You will provide for First Congregational Church.
 I believe You will do great and wonderful things among Your people.
 I believe, I trust, and I obey. Amen.*

OFFERTORY

Melanie Wood, Keyboardist

The Doxology

(congregation singing in unison)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.*

HYMN #363:

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

SERMON

Dr. Steven Wood, Pastor

Dirt and Discipleship - Part 1:

The Dirt on the Path

Matthew 13; Hebrews 2 (Pew Bible, p. 1861)

REFLECTION

DEPARTING SONG

(congregation singing in unison)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard your calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord. If you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (congregation in unison)

*Oh God, as we go forth, let us go in the unity Christ prayed for us.
 Let us show your love to one another
 so everyone will know we are your disciples.
 Let us spread the Gospel wherever we go
 because we are your messengers.
 Bless us and bind us together
 in the name of Jesus until we meet again. Amen.*

SOCIAL TIME

*Join us in the Social Hall (downstairs) for light refreshments and good conversation!

Thanks for coming today. God bless you!