

Welcome! Thank You for Worshiping With Us Today!

Welcome to *The First Congregational Church of Southington*. Ours is an *Open & Affirming* congregation dating from 1724 & worshipping in our present Meetinghouse since 1830. One of the larger, more vibrant *United Church of Christ* churches in New England, our church's purpose is to love & worship God; extend God's radically-inclusive love to all people everywhere; make more & better disciples of Jesus Christ; & inspire people & society to become more & more just, loving, compassionate & Christ-like. You will find our church to be an accepting, caring, non-judgmental community, where faith is renewed, lives are transformed, & power for positive living is received. It's a church *where the Spirit is alive & miracles happen!* Welcome!

Rev. Patricia L. Liberty, Interim Senior Minister

January 20, 2008

Be Still: Contemplative Worship

6:00pm

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE

INFANT/TODDLER CARE BY ADULTS DURING ALL SERVICES IN OUR CHURCH NURSERY

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude "By Name I Have Called You" Carey Landry

Welcome & Church Family Announcements

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Music for Meditation "By My Side" (From Godspell) Hamburger/Gordon

PRAISING GOD

The Call to Worship

PASTOR: John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,

PEOPLE: Here is the Lamb of God.

PASTOR: John saw the Spirit descending on Jesus after the baptism and said,

PEOPLE: This is the Son of God.

PASTOR: John saw Jesus walking by, and he exclaimed,

PEOPLE: Look, here is the Lamb of God.

PASTOR: Jesus says to all who expectantly look to him,

PEOPLE: Come and see.

ALL: Come and see.

*Song of Adoration: (Insert) "City Of God" Dan Schutte

Prayer of Personal Confession (in silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Sermon "COME AND SEE"

A Moment of Silent Reflection

JOHN 1:29-42

Rev. Linda Fernandes-Bailey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Call to Prayer

Song of Prayer

Confetimini Domino

Jacques Berthier

Words: Confetimini Domino, quoniam bonus Confetimini Domino, Alleluia!

Come and fill our hearts with your peace; You alone are Holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace; Alleluia!

(During this song, we invite you to come forward & light a prayer candle, symbolizing your prayers.)

The Call to Silence & the Ringing of Our Prayer Bell

Silent Prayer and Reflection

Song of Prayer

I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew

Tune: Finlandia

Jan Sibelius

Words: I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew. He moved my soul to seek him; seeking me.

It was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found, was found of thee.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Song

"By Name I Have Called You"

Carey Landry

(During the song, please come forward, take a piece of bread & dip it into the cup. In the gold containers are gluten-free, wheat-free, corn-free, soy-free wafers for those with allergies.)

The Act of Blessing

(A blessing by anointing is offered during communion to all who wish it. After partaking of communion, go to the kneeling bench nearest you & kneel or stand for a blessing.)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (please join hands)

*Hymn # N5 (Worship Book)

"Here I Am, Lord"

Dan Schutte

(During this song, our Deacons will pass baskets to receive your offering/tithe.)

*Benediction

PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS NOW FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Coffee Hour Host: Lorraine & Len Ostasiewski

Flowers: Are given in loving memory of our parents Adeline & Leslie Bacon and Mary & Frank Huber by Beverly and Bob Huber.

Our 2008 Flower Chart to provide flowers in honor/memory of loved ones is now available in Memorial Hall.

Pick a date, don't forget your phone number, and Meredith or Bev will be in touch.

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Joys & Concerns for Prayer: We celebrate with Matt, Bonnie & Jenna Plourde the adoption of Owen Tuan (10/17/2007). We pray for Cherry Reiniger and Elaine Barrasso who were hospitalized last week. We continue to pray for Dorothy Beadle, Bonnie Perry, Andrea Sinclair, Ted Andrzejczuk, Pat Diego, Matthew Currao (Iraq), Betsy Roberts; Vi Hart; Mitzi Cronin; Maureen Curtis; Pat Livingstone; our Stephen Ministers & care-receivers.

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FOR PASTORAL NEEDS & EMERGENCIES call any of our ministers: Patricia L. Liberty (401-499-7752),

Rick Haverly (860-620-0513), Cyndie Holden (203) 206-9507 or Linda Fernandes-Bailey (1-860-274-9907).

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed next Sunday (1/27). If you would like to donate flowers in MEMORY/HONOR of a loved one call Bev Huber (621-0871) by Tuesday, 1/22.

NO TWIGS IN JANUARY. Rehearsals will resume on February 6th at 6pm.

SCHEDULING EVENTS: It is **very important** that all events and meetings planned in the building get cleared and posted with the office. On many an evening the building is filled to capacity and it is not fair to bump someone who has cleared their meeting with the office ahead of time. Plan ahead 628-6958.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED at our 6:00pm, service. You only have to commit to it once every 2 months. Call Barbara Stubbs (203-440-8958.)

OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE, www.firstchurchsouthington.org

A REMINDER TO PARENTS –Dismissal times for church school are: 9:30am – 10:45am; 11:15am – 12:30pm; 6:00pm – 7:15pm. If the service is over before dismissal time, please go to Memorial Hall until church school ends.

PASTA DINNER THIS Saturday, January 26th, 6-8PM in Memorial Hall. To support our February Youth Mission Trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. **\$7.50 adult & \$3/ 5yrs. and under. Tickets on Sale Today!**

LAITY SUNDAY is **January 27.** The theme is “Called to Follow.” LAST CHANCE to participate, call Rev. Linda Fernandes-Bailey.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER –MARK YOUR CALENDAR! February 5, 6pm in Memorial Hall. We're celebrating Mardi Gras and preparing ourselves for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Men's Club will serve a traditional pancake supper then enjoy a Mardi Gras parade, pancake race and family Lenten crafts.

FREE CPR/AED TRAINING: on **January 23 for full training.** Session begin at 7pm in room 201/2. **Sign-up outside the Pastor's office.**

SAFE CHURCH FIRE DRILL. Some time between January & May we'll have a fire drill with no advanced notice. If you hear the fire alarm during the church service, follow the directions from the minister. **DO NOT GO THROUGH THE CHURCH** to get anyone. All children will be evacuated by their teachers/infant care staff (they're usually out before anyone else).

LOST: Ladies navy pea coat hung in Memorial Hall on Sunday, January 6. Keys in pocket. Also on January 13 another coat, a brown coat with leopard fur on collar/hood with leather gloves in pockets. Please check your closets and call the church office if you find either one (628-6958).

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING for January will benefit our February Youth Mission trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. 25 youth and their advisors will build an addition at the mission church, Villa del Sol, on the outskirts of the city.

CHOCOLATE SALE! Seeds of Hope committee will be selling Kallari chocolate in Memorial Hall after all services TODAY. Think ahead for Valentine's Day...if it lasts that long!