

THE MEETINGHOUSE

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Confirmation Sunday



Left to right:
Back row:
Dr. Colglazier
Jennifer Kim
Elizabeth Baur
Olivia Baur
Giovanna Estruquel
Lillian Mottern
Christian C. Okpala

Middle row:
Kate Nam
Carolyn Mottern
Jason C. Okpala

Front row:
Benjamin Bankhead
(to be confirmed at a later date)
Sean C. Okpala

Not pictured:
MiaBella Chavez
Bryan Chavez

TODAY IS A GREAT DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR OUR CHURCH as thirteen of our young people come before the congregation, asking to be confirmed as full participants in the life of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles.

Confirmation is the church's way of affirming the grace of God living in all of us and celebrating the ways in which it has come to unique expression in each individual. Some of our students will be reaffirming their baptismal vows from childhood; others will enter into baptism for the first time, as they all make their vows to love and serve God with our community of faith. A special reception will be held after worship in the forecourt. Please come and help our students and families mark this important day in their lives, as we celebrate the continuing growth and vitality of our congregation.

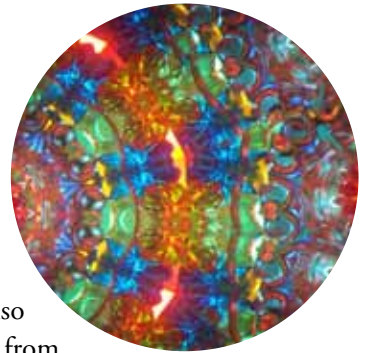
Architectural Tour

TODAY — following the service
Meet below the Pulpit



Kaleidoscope of the Spirit

MAY 22 WILL BE THE LAST SUNDAY DR. COLGLAZIER will be preaching before his sabbatical and we encourage you to be present with us on that day. There will be a special time of blessing during the worship service and a celebratory coffee fellowship afterwards, as we wish our Senior Minister our best as he leaves for this summer time of rest and renewal. The Summer of 2016 will also be a time of growth and renewal for our congregation as we welcome fresh perspectives and insights from some of the most dynamic leaders from around the country, who will be preaching each week. Come celebrate this wonderful event with Dr. Colglazier and plan to be with us each Sunday throughout the summer.



Annual Meeting 2016

Sunday, May 15 – 12:30PM – Shatto Chapel

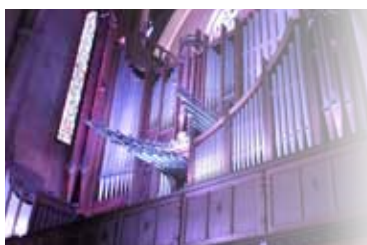
Please mark your calendars to attend our Annual Meeting after worship on May 15. Important business will be covered, including the election of officers and approval of the budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Materials are posted on a secure, member-only section of our website at <http://fccla.org/fccla-annual-meeting-2016/> All members should have received the password via email. If you require a hard copy of the documents, please contact Rev. Fregin at lfregin@fccla.org. As a special treat, First Kids First and the Celebration Ringers will be performing for us.

Southeast Symphony presents

Carmina Burana

Sunday, May 22 at 4PM — Sanctuary

Join the Southeast Symphony, led by Anthony Parnter, for the final concert of their 68th season. Over 200 musicians come together to perform Carl Orff's dramatic and popular *Carmina Burana*. Joining the Southeast Symphony's full orchestra will be three vocal soloists and triple chorus. One performance only. Tickets are available for purchase at www.southeastsymphony.com or at the Welcome Table after worship service.



Pipe Organ Tribute to Prince

Christoph Bull played his moving tribute to Prince at the beginning of worship service on April 24 and has posted it on his Facebook page. You can continue to enjoy it and share it with your friends on Facebook or send them a link to the tribute on You Tube. Here are the links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christoph.bull>

You Tube: <https://youtu.be/fNSRUCArCPI>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

LITURGY OF PRAISE

Organ Prelude Dr. Christoph Bull

Hymn Improvisation
L'Ascension Suite *Olivier Messiaen*
– The majesty of Christ demanding its glory
of the Father
– Serene alleluias of a soul that longs for heaven
– Transports of Joy
– Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father

Call to Worship Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

† **Processional Hymn** – No. 553

“Gather Us In” *GATHER US IN*

† **Invocation** Dr. Tom Eggebeen

† **Introit** – “Cry Out and Shout” Cathedral Choir

Knut Nystedt Dr. Jonathan Talberg, Director

† **The Lord’s Prayer** (using “debts”) Dr. Eggebeen

† **Gloria Patri** (No. 558, congregation singing)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Colglazier

*Please sign the red friendship pad in your pew
and pass it to your neighbor.*

Dismissal of children (K-5th grade) to First Kids First

Service of Confirmation Dr. Colglazier;

Rev. Fregin, Ms. Julianne James

LITURGY OF MEDITATION

Meditation Anthem Cathedral Choir

“How Beautiful Upon the Mountains” *John Stainer*

Versicles (congregation singing) Rev. Fregin

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Congregation: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Congregation: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayer of General Confession (unison) Rev. Fregin

Gracious God, we confess
that we have failed to live as your people
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your loving kindness, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what shall be,
so that we may walk in your ways for all of our days.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Fregin

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Fregin

Solo Ms. Elizabeth Queen, Soprano

“Ich folge dir Gleichfalls” *J.S. Bach*

(from *St. John’s Passion*)

LITURGY OF GUIDANCE

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:41–52 Lillian Mottern and

Christian Okpala

Sermon – A Mother’s Heart Dr. Colglazier

LITURGY OF DEDICATION

Presentation of Offerings Dr. Eggebeen

Offertory Anthem Cathedral Choir

“Walk in Jerusalem” *Rollo Dilworth*

† **Doxology** (No. 562, congregation singing)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

† **Prayer of Dedication** Dr. Eggebeen

† **Passing of the Peace and Benediction** Dr. Colglazier

† **Choral Benediction Response** Cathedral Choir

“O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace” *Christopher Tye*

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 388

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” *MARION*

Organ Postlude Dr. Bull

“Transports of Joy” – Reprise *Olivier Messiaen*

† Please Stand

*Please silence all cell phones.
For a wireless, enhanced hearing device, please see an usher.*

AFTER TODAY’S SERVICE

Join us for Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Reverend Laura Fregin and Dr. Fred Fregin
in celebration of Confirmation Sunday, in the Forecourt following today’s service.

Holy Communion is celebrated on The Chancel following today’s service. All are welcome!



TODAY'S ALTAR DEDICATIONS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated today in loving memory of **Mrs. Gladys Leona Best Ward**, by her son, Judge Bob Ward.

The Chancel Flowers are placed today in celebration of **Vicki Malone**, by Jason Malone.

The Altar Candles are lighted today in loving memory of **Mrs. Addie Elizabeth Ward**, and **Mrs. Pearl Edwards Barfield-Best**, by their grandson, Judge Bob Ward.

The Confirmation Candles are lighted today in recognition of our youth, by their mentors, **Michael Dennis, Jason Lambert, Jason Malone, Carlos Martinez, Sigrid Thomas, and Richard Thomas.**

Looking Ahead!

THE MEETINGHOUSE

Participate! *This Month at First Church*

Every Week at First Church

- 8:15AM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM Adult Education: Seekers Class
- 9:30AM First Kids First: Childcare
Room 208, off the small playground
- 10:15AM Celebration Ringers Rehearsal
(K-3rd grade)
- 10:30AM Prelude on The Great Organs
- 11:00AM Worship Service
- 11:15AM First Kids First (K-5th grade)
Music Room, 1st floor
- 12:15PM Coffee Fellowship

*Prelude on
The Great Organs*
Every Sunday at 10:30AM



Holy Communion

*Every Sunday after service on
The Chancel. All are welcome!*



Seekers Class

Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective
Sundays, May 15 to June 26 at 9:30AM – Founders Room

The Seekers class will begin a new seven-week study series on May 15. We'll discuss essays by John Cobb, Wendell Berry, Henri Nouwen, and others, which explore voluntary simplicity as a path to wholeness and abundance. Join us on May 15 for a discussion on "The Sacred Journey: Seeking the Abundant Life."

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