

THE MEETINGHOUSE

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During the month of October, Dr. Colglazier will preach a fall sermon series titled, "God That's Good." In worship at 9 and 11am, and in our Sunday Forum at 10am, we will look each week at a different aspect of the importance of food in our lives and how it plays a central role in our faith. Using the metaphor of a feast, we will talk about what that means for us today as we understand world hunger; taking a closer look at the politics of food will help us explore the industrial complex and the food deserts that exist in our city; and as we remember the importance of the family table and the gift of hospitality, we will be challenged to imagine how the sharing of our tables, really *can* change the world.

FALL SERMON SERIES

Oct 9th: Thinking about the
Politics of Food

Oct 16th: It's Not Too Late
for the Family Table

Oct 23rd: The Gift of
Hospitality

Oct 30th: I'm Human
Therefore I Cook



Kaleidoscope Eyes

THIS AFTERNOON, October 9 at 3PM – Shatto Chapel

Christoph Bull performs the music of John Lennon with live painting by Norton Wisdom. Christoph has selected 13 of his favorite John Lennon songs from Lennon's Beatles and solo years. This uniquely beautiful blend of music & art offers the opportunity to experience the sacred space of Shatto Chapel in a new way. \$15 pre-sale; \$20 at door. **Pre-sale tickets are available.** Contact LWaters@fccla.org or 213.355.5232.



Alimento Exhibit

Open every Sunday through November 6, 12:30PM - 1:30PM – Shatto Chapel

The Spanish word "alimento" can be translated simply as "food," but it is much more than that when First Church & Art Division launch its second show this fall! Curated by Joan Agajanian Quinn, with assistance from Scott Colglazier and Dan McCleary, the exhibit features art by the students of Art Division as well as several well-known artists including Frank Gehry, David Hockney, George Legrady, and Ed Ruscha.

SUNDAY FORUMS

This fall we are offering a Sunday Forum at 10:00am in Shatto Chapel. The forum will offer short conversations covering a wide range of topics taken from Biblical Scholarship, Christian Practices, Music & the Arts, Literature and Film, and Social Justice Issues.



This morning First Church welcomes Sam Polk, author, activist, and social entrepreneur who is the founder of the non-profit GroceryShips. Earlier today, Sam spoke at our 10am Forum in Shatto Chapel and he will also briefly share with us in our 11am Worship Service about Everytable, a new social enterprise that has expanded on the GroceryShips model of bringing healthy meals to food deserts in our city. Have you made plans for lunch after church today? Sam has a great recommendation and a gift for all of us who are in attendance this morning!



Sunday, October 16 at 10AM – Shatto Chapel

Next week, our Sunday Forum will look at the environmental issues around food sustainability as FCCLA member Sharon Lawrence speaks about her work as a board member of Green Wish LA, a nonprofit that raises funds for local food and conservation organizations. In addition to being an emmy-award winning actress, Sharon is also a passionate environmentalist who lends her voice to numerous green organizations in our city. Join us at 10am in Shatto Chapel for this exciting conversation facilitated by Katherine Vogt.



Lunch Bunch

Sunday, October 9 - after Church at 12:30PM - SIZZLER RESTAURANT - 400 S VERMONT AVE

Come get to know your fellow First Church members over lunch. We meet for lunch on the second Sunday of every month at different restaurants throughout the city. For additional information, please contact Misty Gentle at gentlemist94@gmail.com.



Gay Freedom Band of Los Angeles presents "Play On"

Sunday, October 16 at 3:30PM – Sanctuary

"If music be the food of love, play on!" - The Gay Freedom Band's concert will feature music inspired by stories and literature classics, such as *Moby Dick*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Harry Potter*, to name a few. \$10 Suggested Donation. For more information, visit gfbla.org.

Looking Ahead!

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This Month at First Church

Participate!

Every Week at First Church

9:00AM	First Worship - Shatto Chapel
9:30AM	First Kids First: Childcare <i>Infant/Toddler (Room 209, Side Playground)</i>
10:00AM	Sunday Forum - Shatto Chapel
10:30AM	Prelude on The Great Organs
11:00AM	Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:15AM	First Kids First (K-5th grade) <i>Wong Chapel for Children's Ministry</i>
12:15PM	Coffee Fellowship

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



AIDS WALK LA

October 23 at 10AM Grand Park Downtown LA.
Sign up at the Welcome Table at Coffee Fellowship
Join our team or make a donation at:
la.aidswalk.net/FirstChurch, for more info please contact
George Pelham at actorgeorge@yahoo.com

Sundays at 10:00AM

Chancel Ringers and Celebration Ringers

Celebration Ringers (Grades K-3) will meet every week in the upstairs library. We will work on rhythm exercises, music games, and songs to perform throughout the program year.

Chancel Ringers (Grade 4- Adult) will rehearse the four Sundays prior to each performance in Wong Chapel for Children's Ministry. Our performance dates will be October 23 and December 4. *Registering for each performance is a must.* For more information, email Julianne James at jjames@fccla.org or call at 213.366.5259.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 23 at 12:30PM

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to announce that in accordance with the By-Laws of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, a Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 12:30PM in Shatto Chapel. Important business will be covered, including passing of the budget for Pilgrim School for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

All materials will be posted on a secure, member-only section of our website in the coming weeks. The password for members will be sent via email on October 9. Hard copy documents will be available at the Welcome Table on October 9 and after.

Please mark your calendars to be with us that morning for worship.

Sincerely,

Donald Battjes, Moderator

Seekers Bible Study

This Wednesday, October 12 at 7PM

What are your most serious religious questions? What keeps you up at night? Where are you in your life? What do you struggle with? What brings you joy? This fall the Fregins will open their home to host a Bible Study that will explore the Scriptures and its deep abiding truths. We will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at 7pm. Contact Lauren Waters at LWaters@fccla.org or 213.355.5232 for information and directions.

Meet the Candidates for the Head of Pilgrim School

Today, October 9, from 5:30 to 7:00pm, all church members are invited to attend a reception and Q&A in the Barnum Room to meet the second candidate presented by the Search Team for the next Pilgrim Head of School.

Say It With Flowers

We all have special occasions throughout the year that we may wish to commemorate. A flower dedication at First Church can mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, marriage or death. Or, it may be used as an expression of joy and gratitude at any time. Your gift and dedication will be listed in the Sunday Worship Bulletin. To arrange for a flower dedication, please contact Sammi Smith at ssmith@fccla.org or stop by the Altar Guild table during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday. The current donation for Altar Flowers is \$100 and for Chancel Arch Flowers is \$80. Altar Candles can also be dedicated for \$40.



New to First Church? We're glad you're here!

First Congregational Church is a diverse and vibrant community of faith that offers a place where you can enrich your spiritual life through the gifts of worship and the arts. We believe life is about the journey and we extend a warm welcome to *all*, especially to those who are worshipping with us for the first time.

Please sign the red friendship pad found in your pew and include the information you would like to share with us. If you would like to receive our weekly Eblasts, be sure to include your email.

Take time to discover for yourself this authentic and welcoming community that you can call home. Here are some ways to get started:

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

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Listen to this week's sermon [www.fccla.org/sermons](#)
Sign up for our [Weekly Eblast](#) ssmith@fccla.org

BECOME A MEMBER

First Church is a place where *you* can belong. We welcome the gifts, talents, and strengths of those who have decided to make First Church their home. Every other month we offer a small group class, *Discover First Church*. After worship, we share light refreshments, listen to the story of First Church, and share our own stories in a relaxed conversation. You can ask questions about who we are and how you will find your place within this community of faith. It's a great time to begin making connections with others who are also new to First Church.

GET INVOLVED

Whether you are interested in serving, connecting with others, worshipping, giving, or growing spiritually, we offer opportunities for everyone. Be sure to read *The Meetinghouse* each week as it contains the latest about what is happening in the life of First Church. Watch our Facebook page and Twitter feed for last minute Events or Meet Ups.

Giving at First Church

At First Church, we consider every pledge, tithe, offering, or contribution a gift for the life of our community of faith. No matter how it's given, our gifts show our gratitude. Beginning this month, we are making certain giving is as easy as possible. If you no longer carry checks or cash, but always have your phone – you can download an app or give by text. If you want to set up a weekly or monthly contribution, you can do so through e-giving. And if you want to go online and make a contribution for the weeks you are away this summer, you can access the giving portal at our website and make your gift. Please accept our thanks for your continued generosity and support.

MOBILE APP

- Download the ShelbyNext Giving app for iOS or Android.
- Search for First Congregational Church of Los Angeles by name or ZIP code (90020).

TEXT

- Send a text with the amount of your donation to 213.263.5830. (Ex. Text 10 for \$10.00)
- If you are a first-time text-giving donor, you will be prompted to visit a secure URL, where you will enter your credit/debit card information.

ONLINE

- Visit [www.fccla.org/give](#).
- You can donate via credit/debit card or eCheck.
- You can make a one-time or recurring contribution.

E-OFFERING

- Call the Advancement Office at 213.355.5228 to set up a monthly or semimonthly recurring contribution from your checking account.

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