

Calendar for the Week Ahead


- Sunday, September 19, 2021**
8:00 am - Worship
9:00 am - Genesis Rehearsal
9:15 am - Coffee & Chat with a Pastor
10:00 am - Worship (livestreamed) & Outdoor Faith Formation for kids
4:30 pm - Clara S. Witwer Memorial Pipe Organ 10th Anniversary Concert
- Monday, September 20, 2021**
12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer
- Tuesday, September 21, 2021**
12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer
1:30 pm - Library Team
6:00 pm - *Cabinet Meeting
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021**
12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer
5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Live - Dinner
6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Live!
- Thursday, September 23, 2021**
12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer
12:30 pm - Scripture Seminar
5:00 pm - Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, September 24, 2021**
8:00 am - ROMEOs, Epic Egg 10th Street
12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer
1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 pm - FOG at Rok & Judy Kron's
- Saturday, September 25, 2021**
No events scheduled
- Sunday, September 26, 2021**
8:00 am - Indoor worship in the Chapel
9:00 am - Genesis Rehearsal
9:15 am - Coffee & Chat with a Pastor
10:00 am - Indoor Worship & Outdoor Faith Formation for kids

**An asterisk denotes an online or Zoom event. For link and password, please see the Friday email blast or contact the church office.*

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**No matter who you are or where you
are on life's journey, you are welcome
here.**

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Greeley, CO

Sunday, September 19, 2021
10:00am

**An asterisk indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.
Our organist this morning is Dr. Keenan Boswell.*

PRELUDE

"Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit" BWV 669 by J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

*Freedom is Coming (South African Freedom Song)
Chancel Choir and Genesis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)**
(Inspired by the words of Saint John of the Cross and Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi)
God is closer to us than our very breath.
Closer than we are to ourselves.
We are in God like a stone is in the earth...
Already at the center
The spiritual life, then, is not about getting closer to God,
But awakening to the union that already exists.
So open our eyes, holy one.
Open our ears, our lips, our hearts.
We long to remove every obstacle within us that keeps us from you.
We long to praise your name!
So come Holy Spirit, come...
Together, let us worship the God of Love.

*GATHERING HYMN

When Minds and Bodies Meet as One NCH 399 (Black) vs 1, 3, 5

*When minds and bodies meet as one and find their true affinity,
we join the dance in God begun and move within the Trinity,
so praise the good that's seen and done in loving, giving unity, revealing God,
forever One, whose nature is Community.*

*When teamwork serves a common aim, and players move in sympathy,
the flowing rhythm of the game is beauty in simplicity,
so praise the good that's seen and done in swiftly moving unity, revealing God,
forever One, whose nature is Community.*

*In Christ we come to break and bless the bread of new society,
created for togetherness, from infinite variety,
so praise the good that's seen and done in Spirit-given unity, revealing God,
forever One, whose nature is Community.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Baptism of Emily Alainna Everitt

SPECIAL MUSIC
Siyahamba/We are Marching (South African Freedom Song)
Jubilation and Rainbow Choirs

SENDING SONG

SCRIPTURE READING & RESPONSE
Mark 9:30–37, Jody Heatherly
*Response: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us: **Thanks be to God.***

REFLECTION
Rev. Ben Konecny

SPECIAL MUSIC
Jesus bleibet meine Freude BWV 147, J.S. Bach
Jesus remains my joy, the comfort and life's blood of my heart,
Jesus defends me against all sorrows, he is my life's strength,
the delight and sun of my eyes my soul's treasure and joy;
therefore I shall not let Jesus go from my heart and sight.

CALL TO THANKSGIVING
Jody Heatherly
You can contribute to the life of the church by sharing your gift in the offering plate as you exit. You may also text FCCG to 73256 to give by text or visit our website to give online!

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**
Jesus, Priceless Treasure NCH 480 (Black)
Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:
Long my heart was burning, fainting much and yearning, thirsting after you.
Yours I am, O spotless Lamb, so will I let nothing hide you, seek no joy beside you.

Let your arms enfold me: those who try to wound me cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Fires may flash and thunder crash; yea, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Banish thoughts of sadness, for the source of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
Though the clouds may gather, those who love the Savior still have peace within.
Though I bear much sorrow here, still in you lies purest pleasure,
Jesus priceless treasure!

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION
Amen John Rutter

POSTLUDE
Duetto No. 3 in G Major BWV 804, J.S. Bach

Wednesday Night Live
Wednesday Night Live has begun! Join us at 5pm for dinner. (A grill is also available for you to use). At 6:30 we offer adult ed, elementary choirs, and combined middle school youth group. Nursery care is available from 6:15–8pm.

Kids Faith Formation
Today, kids (preK–5th grade) will be worshipping outdoors. We're learning how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. We'll wonder together what God might want to teach us through this story.

Youth Faith Formation
Meeting w Brady on flagstone patio

10th Anniversary Organ Concert
Next Sunday, September 19 at 4:30 pm we will host an organ concert featuring Dr. Keenan Boswell and Dr. Derek Chester to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Clara S. Witwer Memorial Pipe Organ. An outdoor reception will follow.

Coffee Hour Resumes
We're excited to bring back coffee hour. Join us outside and bring your coffee & water containers and join us on the flagstone patio for some fellowship after worship.

Weld Food Bank Backpack Program
The Backpack Program provides food for children in our area at risk of hunger over the weekend. The program costs \$100 per student for the year. The Outreach Ministry Group has set a goal of sponsoring 150 students this year in honor of our church's 150th Anniversary. So far, we've collected \$1900. Donations can be made online or by sending a check to the church.

Capital Campaign Early Gatherings
We are in the process of preparation for our Capital Campaign, “In Greeley for Good!” An important part of this effort will be several home gatherings taking place in a few weeks. The purpose of these gatherings is to build confidence and momentum through the sharing of project information, testimonials and early ‘pacesetter’ commitments to the campaign. If you are interested in attending one of these home gatherings and making an early commitment, please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday. We will make sure that you receive an invitation.

Fellowship of the Grape
Please join us for our next Fellowship of the Grape event on Friday, September 24 from 4–6pm. FOG events are an opportunity for a casual social gathering with others in the church. This FOG event will be hosted at the home of Rok & Judy Kron (1929 Homestead Rd, Greeley). Please bring wine and an appetizer to share.

Need A Directory?
If you need an updated church directory, Realm is the place to be! Our new church software, Realm, puts an up-to-date directory at your fingertips online or through the Realm Connect app. If you don't have a login, please reach out to the church office and we'll help you get logged in. If you do have a login, simply go out our website and click the "Realm" tab to log in!

Nursery Care Available
Nursery care in Slighter Hall starting this Sunday at 9:45am each week

Staff Vacations
Laura will be on vacation beginning Wednesday, September 15 and will return to the office Thursday, September 23.