

Calendar for the Week Ahead

Sunday, January 16, 2022  
8:00 am - Worship  
10:00 am - Worship

Monday, January 17, 2022 - OFFICE CLOSED  
12:00 pm - \*Centering Prayer

Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
8:30 am - \*Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm - \*Centering Prayer  
6:00 pm - \*Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
12:00 pm - \*Centering Prayer

Thursday, January 20, 2022  
12:00 pm - \*Centering Prayer  
12:45 pm - \*Scripture Seminar  
1:00 pm - Book Club

Friday, January 21, 2022  
8:00 am - ROMEOS at Epic Egg  
12:00 pm - \*Centering Prayer

Saturday, January 22, 2022  
4:00 pm - Guadalupe Community Center Meal

Sunday, January 23, 2022  
8:00 am - Worship  
9:00 am - Genesis Rehearsal  
10:00 am - Worship



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



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Greeley, CO

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PRELUDE  
II. Choral from Symphony No. 2, opus 20  
Louis Vierne

CHORAL INTROIT  
Precious Lord  
Derek Chester, tenor  
Thomas A. Dorsey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)**  
Through the prophets we are challenged to seek peace rooted in justice.  
**God, help us to hear you urgent call for justice today.**  
As followers of Christ, we are challenged to be those who help bring healing to the brokenness in people and society.  
**God, help us hold fast to your way of truth and love.**  
Through the movement of the Holy Spirit, we are challenged to witness to the Good News that God’s kingdom is at hand.  
**God, may you empower us to be people of Good News, justice, peace, truth, and love this and every day!**

GATHERING MUSIC  
I Woke Up this Morning

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SENDING SONG  
Strong, Gentle Children

SCRIPTURE READING  
Alison Kanzler  
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**

*Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* arr. Damien Sneed

**CALL TO THANKSGIVING**

Alison Kanzler  
*You can contribute to the life of the church by sharing your gift in the offering box 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 MUSIC**

*MLK* U2, arr. Bob Chilcott

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*I. Allegro from Symphony No. 2, opus 20* Louis Vierne

**Next Sunday we’ll welcome the Rev. Dr. Anthony Scott**

The Reverend Dr. Anthony L. D. Scott serves as Associate Conference Minister in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ. A passionate preacher, leader, and activist, Anthony gives his whole self to the work of ministry. Anthony received a BA in Religion from Wartburg College (2010) and received the MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO (2013). Following years of active ministry, Anthony earned the DMin from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio (2020). His research focus was congregations serving as mediators for a wholistic vision of salvation.

Anthony is a native of St. Louis, MO. First ordained in the Baptist tradition (NBC), Anthony served churches and hospitals in Missouri, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Colorado. Following the death of Michael Brown, Anthony followed God’s call to the streets of Ferguson, MO. In conjunction with lifting hands, feet, and heart in protest, Anthony facilitated Sacred Conversations on Race (+ Action) with congregations of various faith traditions in the St. Louis area. Anthony counts it as a privilege to give leadership to the Eden Black Alumni Association, as its President. His ministry ethos is grounded firmly in the example of Jesus Christ, ministering to the needs of the hurting and broken in a wholistic manner – mind, body, and spirit. Dr. Scott counts it as privilege and pleasure to journey through life with his partner in life and in ministry, his wife—Marquisha Lawrence Scott, PhD. They are proud parent of one daughter, Sadie. Above all else, Dr. Scott strives to be a vessel in the service of Jesus Christ and a conduit for God’s blessing.

**Kids & Youth Faith Formation**

FCC Kids programming has temporarily moved online. If you’re with us this morning, welcome! Please grab an activity bag in the back. For the next few weeks, please plan to join us at 9am via Zoom with your whole family for a special family worship time! If you do not receive Tammi’s emails, please reach out to her (tammi@firstconggreeley.com) so that you can access the Zoom link.

Sunday morning youth programming is temporarily suspended. Youth WILL continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 outside with Rev. Ben.

Nursery care is available in Slighter Hall from 9:45-11:15 every week.

**Wednesday Night Live**

Wednesday Night Live has resumed. We have temporarily moved Praxis Project and kids choirs online. Youth Group will still meet in person. See the Friday email blast or reach out to the church office for more information.

**Annual Meeting**

The 152nd Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held virtually Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please watch for an email with more information coming soon.

**Interest & Engagement Surveys**

With a new year we have opportunities to re-prioritize how we use our time. Explore ways to connect by completing our Interest & Engagement Survey! You can do that by contacting Whitney in the office.

**COVID Policies Updated This Week**

In an abundance of caution, the church office will be closed through January. Staff is still working and will continue to be available by phone or email. The main office phones (970-353-0828) will still be active and answered during regular hours.

Our first priority has been and continues to be the health and safety of our congregation, staff, and community. It is also extremely important to us to protect in-person worship on Sundays, if possible. We continue to consult with medical professionals about how we keep Sunday morning worship as safe as possible. Through January, will continue to observe the following practices:

- KN95 masks covering your mouth and nose required
- The church office will remain closed to all non-staff persons except for Sunday worship. Staff contact info is on the reverse.
- No congregational singing during worship.
- Choirs are temporarily suspended.
- All weekly programming has moved online. If you need help connecting please reach out to the church office.
- If you or someone in your household has a COVID infection, please worship at home until your quarantine period is over.

We will still check mail daily and you may use the outside drop box near the west doors to leave anything for the church staff or office. If you are concerned about leaving something and would like a staff person to meet you to receive your item, please contact Laura Gurney. We are glad to arrange a time to meet you outside.

Thank you for your understanding as we do our best to keep our community as safe as possible.