

## Easter Sunday — April 9, 2023

### SUNRISE SERVICES – 6:30 AM

On "Cemetery Hill" behind the Meetinghouse.  
*The First Day* — Luke 24: 1-12

### EASTER BREAKFAST – 7:30 AM

Keith Jones Hall  
Suggested Donation is \$5 for Individual \$15 for Family

### EASTER SERVICES – 9:00 | 10:30 (in the Meetinghouse)

Plan to be with us for this holy moment of celebration, invite family, friends, and guests to come and join you in the Meetinghouse.

*Would You Believe?* — Luke 24: 1-12

*He is RISEN!*

*Come, rejoice, worship God, and begin living the Resurrection Life!*

### LENTEN SERVICES

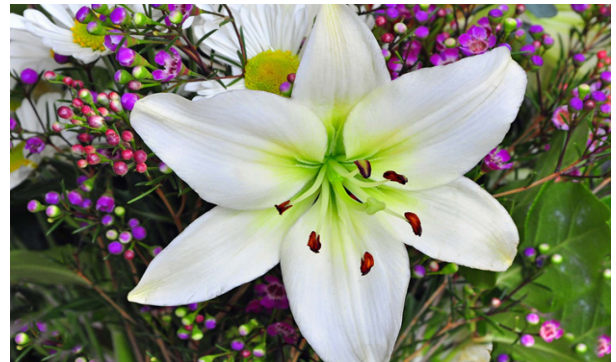
with Communion - 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
Wednesdays, February 22 thru March 29

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday**, April 2, 10:00 AM  
*The Stones Will Cry Out* — Luke 19: 28-44

**Maundy Thursday**, April 6, 6:30 PM  
*If I Tell You, You Will Not Believe Me* — Luke 22: 66-71

**Good Friday**, April 7, 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
*Darkness Came Over the Whole Land* — Luke 23: 44-49



## Looking Ahead

### Announcing the Senior Pastor Search Committee

On Sunday, February 5th, the Senior Pastor Search Committee was announced and commissioned. Keep these members in prayer as they seek God's wisdom: Marti Bernardi, John Cassandra, John Davis, Alice Goodrich, Bill Kimball, Karen Memmott, Sheryl Montanari, Petra Riley, Felix Rodriguez, Robin Strom, and John Wieder III.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting has been called for SUNDAY, April 23, 2023, in the Meetinghouse following a 10 AM combined worship service. All members are urged to attend; Annual Reports will be available April 9. Included in the business of the meeting will be the election of officers, a Moment of Memory, and other matters as appropriate

### THE FINANCIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Meeting has been called for Sunday, June 4, 2023, in the Meetinghouse following a 10 AM combined worship service. Among the business before the congregation is consideration of next year's budget. All members are urged to attend.

### SAVE THE DATE

Heritage Luncheon for 50 year members will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7, at noon in Keith Jones Hall. Details will be provided as the date draws closer.

### Executive Board Announcement

After prayerful deliberation and input from church leadership and members of the congregation, the Executive Board is pleased to unanimously recommend moving forward with Crossroads Resolution Group's reconciliation proposal. Accordingly, the board is calling a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, March 5th, at noon to explain and present this proposal, answer questions, and take a paper vote to approve moving forward. Voting for the proposal will allow the board to bring Crossroads to FCC to lead us through the entire process. The board strongly urges the congregation to attend this meeting and recommends supporting the resolution.

Please contact Jon Vining, Board President, or Wayne Luman for additional information.

## BOOK OF LIFE

### ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE

Walter Miskin, December 11, 2022

Charlotte Lecrenier, December 13, 2022

Ted Hulbert, December 17, 2022

William Morris, December 21, 2022

*Our Church unites in an expression of heartfelt sympathy to their families.*

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### Sunday Worship Times

First Sunday of the month combined service at 10:00 a.m. with communion

All other Sundays

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service: 10:30 a.m.

Both services are live on our YouTube channel at First Church Wethersfield.

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### OUR MISSION

*We are a community of Jesus followers who love God, love one another, and make disciples.*

### STAFF LISTING

Josh Arcata ..... Assistant to Family Ministries

Diana Ferraro ..... Finance Manager

Diane Galloway ..... Director of Caring Ministries

Sean McCarthy ..... Director of Music

Wayne Luman ..... Acting Senior Pastor

Lisa Roncaioli ..... Director of Preschool

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## First Church Preschool Program – Report from Lisa Roncaioli, Director

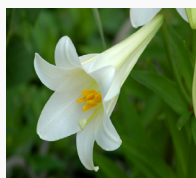
As Director of First Church's preschool program, I am blessed to work with a team of incredibly talented women who have dedicated themselves to helping prepare our little ones for a lifetime of learning, with love and patience. As a ministry of First Church, we help children grow not only academically and socially, but spiritually as well, incorporating scripture verses and biblical teachings into our curriculum. Many families choose our school for this reason. This year our chapel lessons focus on God's promises.

A special Kiddie Caregiver class for 2- to 3-year-olds and a parent, modeled after our 3- and 4/5 year-old classes, helps introduce children and their parents to the routines of preschool.

Our teachers always go above and beyond when it comes to preparing lessons, creating a

safe and inviting environment, and connecting with families. Some of the highlights of our program this year include Thanksgiving and Christmas productions, a fall festival and winter wonderland, art show, and an end of the year family picnic. Every year we also undertake a community outreach project. Last year we collected warm hats, gloves, socks, and snacks for the homeless. This year we collected canned soups and other non-perishables for the Wethersfield food bank as part of our "Souper" Bowl Sunday.

It is an honor and a blessing to be director of such a fabulous preschool, and to work alongside Phoebe Ostergren, my friend and coworker, whose help with all the details help keep the school running.



## Easter Joy!

First Church is beautifully decorated with flowers on Easter Sunday, due to the generosity of the congregation. You may add to the joy by making a memorial contribution. Suggested donation is \$35.

This completed form and your check (payable to "First Church of Christ") should reach the Church's Finance Office by Wednesday, March 29. Either mail to First Church, or place in the drop box located just outside the Finance Office.

This information (except phone number) will appear in print:

*In loving memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Given by:* \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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