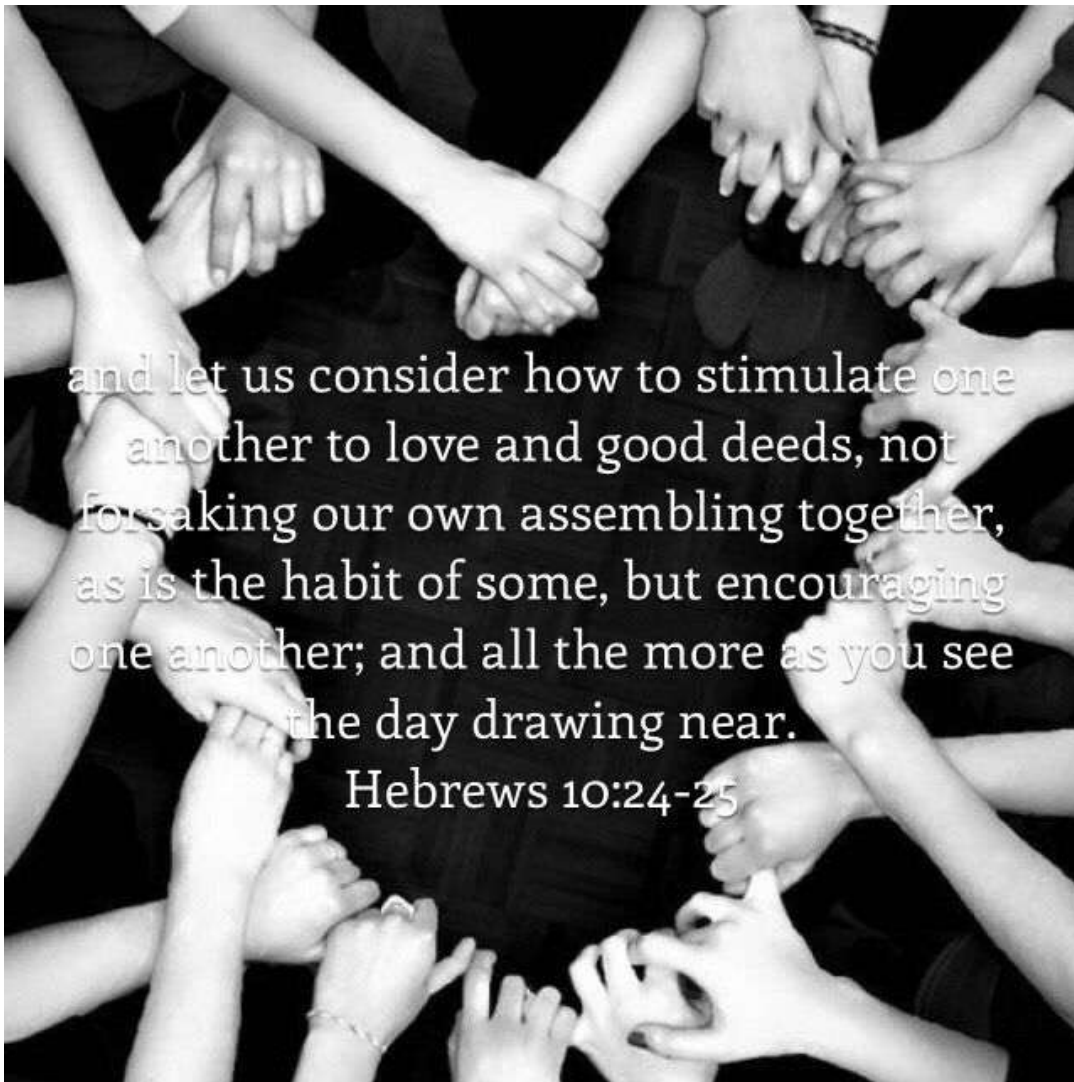


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, November 16, 2025



First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches

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"We are a community of churches and a church to the community."

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes.

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

SONG: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* by Michael W Smith

[Verse] Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You [Chorus] To see You high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy [Verse] Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You	[Chorus] To see You high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy To see You high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy To see You high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy [Bridge] Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy I want to see You Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy I want to see You Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy I want to see You
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SONG: *Fresh Wind by Hillsong*

VERSE:

Spirit sound
Rushing wind
Fire of God fall within
Holy Ghost
Breathe on us we pray

As we repent
Turn from sin
Revival embers smouldering
Breath of God
Fan us into flame

CHORUS:

We need a fresh wind
The fragrance of heaven
Pour Your Spirit out
Pour Your Spirit out

A holy anointing
The power of Your presence
Pour Your Spirit out
Pour Your Spirit out

Repeat VERSE & CHORUS

TAG:

Pour Your Spirit out
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BRIDGE:

Let all the redeemed
Prophecy and sing
We can hear the wind
Blowing blowing blowing

Move upon our praise
Sons and daughters sing
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SONG: *Oceans by Hillsong*

Verse:

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus:

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse:

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus:

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine
And You are mine, oh

Bridge:

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

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Chorus:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . .

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to worship with First and Holy Cross churches! Remember to join us for a **delicious lunch** following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.
- Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** following worship on November 23rd. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church to let us know if you are coming (RSVP with the number of people). Please sign-up if you can bring a dish to pass (not required to attend).
- Help spread joy and love this holiday season by adopting an angel from our **angel tree** or by donating new, unwrapped **toys** for children – by December 7th. See flier for more information.
- We are looking for actors, speakers of all ages, to be in our **Christmas Program** titled “**Voices of Christmas**” held during worship on Sunday, December 21st. A sign-up at the back of the church today. Rehearsals on two prior Sundays after worship.
- The **Church Choir** will sing on December 14th, rehearse on Nov 23rd & 30th.
- Christmas is coming! Join us for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 7:00 pm on December 24th for an evening with a Christmas message, beautiful music, decorations and candles. Invite your family and friends.
- The **Centennial Committee** will meet after worship to continue planning for our 100th Anniversary!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our **Sunday School class**.*

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

4:¹ “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ’s return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON TEXT: Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”

**1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2. God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Everlasting Father,

C: We confess how we have not lived as your people.

**We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—
yet find no hope in them.**

**We hear the cries of the poor,
and shut the doors of our hearts to them.**

We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

**Forgive us, our compassionate God,
and heal us of our brokenness.**

**Make us well, so that by our healing,
we might be the hope and love others need in their lives,
even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
brought these gifts to us,
calling us to be faithful
with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.**

P: Now that we have let go of the pain,
the bitterness, the anger of our lives,
let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other,
forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**C: We are God's beloved children,
and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.**

THE OFFERING

*Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church.
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THE PRAYERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.

SONG: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Hosts

Heaven and Earth Are full of Your Glory!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION/ BLESSING

P: The LORD bless you and keep you,
The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C: Thanks be to God!

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians	CAC Praise Team, Chuck & Marie Chouinard	Sandra Baran
Lector	Bob Krauss	Patty Krauss
Ushers	Katherine S., Judith M.	Katherine S., Judith M.
Greeters	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt. Our condolences to the family and friends of **Terry Taylor**.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Dennis, Bill, Cynthia Amsden, Dylan Bauer, John Ackerman, Leona, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David S, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, and Patrick; Lesley Hogan** (friend of Katherine Summers); **Linda Zier** – lung cancer (Lori Kinney’s friend); **Cyndy Sellari** (for healing); **Joan Cannon** (health issues); and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

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