

First Congregational Church

2410 Creech Road - Raleigh, NC
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston
November 2, 2025

NEVER FORGET

How far you've come. Everything you have gotten through. All the times you pushed on even when you felt you couldn't. All the mornings you got out of bed no matter how hard it was. All the times you wanted to give up but God gave you strength for the day and made a way when you saw no way.

Thank Him!

Amen



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VISION STATEMENT: *The disciples of First Congregational Church vision is to obediently follow the Lord Jesus becoming more Christ-like in character and effective in ministry to others. By the power of the Holy Spirit we pray to reach, reconcile and restore lives to Jesus Christ by proclaiming the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom. Our vision will be realized when we have reached Christ-like maturity, the Gospel has been proclaimed in all the world, and the Kingdom of God has been fully established in the new age.*

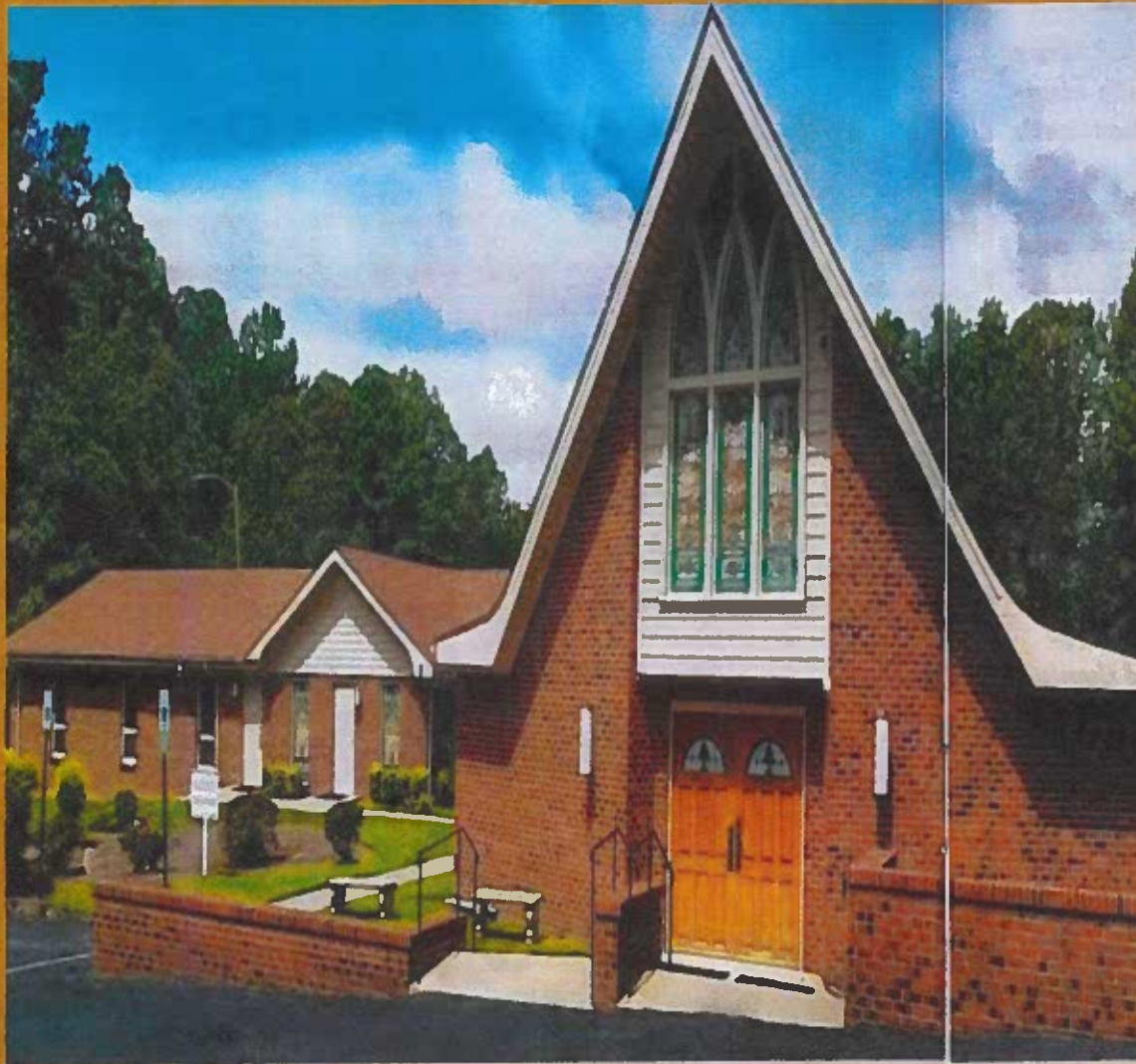
MISSION STATEMENT: *The mission of First Congregational Church is to obey Christ's command to seek and save the lost; to preach and teach the Word of God; to make and empower disciples through increasing and promoting our love for God and His word; to help meet the needs of human kind by "loving God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, so that it will mold and fashion our lives, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."*

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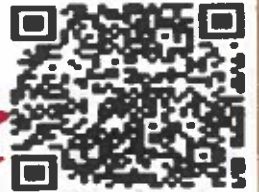
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WELCOME
TO CHURCH
YOU BELONG HERE

 **FCC_Raleigh**

Thank you
for attending our
SERVICE
God Bless you

November 2, 2025

11:00 am

Holy Communion
Glorious Worship Service
Worship Leader—Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney

- INTROIT "I Worship You Jesus"
- CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ²Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. ⁵For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100 King James Version

- GLORIA PATRI Congregation in Unison
- HYMN OF PRAISE "Leaning On The Everlasting..." #211

Father God, we welcome Your peace into this Holy Communion Worship Service today. Let Your presence bring rest to the weary and hope to the discouraged. Fill our hearts with gladness and remove every spirit of heaviness. We welcome Your peace and thank You for calming anxious hearts and comforting troubled minds. Let hearts be transformed by the power of Your Spirit and eyes behold Your majesty. May our songs rise with joy, and our prayers overflow with thanksgiving during this sacred time of worship and praise. Thank You for being our Prince of Peace and for filling us with Your everlasting calm. Anoint our hearts and draw us closer to You through Christ as we rejoice in Your goodness. Thank You for revealing Your glory among us. In Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

***Denotes to stand**

HOLY SCRIPTURE Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney
Luke 17:11-19

- MORNING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney
- CHORAL RESPONSE "Thank You Lord"
- OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney
- RECEIVING OF
ITHES & OFFERINGS Ushers
- DOXOLOGY Congregation in Unison

RECOGNITION & WELCOME OF VISITORS
PASTORAL NOTES
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

- SONG OF
PREPARATION "He's Alive"
- SONG OF
MEDITATION "Come Jesus Come"

Sermon Series
Blessed & Highly Favored

Title:
"Never Forget to Say Thank You: "
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

- SONG OF
INVITATION Cunningham/Ingram Gospel Singers
- CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

Sister Janice Vick, Pianist

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HOLY COMMUNION OBSERVANCE



INVITATION TO
HOLY COMMUNION... .. Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

- APOSTLES' CREED Congregation in Unison

COMMUNION
PRAYER... .. Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

PARTAKING OF
BREAD AND CUP..... Congregation in Unison

- CLOSING
SONG Cunningham/Ingram Gospel Singers

- THE BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

*Sister Janice Vick, Pianist
Brother Todd Freeman, Drummer
Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Singers*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation in Unison

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the creator of heaven and earth,
and
in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.
He descended into hell; the third day
He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and*

*sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy ***catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting.
Amen.*

The word "catholic**"
refers not to the Roman Catholic,
but represents all who have placed their faith in
Jesus Christ for salvation.*

ANNA INTERCESSORY PRAYER CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Glorious Communion Service Carolyn Banks
2 Prayer For Our Nation and Leaders Worship Leader	3 Peace and Calm In Our Nation Lamonte Jones	4 Pastor Leason and Family Carolyn Ingram	5 Intercessory Prayer List Annie Holloway	6 Protection of Children and Teachers In School Patrice Hinton	7 Protection of All Seniors During This Season William Walker	8 Glorious Worship Service Linda Wilson
9 God's Mercy Upon Our Nation Worship Leader	10 Food & Shelter For Poor And Suffering Grady Walston	11 Church Growth New Members Gloria Wilder	12 Intercessory Prayer List Amelia Judd	13 Courage To Face Trials and Opposition Paulette Kearney	14 All FCC Musicians Emma Dorsett	15 Glorious Worship Service Linwood Dunn
16 All Law Enforcement Worship Leader	17 All Children and Youth Grady Perkins	18 God's Wisdom and Blessing on All Leaders of FCC Lillian McNeill	19 Intercessory Prayer List Wades Judd	20 Refugees Around The World Mardecia Bell	21 Bereaved Families Victoria Walker	22 Glorious Worship Service Norma Hodge
23 Persecuted Christians Around The World Worship Leader	24 Those Being Persecuted Around The World Arnold Bell	25 Salvation of Our Family Members Patrice Hinton	26 Intercessory Prayer List Linda Bowden	27 Hope For Those Going Through of Trials Katherine Whitaker	28 Person Incarcerated and Families Linda Allen	29 Glorious Worship Service Hope Sautler
30 Revival In Our Nation Worship Leader	Persons & Families Dealing With All Types of Diseases B C Cooper			There is Always something to be Thankful for...		

Friday NOV-21 Sunday NOV-23

You're Invited!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RALEIGH ANNOUNCES

PASTORAL INSTALLATION

for Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

Rev. Dr. Vincent L. Windrow Rev. Dr. Harry L. White Rev. Dr. Nicholas R. Drakeford

Pre-Installation Revival 6 PM Friday NOV-21 Installation Service 3 PM Saturday NOV-22 Installation Sunday Service 11 AM Sunday NOV-23

Olive Branch Church Nashville/Murfreesboro TN Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC First Baptist Church of Vauxhall, Vauxhall, NJ

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It's great to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ all year long, but especially during that time of the year we set aside in December, which is approaching fast. Please mark your calendars to attend and support a drama presentation of **"The Christmas Miracle"**: to be featured during the regular Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 14, 2025, @ 9:00 am. There will be reflections to remind us of the story behind the songs and a nativity scene to remind us of the humble beginnings of Jesus' life. Please be willing to participate when asked.

Sunday School Superintendent, Ms. Norma Hodge
 Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Linwood Dun
 Coordinators: Organist Monica Keele-Jones and Deaconess Linda Allen

First Congregational Church Fall Food



First Congregational Church started its Fall Food Drive on October 1, 2025, teaming up with the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle for a Virtual Food Bank Drive. This effort invites church members and the community to help people facing food insecurity.

How It Works

A dedicated team page lets donors contribute—either openly or anonymously—straight to the Food Bank. Every gift supports hunger relief, and donors receive a tax-deductible receipt.

How to Donate

Anyone can donate by visiting <https://www.fccraleigh.org/food-shuttle-donations>, also available on the FCC website. Each donation helps provide meals locally.

Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Fall Food Drive and helping feed our community.

Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney
FCC Mission Ministry

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LISTING

**Mrs. Patricia Avery, Mr. William (Butch) Edger,
Mr. Todd Freeman, Mrs. Jessie Freeman,
Deaconess Lossie Hackett, Mr. Edward Hinton,
Deacon Donzell Hunter, Mrs. Yvonne Johnson,
Mrs. Amella Judd, Mrs. Cheryl Laws,
Mrs. Irene Marks, Deaconess Natalie Perkins,
Mr. Jesse Reynolds, Deaconess Beatrice Todd**

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**Ms. Mary Allen, (Sister of Brother Crinnie Allen)  
Mr. David Bradley, (Brother of Deaconess Victoria Walker)  
Mr. James Cox, (Father of Mr. Jesse Reynolds)  
Mr. Donald Freeman, Jr. (Son of Mr. Donald Freeman, Sr.)  
Ms. Barbara Gail Hall (Friend of Jarvis Richardson)  
Mr. Mrs. Howard & Jackie Haywood,  
(Coworker of Mrs. Doris McKoy)  
Mrs. Mary Johnson, (Sister of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)  
Dr. Nikki Johnson, (Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)  
Mr. Marvin King (Brother-in-law Mrs. Annie Holloway)  
Ms. Annette Malone, (Sister of Mrs. Paulette Hicks)  
Mr. Raymond Perkins (Brother of Deacon Grady Perkins)  
Mr. John Poole, (Brother of Mrs. Cheryl Dendy)  
Ms. Tanisha Snead (Cousin of Mr. Jarvis Richardson)  
Miss Peyton Todd  
(Granddaughter of Deaconess Beatrice Todd)**



**40  
YEARS  
BUILDING TOGETHER**

*Heartfelt thanks and appreciation are extended to everyone who volunteered and participated in yesterday's Habitat for Humanity work session. Regardless of your assigned role, your dedication and hard work are truly valued; together, your efforts will help create a safe and stable home for someone in need. As the songwriter reminds us: "May the work I've done speak for me." Remember, even the smallest contribution can have a lasting impact when guided and placed in the Master's hand.*

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

*Colossians 3:23,24 (NIV)*

*Mission Ministry—Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*



*Notes from today's sermon*  
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