



February 27, 2022

**WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION
COVID RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE**



**All are invited to WORSHIP on Sunday February 27 at 10am –
at First Church – or remotely on YouTube – for:
Transfiguration Sunday: A Vision for Our Time!**

[The Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg](#), our Vision Team consultant, and members of our Vision Team, are collaborating to lead worship this Sunday when the focus of the liturgical calendar turns to the transfiguration.

The Rev. Elissa Johnk will greet us, Rev. Bamberg will preach, the Vision Team will share readings and prayers throughout the service, and Music Director Amy Shortt will lead the music as we worship together and pray for a faithful future.

Worship is in person at First Church (masks required) and is live streamed on [YouTube](#).



Our Vision 2020 Team:

Bob Backus Mandy Grace Kipene Tabu Charlie Smith Jennifer Jorgenson Susan Saunders Tony Hall

SUNDAY WORSHIP & MUSIC INFO: We are offering the 10am Sunday worship service both at First Church - and live streamed remotely on [YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV) (the recording is also available for later viewing).

- Masks are always required in the church building by all over age two.
- Please see the most recent update from our Covid Response Team (below) which clarifies our gathering guidelines (currently physical distancing required, fellowship limited to Zoom, etc.).
- **PARKING:** On Sunday mornings, the First Church parking lot is reserved for our visitors, friends, and members with mobility challenges. If that is your situation – please park in the church lot. Others are welcome to drop off passengers at church and park on the street or parking garage – **free on Sundays**.

MUSIC: Help welcome our new Music Director, Amy Shortt! If you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, please contact Amy Shortt at ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org. Use this [LINK](#) to learn more about Amy.

Amy Shortt has organized regular rehearsals for all interested in singing with the Sanctuary Choir – Thursdays at 7pm – at First Church. There is a Zoom option – also at 7pm: <https://bit.ly/choirfccb> All are invited to participate!



Choir Rehearsal Thursdays @7pm

@ FIRST CHURCH BTV
WITH AMY SHORTT
NEWCOMERS WELCOME OF COURSE!

VIRTUAL OPTION ON ZOOM
WWW.FIRSTCHURCHBURLINGTON.ORG

- All interested in participating in **Bell Choir** (novices welcome!) are invited to contact Director [Jennie Coleman](#) (jenc@ebpabenefits.com) about rehearsals, at First Church, Wednesdays: 6:45 to 8:15pm
- For information about the **Youth Choir**, please contact Ana Ruesink: aruesink@firstchurchburlington.org.
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH:**
 - Childcare (infants/toddlers/preschool) and Church School (K thru 5) are offered in-person during the 10am worship service. Masks are required for all over age 2 and we make every effort to maintain physical distancing.
 - Children who would like to join in Church School from home are welcome to log on to Zoom following the word of God for (Sm)All ages: <https://bit.ly/zoomchurchschool>
 - For information about programs for Children and Youth through high school, please contact [Director of Faith Formation Hilah Clarke](#) at hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org You can see our Winter/Spring Youth Program Calendar [HERE](#)
- **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO CHURCH:** This is a great time to extend an invitation to neighbors, friends and family to join you in worship - in person at First Church - or remotely as the worship is live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#): <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV> at 10am on Sunday (a recording available on our YouTube channel any time after the service).

Worshiping Remotely? Visit our YouTube Channel on Sunday morning at 10am to watch the live-stream of worship (or tune in later for a recording) on our [FirstChurchBTV YouTube Channel](#)

- Check on our website - <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV> - on Sunday morning for the:
 - February 27 Order of Worship and Announcements;
 - Zoom link for children in grades K through 5 to connect with Church School following the Word of God for (sm)All Ages;
 - Zoom link for the virtual fellowship gathering following worship.

Covid Response Team Update – February 4,'22

To protect our most vulnerable populations and staff, and in order to continue gathering in person, we are temporarily returning to an earlier stage of our Covid precautions. **As covid rates are declining we are adding back congregational singing this week:**

- Every other pew will be roped off to support physical distancing at all times.
- **There will be congregational singing – masks on at all times.**



- Everyone departs from the building following worship, to socialize outside or over our zoom gathering.
- All non-essential, in-person church events are postponed
- The Possibility Shop and Church School activities can continue – with strict distancing guidelines, upgraded masks, and new air purifiers. Church School is offering a Zoom option - just after the Word of God for (Sm)All ages.

Our Team is meeting weekly, making decisions in “real-time”. One of the things that has been so remarkable about this community is the adaptability and respect we have been able to grant one another as we navigate these challenging decisions and care for one another.

In faith,

The Staff and Covid Response Team