



Laura Gurney <laura@firstconggreeley.org>

---

## This Week at First Congregational Church

7 messages

---

Laura Gurney <laura@firstconggreeley.org>  
To: Laura Gurney <laura@firstconggreeley.org>

Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 10:10 AM



2101 16th Street, Greeley, CO

970-353-0828

[firstconggreeley.org](http://firstconggreeley.org)

Worship Weekly at 8am and 10am

# November 10, 2024



You may submit prayers to us anytime by texting your name and your prayers to 970-573-6299 prior the end of Sunday's Reflection for inclusion in Prayers of the People.

## This Week at First Congregational Church

There's lots happening at First Congregational Church this Sunday - perhaps the most exciting is that we are returning to the full first floor! We invite you to park in the east or west lots and use the brand new restrooms upstairs. Kids are moving back upstairs, fellowship hours will be in Chadwick Hall, and we'll break in our space with our Annual Chili Cookoff at 11:30. This is not a Sunday you'll want to miss!

Rev. Tamara will preach on Jonah's attempt to flee from God found in Jonah 1:1-10 ([read it here](#)). I wonder where God will speak to you this week?

### Online Worship

---

## Stewardship ABOUNDS at FCC

This season's stewardship campaign is inspired by 2 Corinthians 9:8, which reads: "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

What does it mean to abound in every good work? It means to serve as a blessing to others, as God has served as a blessing in our own lives. One of the ways we can give generously is to serve as stewards of our church's operations — its buildings and grounds, the staff, outreach programs, and one another. Gifts to First Congregational Church are the foundation upon which we sustain our ministry.

If you have not already made your pledge, you can use the pledge card in your bulletin or [pledge online here](#). Make it before noon on Saturday and you'll be entered for this week's prize drawing.

### **Chili Abounds!**

**THIS Sunday, November 10th, 11:30am**

Join us for our inaugural event in the the newly-renovated Chadwick Hall as we host the 2nd Annual FCC Chili Cookoff and learn more about the abundance of our children & youth ministries. We'll also be giving away our first prize to those who have already turned in their pledge cards!

### **Music Abounds!**

**Sunday, November 17th, 11:30am**

Join us as we celebrate the musical abundance at FCC for our annual Congregational Cabaret! Please bring a charcuterie board and/or items to

share (think meats, cheeses, veggies, fruits, chips, crackers, dips, or sweets).

### **Celebration Abounds!**

**Sunday, November 24th, 9 & 11:30am**

Join us to celebrate the conclusion of our annual pledge drive and learn about how our abundance spills beyond church walls and into the community and world through our outreach ministries!

*Make Your 2025-2026 Pledge Now*

---

## **This Week At-A-Glance**

### **Coming Up This Week**

- Work Day
- Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra Salute to Service concert
- Return to the first floor
- Sunday morning centering prayer
- Annual Chili Cookoff
- Heath Cold Weather Gear drive continues
- Daily Centering Prayer
- Tough Times, Deep Light
- Scripture Seminar

### **New Announcements**

- Changes to Wednesday Night Live
  - Pledge card return
  - Tough Times, Deep Light group
  - Found Family Thanksgiving
  - Sunday morning centering prayer
- 

## **In The Loop**



## Preparing Our New Spaces

This Sunday is the day! We're re-opening the west entrance, the upstairs restrooms, and christening Chadwick Hall with our Annual Chili Cookoff! We need your help with our final push to get everything ready!

Please join us **tomorrow, Saturday, November 9 from noon-4pm** for a work day as we clean, assemble furniture, and finalize furnishings in our new spaces. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies or basic tools to help us move most quickly.

---



## Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra Concerts @ FCC

We are delighted to have the opportunity to host a series of upcoming Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra brass concerts! Please save the date and join us for the following events in the sanctuary. Tickets for both events are available at [greeleyphil.org/tickets](http://greeleyphil.org/tickets).

- Salute to Service: **Tomorrow, Saturday, November 9 at 7pm**
  - Christmas Brass: **Saturday, December 21 at 7pm**
- 



## Trans 101 Workshop Cancelled

PFLAG has **cancelled** the Trans 101 workshop previously scheduled for tomorrow. If you're interested in learning about the event if it is rescheduled, please reach out to [pflaggreeley@gmail.com](mailto:pflaggreeley@gmail.com).



---

## Sunday Morning Centering Prayer

Join Rev. Ben **this Sunday at 9:30am** in the Chapel for 15-20 minutes of centering prayer. Centering prayer is a Christian prayer practice that seeks to ground us in a space of silence and stillness within.



---

## Children & Youth Faith Formation

**Children:** Today, we will orient our children to our new worship space and have some extra creating time. All children 3 years old to 5th grade are welcome to join us! After worship, please pick up your child at our new secure entrance. Welcome back to the upstairs!

**Youth:** Middle and High Schoolers will gather in the narthex following the Children's Moment.

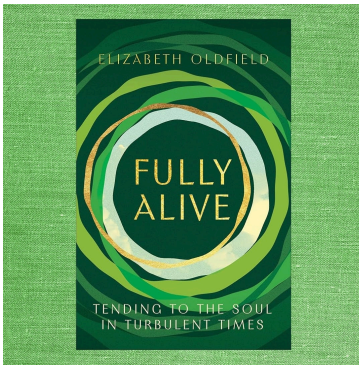
**Nursery care** is available weekly from 9:45 - 11:15 am for 0-3 year olds.



---

## Tough Times, Deep Light

Are you going through a tough time? The holiday season can be especially rough for anyone facing a life crisis such as a health challenge, care-giving for a loved one, depression, anxiety, or grief. If you are in one of these, or any difficult season, join us as we draw together from God's Deep Light of hope, strength, and compassion for ourselves and one another. Sandy Varley will be offering this group **each Wednesday from November 13 - December 18 from 1-2pm** in the Living Water office at the church. Reach out to reserve your space today (970-405-4486 or [svarley@comcast.net](mailto:svarley@comcast.net)). *Please note that you do not need to attend all sessions to participate.*



---

## Changes to Wednesday Night Live

As we juggle the reopening of the building and upcoming holidays, we will be taking a pause from Wednesday Night Live in-person programming. Revs. Ben and Tamara will offer a book study **Wednesday nights at 6pm** via Zoom. We will read "Fully Alive: Tending to the soul in turbulent times" by Elizabeth Oldfield. You can purchase a copy at the link below. We will have a copy of the first chapter available this Sunday.

[Purchase the Book](#)

[Join the Zoom](#)



---

## Book Club

Women's Book Club will be gathering on **Thursday, November 21 at 1pm** in the church library. Discussion of "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks will begin. Book club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month and all women are invited to attend. Please reach out to Jan Cornebi ([acornebi@aol.com](mailto:acornebi@aol.com)) for details and a copy of the book.



---

## Found Family Thanksgiving

Found Family Thanksgiving, a local event for the LGBTQ+ community and their invited guests, will take place on **November 23 from 1-4pm** at FCC. We are seeking food donations and volunteers for the event. Food donations can be dropped off **November 23 from 10am-12pm**. Volunteer opportunities are available from **10am-5:30pm**.

This event is founded by the JEDI Advocacy Council of Greeley, in partnership with FCC and other local open and affirming churches. Attendees enjoy holiday food (including gluten free and vegan options), speakers, resource booths, a clothing swap, a performance by Northern Colorado Regional Ensemble's Trans Choir, a Trans Day of Remembrance altar,

a separate interfaith exploration space, and more! Sponsored by PFLAG Greeley.

Volunteer or Provide Food

Make a Monetary Donation



---

## Heath Clothing Drive

**Through November 24** the Outreach Ministry Group will be collecting winter coats, hats and gloves for Heath Middle School students and their families. A collection box will be located in the narthex for you to drop your gently used items. Thanks for helping these students and families to stay warm and to feel the warmth of our congregation. Any questions can be directed to Bob: [jrlconsulting@outlook.com](mailto:jrlconsulting@outlook.com).



---

## Hanging the Greens

It's all hands on deck to deck the halls on **Saturday, November 30 from 9-11am**. Come join the fun as we decorate for the Christmas season. Many hands make for quick work!



---

## Advent Workshop

Save the date for Advent Workshop! On **December 1 after the 10am service**, we will gather for crafts, soups, and of course, wreath making! Come join us as we kick off the Advent and Christmas season with joy and fun! If you are willing to bring a soup for our meal, please contact Tammi ([tammi@firstconggreeley.org](mailto:tammi@firstconggreeley.org)) or sign up on the board in the narthex.

---