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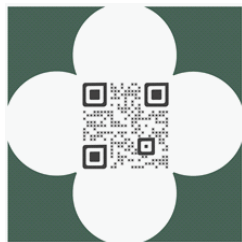
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Homecoming Sunday



“Come Home ”

Luke 15:1-10

Pastor Anita Peebles, preaching

Sunday, September 11, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Please respect those gathering in prayer before worship.

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here.

Masks are encouraged but not required.

Please notice and abide by signage around the church that designates areas where masks are required.

Children are a treasured part of this community! Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyers. Children are free to use these resources during the worship service as they sit in the pews or in the Wiggle Room.

Please take a moment to turn your cell phone ringer off. Thank you!



Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - arr. Mark Hayes Christian Broughton

Gathering Pastor Anita Peebles and Ben Luedcke

***Hymn** *All Are Welcome* see insert

Time with Children Norah Walker

Song *Crowded Table* - The Highwomen see insert
Belle Chenault, Aaron Burkhalter, Brooke Rolston

Welcoming New Members Megan Walker, Council Chair

Please read aloud the bolded text in unison.

We are a community of faith united in exploring what it means to follow the way of Jesus Christ, to be a people of God, and to love and care for our neighbors. As a church we will know no circles of exclusion, no boundaries we will not cross, and no loyalties above those which we owe to God.

Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer Jacob Maez

***Prayer Hymn** *Tú has Venido a la Orilla* #173
During this hymn you are invited forward to light a candle.

Prayer Pastor Mario Seth Morales

Anthem *Lean on Me (Everlasting Arms)* - arr. Pepper Choplin
Jared White and Sanctuary Choir

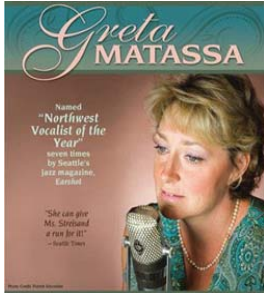
Scripture Luke 15:1-10 Pastor Mario Seth Morales

*If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.

Concert Spotlight

Greta Matassa Quintet in Concert

October 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



Seattle Jazz Vespers is proud to present the Greta Matassa Quintet on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Greta Matassa - vocals, Brian Monroney - guitar, Clipper Anderson - bass , Mark Ivester - drums, and Alexey Nikolaev - sax

In the Pacific Northwest, where she built her career, Greta Matassa wins wide acclaim; 8 times, the readers of Earshot, the Seattle jazz magazine, have voted her the best jazz vocalist in the Northwest including another award 2021.

She was inducted into the Seattle Jazz Hall of Fame in 2014. Jim Wilke, the Seattle jazz maven and host of the syndicated “Jazz After Hours” radio program, praises her versatility. “She has a fearlessness in approaching material,” Wilke says, “that makes her like an instrumentalist in a jam session.”

Her 40 year career has been a whirlwind of exciting opportunities and experiences. Over the last 20 years she has become established as one of the greatest jazz singers of her time. Working with top jazz musicians in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. In 2016 she was featured with bassist John Clayton’s group in a centennial tribute to Ella Fitzgerald.

“One of the best jazz vocalists we have to boast about these days.” —John Clayton
“Worldly, gentle, bold, dynamic, Favorites from a Long Walk is a gift for the heart. Greta Matassa is one of America’s finest singers, and stands firmly among the best in today’s jazz.”

—Jazz Review “Greta Matassa moves from triumph to triumph.” —Christopher Loudon, Jazz Times” She can give Ms. Streisand a run for it! — Seattle Times.
“Matassa is a Seattle treasure.” —Seattle Times
“Her scatting is as confident, nimble an energetic as Ella’s and her phrasing is hip like Nancy Wilson’s” —Earshot Jazz,

Our 21st Season The first Sunday of every month,
October through June at 6:00 p.m.

A secular concert of professional jazz music, for those who love jazz,
with an inspirational message.





**The Place at the Table dinners begin again!
Saturday, September 24**

Please join the fun of either hosting or attending a POTLUCK DINNER in the home of one of our SFBC Community members or friends. We began these dinners in peoples’ homes in 2018 and to date, 232 people have dined together as part of this Small Group Ministry program.

The first dinner for the 2022 church year is on Saturday evening, September 24th. The hosts have signed up so now it is *your turn to choose* which dinner you want to attend. Signups are available on September 11th and September 18th at the Welcome Table.

If you prefer to attend the Virtual Place at the Table via Zoom, please check the Church Calendar for the link to the on-line dinner hosted by Cherry Johnson.

If you have any questions, please call the Church at 206-325-6051 and ask to have Joan Benner give you a call.

Come join the fun!

See the **September Spire** for more happenings at SFBC!

Sermon	Come Home	Pastor Anita Peebles
*Hymn	Bring Us Home	see insert
Benediction		Pastor Anita Peebles
Postlude	Postlude-Cantique - Théodore Dubois	Christian Broughton
Please join coffee hour in person in the Parlor or Virtual on Zoom after the service.		



Worship Notes: Welcome to Christian Broughton, our new organist! Today is his first Sunday with us. We are delighted to welcome him to the SFBC team.

Enclosed you will find our new Small Groups brochure. Check it out and discern how you want to participate!

Our Heritage Hymns
Bring Us Home - Rodney Romney/Peter Strauch
A senior minister of the Seattle First Baptist Church from 1980 to 2000, Rev. Rodney Romney was also a gifted wordsmith and brilliant lyricist. After hearing one of German Pastor Peter Strauch’s most popular hymns, Herr, wir bitten komm und segne uns (Lord, we pray, come and bless us), he commented in Seasons of the Soul that it had seemed to match the words which were “buzzing” in his head. After the death of a church member caused by AIDS and the coming together of his alienated family, he was inspired to write down the words to Bring Us Home. As it resonated with all who heard it, Rev. Romney later began to use the hymn at Homecoming Sunday. Because it stands not only for the reconvergence of God’s people at church but also for bringing back His “scattered people home,” its meaning has proven its relevance for all times.

All are Welcome - Marty Haugen
Marty Haugen was born in 1950 in Minnesota and was raised in the Lutheran Church. Haugen holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Luther College and an M.A. degree in pastoral studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. During the past three decades, he has presented workshops and concerts throughout the world, made some 40 recordings, and written over 400 compositions, not only for his own church, the United Church of Christ, but also for Roman Catholic, Lutheran and other Protestant congregations. Along with David Haas and Jan Michael Joncas, Haugen has been the voice of liturgical music for his generation following Vatican II. All Are Welcome, written in 1994, has become one of his most well-known songs

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (Tú has venido a la orilla) - Cesáreo Gabaráin Born in 1936, Cesáreo Gabaráin served as a priest in the Basque country and in Madrid and as Chaplain Prelate to Pope John Paul II. However, he was more renowned as an award-winning composer, writing more than 500 hymns before succumbing to cancer at age 55 in 1991. After the Second Vatican Council, he found a new freedom of musical style. Written in 1979, Tú has venido a la orilla (You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore) is his best known hymn, having been translated into 80 languages and also used in two films. Written in the first person, the text, while based on Jesus’ call to Peter and Andrew to follow him, is also directed at the singer with the same intent. Besides his fame as composer, Gabaráin was renowned for his athleticism and ministering to those participating in the Tour de France and to soccer players in Madrid.

SFBC's welcomes our New Organist and Communications Manager!

~ Christian Broughton ~

The organ/piano search committee is thrilled to introduce Christian Broughton as our new organist/pianist and communications manager. For over nine years, Christian has been working as a professional musician and Episcopal music director in central New York. His father is a retired minister who served at First Baptist Church in Tacoma (now Urban Grace) from 1987 to 1997. He is thrilled to have this opportunity to return to his American Baptist roots — and to the Pacific Northwest, which he still considers home. **We are thrilled to be in worship with him today for our fall Homecoming celebration.**

Christian studied organ with Stephen Best, Dean of the Central New York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. In support of Christian's application as our organist/pianist, Stephen Best wrote to the search committee that, "when we worked on recital music, there was no question that he had that 'something extra' that we who teach treasure in our students." In his interview, Christian made clear that above all else, accompanying the church's song — leading the congregation in great hymns from the organ — is what he finds most important in his calling as a church musician.

In addition to his wonderfully sensitive piano playing, the search committee was also struck by his honesty and warm spirit.

Christian has many talents: his degree from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York is in both music and graphic design. He also has experience with church communications and media, so as he begins his relationship with Seattle First Baptist as our new organist and pianist, he will also be working with our church staff in charge of church communications.

Welcome, Christian! We are so glad that you are here with us!



Our Announcements



Brave Space - An Antiracism Discussion Weekly on Mondays, 7-8 p.m.
For more information, contact Karen Carlos at karenlewis58@gmail.com.

Noon Prayer on Tuesdays! Pastor Anita and Pastor Mario will host this weekly time of reflection, sharing and prayer. All are welcome to join on Zoom.

Antiracism Training, Saturday, September 13, 7:00-8:00 pm

In February Reverend Douglas Avilesbernal led us in an introduction to First Aid training to address the hurt and pain caused by racism. He urged us to use the ABCs of first aid; that is to Act, Be present and to Conspire to create a path for those who have been hurt. **Seattle First Baptist Church** will now engage Reverend Avilesbernal's "Wound Care" to address the hurt that has been identified. Wound Care requires cleaning the wound in order for it to heal. **During this training, Reverend Avilesbernal will take us deeper into the process of addressing racism. Please make yourself available for this important session. Join Zoom Meeting -** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84089255795>
Meeting ID: 840 8925 5795 - Dial by your location 253-215-8782

Help Plan Next Gen Sunday! All kids and youth are welcome to come to a planning session on **Zoom on September 13 from 5-6pm.** We will plan the worship service and assign roles to each participant. If you can't make it, please let **Pastor Anita** know what you'd like to contribute! **Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87347840679> Meeting ID: 873 4784 0679 & 253-215-8782. **NextGen Sunday is October 2!**

Youth Group - Gather at **SFBC Youth Room, Wednesday September 14 6:30-8:00pm** for introductory event, pizza dinner and games. Ages 6th-12th grade welcome. Contact **Pastor Anita** for more information.

Interfaith Climate Action - First Hill book discussion

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m., join us on Zoom for a discussion of Bill McKibben's book, *Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?* With deep insight and sharp wit, the founder of 350.org offers a nuanced look at the climate crisis and two other threats to humanity. Discussion led by **Linda Zaugg.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89692038619>.

Mark these dates for future book discussions: Kim Stanley Robinson's novel, *The Ministry for the Future*, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87163501008>.

Young Adult Fall Retreat October 28th thru 30th, Cle Elum, WA

RSVP and Register by September 25 to secure your spot. **Fill out registration form** <https://forms.gle/BKFWkdGZ25rEVrDj8> - Sliding scale \$50-\$150, scholarships available. Contact **Pastor Anita** for more information.

Racial Justice Lending Library

When you walk in the church entrance on Sunday you will notice our new Racial Justice Lending Library. *This library is a free resource* for our community to learn about systemic racism. We are collecting books about racial justice and Black and Indigenous history. **Please borrow any book!** When you are done, return it to the shelves for someone else. We have over 100 books to circulate in our community including books for children and youth. If you have suggestions for additions to our library, **please send them to Darren.**

Save the Date! Women's Retreat, Friday, October 21-Sunday, October 23 at Rainbow Lodge