

## **Accessibility at First Church**

There are five permanent street parking spaces designated by a blue curb on the South side of Arbor Drive, opposite the UCSD Medical Center Main Entrance.

In addition, we have 6 permanent disabled parking spaces in our Ace parking lot to which, with portable signage, we add 2 additional disabled spaces on Sundays.

- Of these permanent spaces, two are marked as disabled van accessible.
- These van accessible spaces are right outside our entrance and are best used for individuals who use a wheelchair. If you are mobility impaired and use a disabled placard, please do your best to leave these spaces for an accessible van or other wheelchair user.
- We have noted that people regularly park on either side of these van spaces (where the spaces are marked off with paint as a non-parking space.) Each Sunday, from the pulpit, we say we welcome people of all abilities. When a wheelchair user cannot park in the disabled van space because someone else uses it, in particular a non-disabled person, we are not being the welcoming congregation we strive to be.

There is direct vehicle and wheelchair access to our Welcome Center and the Meeting House via a fire lane/turnaround. While there is no parking in the fire lane, companions are invited to drop off disabled or elderly persons as needed. During the week removable bollards are in place, but may be removed as required. The bollards are removed on Sundays.

Please be mindful of accessibility issues. And remember, the best solution to any parking headache is to arrive early.