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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

*Declaring, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today,
and forever." Hebrews 13:8*

*November 20th, 2022
Ordination & Installation of New Officers*

The Order of Morning Worship

November 20th, 2022

Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Moment for Missions

Elevation Christian Academy Scott Rancourt

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1-4

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Exultation #715

*Come, Ye Thankful
People, Come*

Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Matthew 5:13-16

Pastor

Prayer of Collective Confession

based on Ezra 10:2-3

Congregation

We have broken faith with our God and have disobeyed His holy commands, but even now there is hope for God's People in spite of our sin. Therefore let us make a covenant with our God to flee from sin, according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God, and let it be done according to the Law.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1-2

Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

Ordination and Installation

Pastor

*Elders Stephen Briggs & Dennis Snider
Deacons Michael Burnett & Karl Huck*

Right Hand of Fellowship

Elder Tom Johnston

Charges to Officers and Congregation

Pastor

❖ Installation Hymn

Holy Spirit

Congregation

Offering	(collected from back to front)	Congregation
❖ Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:12-17	Pastor

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

❖ Hymn of Reflection #98	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Congregation
The Sermon	Philippians 4:21-23 <i>"Fellowship of the Saints"</i>	Pastor

❖ Hymn of Response #358	<i>For All the Saints</i>	Congregation
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❖ Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26	Pastor
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The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Prelude: Nun Danket (Krapf)

Offertory: Worthy is the Lamb (Zschech)

Postlude: For All the Saints (Smith)

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## Thanksgiving Fellowship

Join us today at 2:30 pm for a special Thanksgiving meal. There is plenty of food, so feel free to come even if you didn't sign up ahead of time. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share as well as plates and cutlery for each member of your party.

We will enjoy a special service of Thanksgiving after the meal. \*There will be no Young Adult Fellowship this evening.\*

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Operation Christmas Child

Today is the deadline for dropping off your shoeboxes in the library. Contact Karis Warren at (207) 329-4190 or karis.warren@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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## Women's Lunch after Worship - December 4th

Dear Women of FCCW, please join us after worship on December 4th for a lunch of soups, breads, and salads. It will be a time for fellowship and chance to reflect together about the Advent season.

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The November Prayer letter is available in the narthex.

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## A Note from the Hospitality Committee

There are many dishes and containers that are accumulating in the kitchen that do not belong to the church. Please check the items on the counter top in the kitchen next to the hallway to see if any of them are yours. The dishes remaining will be given away by the end of the month.

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Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible Study meets in person at 10:00 am each Tuesday at the Thompson Senior Center and via Zoom. Contact Bonnie Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or bonhope2@gmail.com for more information.

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## Wassail Weekend

FCCW is hosting several special events during Woodstock's Wassail Weekend, Dec. 9-11. Take a look at the list below to see how you can get involved and invite your friends!

**First Congregational  
Church of Woodstock**

**WASSAIL EVENTS  
DECEMBER 9-11  
2022**

**FRIDAY DEC. 9**  
-4PM HISTORY TOUR FREE  
-5PM HISTORY TOUR FREE  
-5:30PM-7:30PM BONFIRE & MUSIC  
FREE HOT DOGS, SMORES, HOT CHOCOLATE

**SATURDAY DEC. 10**  
-12:30PM-3:00PM COOKIES & HOT WASSAIL FREE  
-12:45PM-1:45PM HOLIDAY SING INDOORS FREE  
-2:00PM PARADE WATCH PARTY FCCW LAWN  
-3:00PM THE TEN OF NYC A CAPPELLA FREE

**SUNDAY DEC. 11**  
-9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL AGES  
-10:30AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Events will take place on-site at FCCW  
36 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091  
fccwinfo@gmail.com  
(802) 457-9818

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## True Woman Bible Study

This Bible study is geared toward young moms although all women are welcome. The study meets on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am in the FCCW nursery; there is no childcare, but children ages infant to preschool are welcome to come along and play while the ladies meet. Contact Christine Morton at [christinefmorton@gmail.com](mailto:christinefmorton@gmail.com) or (802) 591-1511 for more information.

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*Young Adult*  
**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY!**

*Sunday, December 11th @ 4pm  
41 Elm Street Woodstock, VT*

Join us for food, games, and a good  
time of fellowship with one another!

We will wrap up the evening with our  
typical Sunday night Bible Study!  
Come for any/all that you are able!

*Please RSVP by texting Karis @  
(207) 329-4190! Kids welcome!*



## Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as **God's chosen ones, holy and beloved**, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## First Peter 1:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is **holy**, you also *be holy in all your conduct*, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, *conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile*, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with *the precious blood of Christ*, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

## Ephesians 1:3-10

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Our sharing together in the family of God through Jesus, God's own Son, is meant to transform our whole lives. As radical as a street urchin being brought into the King's palace as a beloved heir, everything about the gospel is intended to change us. It all flows from trusting our Father.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

READ **Philippians 4:21-23; Colossians 3:12-17; First Peter 1:13-21; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Ephesians 1:3-10; Psalm 100:1-5.** DISCUSS What does it mean to be a saint or holy one? How does one become a saint? How are we supposed to treat other saints? Why? How does faith in Christ enable us to do so? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 3:16-17.** PRAY "Jesus, thank You for giving us Your holiness. Enable us to love one another according to Your grace."

## Sunday Afternoon

Come for a *Thanksgiving Dinner* at **2:30pm** followed by a Praise Service!

## Monday

READ **Philippians 4:21-23; Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 100:1-5.** DISCUSS How are we to have hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience? How do we express these growing qualities to one another? SERVE by putting someone else's interests *above your own!* MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 3:16-17.** PRAY, "Father, make us more like Christ. Enable us to love others as You love us."

## Tuesday

READ **Philippians 4:21-23; First Peter 1:13-21; Psalm 100:1-5.** DISCUSS What is the relationship between hope and holiness? How are you expressing your faith in Christ through the ways you serve brothers and sisters in Christ? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 3:16-17.** PRAY, "Jesus, You have been so patient with us. Teach us to be that understanding with one another."

### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 4:21-23; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Psalm 100:1-5.** DISCUSS How does Christ's provision of brothers and sisters for us demonstrate His love for us? How are you helping others become more like Christ? SERVE by *caring about someone else* more than yourself! MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 3:16-17.** PRAY, "Lord, fill our hearts with gratitude for Your gracious provision."

### Thursday – THANKSGIVING DAY

READ **Philippians 4:21-23; Colossians 2:1-7; Psalm 100:1-5.** DISCUSS What are you struggling to hold onto instead of giving to God? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 3:16-17.** EXPRESS your thanksgiving to the Lord. PRAY, "Lord, You give us all that we have. You are forever kind and gracious to Your people. Please receive our humble gratitude and forgive us our presumption."

### Friday

READ **Philippians 4:21-23; Colossians 3:12-17; First Peter 1:13-21; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Ephesians 1:3-10; Psalm 100:1-5.** DISCUSS, What have you been learning from these passages? How has God been present with you in His Word this week? What do you need to change as a result? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 3:16-17.** PRAY that we at FCCW would *honor Christ in all that we think, say, and do.*

### Saturday

PREPARE *today* for the worship service *tomorrow.* READ **Psalm 2:1-12.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for *Sunday School at 9:00* and the *service @ 10:30.* Ask Jesus to *help us praise Him as we gather.*

## First Corinthians 3:16-17

Do you not know that *you are God's temple* and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is **holy**, and *you are that temple.*