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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

January 23rd, 2022

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship Psalm 67 and 1 Chronicles 16 Congregation

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Give thanks to the LORD,

Congregation: He is good; His love endures forever.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #629 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance 1 John 1: 8 – 9 Pastor

Collective Confession Luther's Prayer Congregation

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and short-comings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness Jeremiah 33: 8 Pastor

Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation

❖ Affirmation of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*¹ Congregation

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Pastor: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Congregation: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

❖ Creedal Song *Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts* Congregation

❖ Scripture Reading Joshua 4:1-9 Pastor

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection #648 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Congregation

Ordination of Steven Bauer

Laying on of Hands and the Right Hand of Fellowship

Pronouncement and Charges to Officer and Congregation

❖ Ordination Song *Make Me a Servant* Congregation

¹ Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

The Sermon

Philippians 1:3-5

Pastor

“Gospel Gratitude”

❖ Hymn of Response #599 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Congregation

Benediction

John 14: 27

Pastor

Pastor: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight
at 6 pm in the church library.

Property Manager Position

FCCW is looking for a Property Manager. This part-time position requires the person or persons to work a flexible schedule, be able to handle a variety of tasks, and be a good steward of FCCW property. Please contact Karl Huck at 802-457-3072 or e-mail him at karlhuck@gmail.com for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

The January newsletter is on the table in the narthex.

Ordination Ceremony

Questions to Steven Bauer for Ordination:

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin and acknowledge Him as Head of the Church?
2. Do you believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
3. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the very Word of God inspired by His Holy Spirit?
4. Do you accept the duties to the office to which you have been elected and pledge to fulfill them in obedience to Jesus Christ in keeping with the church's bylaws and under the authority of Scripture?
5. Will you be a faithful servant: practicing and teaching love, urging concern and directing the love of the saints in this place to help all people, especially the saints?
6. In your ministry will you attempt by His grace to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
7. Do you promise to work charitably in mutual submission with your brother elders and deacons?

Question to Congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother in his office, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, January 29, 8:30-10:00 am -- Chairs' Meeting for all 2022 Board and Committee Chairs

Saturday, February 12, 9:00 am-noon -- Leadership Training Class--open to all

Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26 -- Introduction to FCCW Workshop

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Partners together serving the same purpose have a great deal about which to rejoice. Certainly in a fallen world there remains much over which to disagree, but the over-riding *commitment to what matters most* should promote peace. Let's explore Paul and Timothy's partnership with their brothers and sisters in Philippi together this week.

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 1:3-5; Second Corinthians 6:14-18; 8:16-24; Joshua 4:1-9; James 5:16-18**. DISCUSS What was the partnership between Paul and the Philippians? How did prayer for one another bless them all? What did their remembrance of one another look like? PRAY "Lord Christ, teach us to to remember You and one another as You would have us to do."

Sunday Evening

Come join the *Young Adults' Fellowship* tonight at 6pm. Pray for them!

Monday

READ **Philippians 1:3-5; Joshua 4:1-9; Luke 22:14-23**. DISCUSS What is the biblical significance of *remembrance*? How are you (we) remembering one another before the Lord? How are we remembering Christ in our interactions with one another. MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:15-18**. PRAY, "Lord Jesus, thank You for *remembering* us. Help us to *remember* You in all things."

Tuesday

READ **Philippians 1:3-5; Second Corinthians 6:14-18**. DISCUSS What does "yoked" mean? How does it relate to the partnership mentioned in Sunday's passage? How does our membership in Christ necessitate our partnership with one another? MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:15-18**. PRAY, "Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in giving us all we need. Guide us, Holy Spirit. "

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 1:3-5; Second Corinthians 8:16-24**. DISCUSS, How does Paul describe Titus? In what are they partnered? How does Titus' zeal inform ours? How is their joy in their shared purpose instructive? MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:15-18**. PRAY, "Lord, thank You for giving us brothers and sisters as partners together in ministry."

Thursday

READ **Philippians 1:3-5; James 5:16-18; Mark 6: 7-13**. DISCUSS, Are we to confess our sins to God only? How does James encourage us to pray for one another? How did the Lord send the disciples out? How are we continuing this interdependency? MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:15-18**. PRAY, Lord You have given us one another as a blessing. Teach us how to patiently and joyfully care for one another."

Friday

READ **Philippians 1:3-5; Second Corinthians 6:14-18; 8:23-24; Joshua 4:1-9; James 5:16-18**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if Christ has given you the honor to be identified among His people! MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:15-18**. PRAY for unity and joyful care for one another at FCCW.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *There will be both in-person and live-stream services available.* READ **Philippians 1:1-30**. Invite others to join you tomorrow. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully in His promise.

First Thessalonians 5:15-18

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Gospel Gratitude

1. **They *Remembered* the Philippians with Gratitude to God (3).**
2. **They *Prayed Joyfully* for These Brothers & Sisters in Christ (4).**
3. **They Shared an On-Going *Partnership in the Gospel Together* (5).**

CONCLUSION: God has blessed us with so many blessings in saving and redeeming us in Christ Jesus. One of those great blessings is the family into which we have been adopted including our brothers and sisters in Christ at FCCW. The remembrance of the Philippians brought Paul and Timothy gratitude and joy. They were committed to praying often and fervently for these siblings at Philippi. Those prayers not only benefited the Philippians but also Paul and Timothy. Because of their shared partnership in the Gospel, a blessing for one resulting in blessings for all.

Second Corinthians 6:14-18

¹⁴ *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.* For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and *be separate from them*, says the Lord,

and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

Joshua 4:1-9

When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ² “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, ³ and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’ ... *So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.*”

⁸ And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded ... ⁹ And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.

James 5:16-18

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and *pray for one another*, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

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