



The \_\_\_\_\_  
**First Congregational Church**  
of Woodstock \_\_\_\_\_

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

*February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022*



**Congregation:** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

**Congregation:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>1</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ Creedal Song #731	<i>Doxology</i>	Congregation
❖ Scripture Reading	Acts 2:29-36	Pastor

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor
❖ Hymn of Reflection	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Congregation
The Sermon	Philippians 1:6 “ <i>Gospel Confidence</i> ”	Pastor
❖ Hymn of Response #172	<i>Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder</i>	Congregation
Communion		Congregation
❖ Communion Hymn #455	<i>And Can It Be</i>	Congregation
Benediction	Hebrews 13: 20-21	Pastor

Pastor: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that

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<sup>1</sup> The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

Postlude

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*~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~  
~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~*

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

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### 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](mailto:karlhuck@gmail.com) for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

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### Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, February 12, 9:00 am-noon -- Leadership Training Class--open to all  
Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26 -- Introduction to FCCW  
Workshop

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## **Gospel Confidence**

**1. There Is One Thing at the *Heart of the Gospel*—God Is Faithful.**

**2. Remember God's Promise to Redeem Us as His Own.**

**3. The Day of the Lord Is Coming and That Lord Is Jesus Christ.**

CONCLUSION: God has shown Himself to be faithful to His Word. Jesus came exactly as He promised to rescue us out of our rebellion and disloyalty to God. In every way that we have been faithless, He has been true. In the coming *Day of the Lord*, Jesus will display His perfect fidelity to His promise to be our God and to take us as His holy people. That's what gives Paul the confidence that He who began a good work in them will be faithful to complete it. How are we living in the certainty of that hope?

## Acts 2:29-36

Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

## Exodus 6:2-8

<sup>2</sup> God spoke to Moses and said to him, “*I am the Lord.* <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also *established my covenant with them* to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. <sup>5</sup> Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup> Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> *I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.* <sup>8</sup> I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. *I am the Lord.*”

## Second Corinthians 6:16-18

<sup>16</sup> 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.*

<sup>17</sup> Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

What one thing are you more certain of than anything else? How does your life demonstrate your confidence? As Paul thanked God for the Philippians, he based every praise and all his petitions on this one truth, that God is faithful. It was his motivation, the source of his care, and his confidence in praying for his beloved Philippians. He who began the good work in them would be faithful to complete it.

*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 1:1-6; Acts 2:29-36; Exodus 6:2-8; Second Corinthians 6:16-18**. DISCUSS What had God begun in the Philippians? How did Paul know that such activity was not in vain? To what day did he look forward? Why? PRAY “Lord Christ, teach us to wait for Your return in faith doing as You have commanded.”

## Sunday Evening

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

## Monday

READ **Philippians 1:6; Exodus 6:2-8; Second Corinthians 6:16-18**. DISCUSS What did God promise in Exodus? How was it fulfilled in Corinthians? How are you living as though this is *the* most important thing in our lives? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 1:20-22**. PRAY, “Lord Jesus, teach us to long for the fullness of all that You have promised and to be satisfied with nothing less.”

## Tuesday

READ **Philippians 1:6; Genesis 17:7-8; Romans 9:22-28**. DISCUSS Who were called not God's people? How did they become God's people? What role did Christ serve in making it so? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 1:20-22**. PRAY, “Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in making us Your people by faith. Guide us in living as befits Your people, Holy Spirit. ”

### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 1:6; Deuteronomy 7:6-13; Hebrews 8:6-13.** DISCUSS, In the repetition of the law how is the promise reiterated? How is it fulfilled? How do these texts agree with the whole Bible? Of what can we be sure? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 1:20-22.** PRAY, “Lord, thank You for faithfully keeping Your promises just as You have said.”

### Thursday

READ **Philippians 1:6; Second Samuel 7:23-24; First Peter 2:9-10.** DISCUSS, How does the history of Israel show God’s faithfulness in keeping His promises? How have we been made God’s people? How has He demonstrated that He is indeed our God? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 1:20-22.** PRAY, Lord, You have faithfully kept Your promises. They are all yes and amen in Christ. We praise You in His holy name.”

### Friday

READ **Philippians 1:1-6; Acts 2:29-36; Exodus 6:2-8; Second Corinthians 6:16-18.** 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 **Second Corinthians 1:20-22.** PRAY for unity and joyful care for one another at FCCW.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *There will be both the in-person and live-stream services available.* READ **Philippians 1:1-30; Romans 12:9-13.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

## Second Corinthians 1:20-22

“For *all the promises of God* find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is *God who establishes us with you in Christ*, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”