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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

February 27, 2022

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten – Thirty

Welcome

Elder Peter Vanderhoof

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 67 and 1 Chronicles 16 Congregation

Elder: 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 (#460) Amazing Grace! Congregation

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

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 shortcomings 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 Elder

Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation

Affirmation of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*¹ Congregation

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

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

Congregation: 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.

Elder: 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 I Corinthians 1:18 – 25 Elder

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

Pastoral Prayer

❖ Hymn of Reflection (#194) O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel Congregation

The Sermon Philippians 1: 1 – 11 Pastor
“Joy in Gospel Partnership”

❖ Hymn of Response (#355) We Are God’s People 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).

❖ Benediction

Numbers 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 ~~

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

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The February newsletter is on the table in the narthex.
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### Leadership Training

Our second leadership training session offered Saturday, March 12 and will be open to anyone who would like to grow in their own walk with the Lord. Each session will run from 9:00 am until noon and will be available both in person and via Zoom. We will be studying Shepherding with Compassion. Hope to see you there! To register, please email Kristen at [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com).

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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 802-4573072 or e-mail him at karlhuck@gmail.com for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at rbrissonwccc@gmail.com or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.

Together in Differences -- Local CCEF NE Conference, April 2

The FCCW Board of Christian Education would like to invite you to attend a one-day conference put on by the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation of New England. It will be held in Lebanon, NH on **April 2, 2022**. FCCW has a special group rate, and according to people's desires, we may have a watch group at the church as well as a group attending in person. You may also watch from home or another remote location.

The topic for the day is Together in Differences. Below is the brief description of the topic and the schedule for the day:

TOGETHER IN DIFFERENCES

Living Out Our Unity in Christ

Division and discord seem to surround us, even in the places where we most long for connection. Scripture recognizes this modern yet timeless problem and invites us into a new way of relating to others. We will press into the real problem of disunity and the real hope of the body of Christ, and examine strategies for engaging our differences in a way that builds up the church. Join CCEF New England and special guest Alasdair Groves for a day of teaching and encouragement.

Conference Schedule

8:00-9:00am | Registration

9:00-10:15am | Plenary 1 "We Really Have Differences" (Andy Engert)

10:15-10:30am | Stretch break

10:30-11:45am | Plenary 2 "We Really Have Unity" (Robyn Huck)

11:45-1:15pm | Lunch break (local restaurants or pre-purchased boxed lunch)

1:15-2:00pm | Breakout Sessions

2:00-2:15pm | Stretch break

2:15-3:00pm | Plenary 3 "We Really Can Overcome Divisions" (Alasdair Groves)

3:00-3:30pm | Book table open

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout sessions will explore these ideas further in the context of marriage and family, church and more.

To register, first email Jeff DeDell at dedellcrew@gmail.com for the special FCCW group discount code. Registration costs will go up after Feb 15 and March 15. Conference cost to FCCW folks will be between \$34 and \$49 dollars per person, depending on when you register. (There is an optional lunch you can add to your registration cost when you sign up online.)

After contacting Jeff for the code, go to www.ccef.org/newengland to register. Jeff can assist anyone who has trouble with online registration, and the BCE would also like you to tell him if you wish for assistance in paying for the conference.

The BCE is looking forward to this day of learning alongside other Christians about a struggle that is found in all our churches. Please save the date of Saturday, April 2, 2022.

**New Members and Friends Lists are on the
Table in the Billings Room.**

Walking Wednesday

If you would like to walk inside for some exercise and fellowship, meet the Pastor at FCCW at 1:00 pm on Wednesday to go together to the Powerhouse Mall.

Ephesians 4:15 – 16

¹⁵ Rather, *speaking the truth in love*, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body *grow so that it builds itself up in love*.

Hebrews 10:23 – 25

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for *He who promised is faithful*. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, *not neglecting to meet together*, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

First Thessalonians 5:11

“Therefore *encourage one another and build one another up*, just as you are doing.”

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.

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.”

First Peter 1:22

²² Having purified your souls by your *obedience to the truth* for a sincere brotherly love, *love one another earnestly from a pure heart* ...

Second Corinthians 6:16b

“*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*.”

Taking Gathered Worship Home

What is the *partnership* Christians share in Jesus Christ? How are we joined together and how does that affect what we are supposed to think, say, and do? We will be exploring this partnership and how it produces joy in some of the most unexpected ways.

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 (2/27)

READ **Philippians 1:1-11** **Ephesians 4:15-16**; **Hebrews 10:23-25**; **Second Corinthians 1:20-22**; **6:16b**; **First Peter 1:22**; **Romans 1:16**; **18**; **32**; **2:18-21**; **First John 3:16-18**. DISCUSS Why is *rejoicing* our prime directive? What does that mean? Why does this have priority over many other good things we are commanded to do? What is the relationship between rejoicing and loving? PRAY “Lord Christ, give us delight in You that overflows in praise.”

Sunday Evening

Come join the *Young Adults' Fellowship* at 6pm in the FCCW library!

Monday (2/28)

READ **Philippians 1:1-11**; **Ephesians 4:15-16**; **John 17:17**. DISCUSS *Speaking the truth in love* is more than just not telling lies. Why is it so important that we be truth tellers? How does our growth in the truth grow our godly love for one another? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 13:11**. PRAY, “Lord Jesus, *teach us to love Your truth*. Fill our hearts and minds with it *so that we might love You and one another*.”

Tuesday (3/1)

READ **Philippians 1:1-11**; **Hebrews 10:23-25**; **First Thessalonians 5:11**. DISCUSS How does knowing God's faithfulness free us to love one another? What does it mean to *hold fast the confession*? How does this grow us up in the faith? As we grow and the Body of Christ grows, who gets the glory? Why? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 13:11**. PRAY, “Lord, teach us to trust You completely.”

Wednesday (3/2)

READ **Philippians 1:1-11; Joshua 4:1-9; Second Corinthians 1:20-22.** DISCUSS, What does it mean to remember one another before the Lord? How do we affect change in one another? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 13:11.** PRAY, “Lord, enable us to love one another well.”

Thursday (3/3)

READ **Philippians 1:1-11; First Peter 1:22; Second Corinthians 6:16b.** DISCUSS, How are purity and our calling by God related? What is the role of obedience? If Christ’s obedience has already secured our place with God, why do we need to obey? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 13:11.** PRAY, Lord, You sacrificed Yourself for us so that we would *delight in what is right.* Truth leads to life; deceit leads to death. Forgive us for delighting in destruction.”

Friday (3/4)

READ **Philippians 1:1-11; First Thessalonians 5:11; Joshua 4:1-9;** DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? DELIGHT in Christ with all your heart and love His people with joy! MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 13:11.** PRAY for unity and joyful care for one another at FCCW.

Saturday (3/5)

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both in-person and live-stream services are available.*

READ **Philippians 1:1-30; First John 3:16-18.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

Second Corinthians 13:11

“Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”