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First Congregational Church
_____ of Woodstock _____

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

July 3rd, 2022

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 catholic¹ 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	Galatians 3:15-29	Elder
❖ Hymn of Reflection #565	<i>All for Jesus</i>	Congregation
The Sermon	Philippians 2:12-30 <i>“Family Dynamics in Christ”</i>	Pastor Doug Warren
❖ Hymn of Response #164	<i>O for a Thousand Tongues</i>	Congregation
Communion		Congregation
❖ Communion Hymn #310	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i>	Congregation
Benediction	Romans 15:13	Pastor

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Postlude

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

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

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

The 2022 season of our face painting booth at Market on the Green is well underway! Volunteers from FCCW are at the park every **Wednesday**, June 1-Oct 12 from **3-6 pm**, offering free face painting for all ages. We also have coloring books, and story time for the kids. Each Wednesday we serve between 20 and 40 families. We often hear comments like “Your face painting is a highlight of our kids’ week!” and “We love that you guys are here serving the community!”

More helping hands are always welcome! If you would like to help in any way with this amazing outreach opportunity please contact Hayley Bauer at hayleylgriffith@gmail.com.

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The July Prayer Letter is available in the narthex.  
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WCCC Playground Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the food giveaway and took some goodies home. We received approximately \$75 for the playground fund. I believe a few people said they still wanted to donate and if so please give the money to Terry DeDell. Again thank you everyone that participated! It’s nice to be part of a church that rallies around the different events!!

Teachers Needed

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WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at [rbrissonwccc@gmail.com](mailto:rbrissonwccc@gmail.com) or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.  
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JULY
23
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HISTORY & FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

Old South Church Newburyport, MA

The Board of Christian Education of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, Vermont invites you to join us for a special day trip to the seaside town of Newburyport, where we will tour the church founded by George Whitefield. We will learn about this highly influential puritan evangelist with the help of historian, Jason Wakefield. After spending the morning at Old South, we will have time for lunch, shopping and sightseeing in the historic downtown, and perhaps a stroll on the boardwalk or a chance to put your toes in the sand.

We will meet at the Woodstock Union High School parking lot the morning of July 23. Our comfortable Premier coach will leave at 8:00AM sharp, returning that evening at approximately 6:30PM. See more information and itinerary at www.FCCW.net.

Payment is required in advance by check or cash. Due to the underwriting of the BCE and several individuals, the members and friends of FCCW are being offered the very low cost of \$25 per person for the bus and tour. Please expect to pay for lunch or bring your own.

Please speak to Preston Bristow with any questions, and see Jeff DeDell when you're ready with payment.

This will be a day well spent, exploring Christianity past and present.

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Dear FCCW Family,

I am so looking forward to the History & Fellowship Retreat on July 23rd. Our guide, Jason Wakefield, is a close personal friend of mine and George Whitefield is a wonderful hero of the Faith. Let me encourage you to participate if there is any way you can join us!

-Pastor Doug

Family Dynamics in Christ

1. There Are *Family Traits* that Should Characterize Us in Christ.

2. Christ Has Won Our Place in His Family.

3. He Has Given Us *Siblings* to Help Us Learn These Family Traits.

CONCLUSION: The fellowship that the Church in Philippi shared with Paul was part of the larger relational context of God's family. Their trust in Christ brought them into the household of God. As members of this family we, along with them, are to demonstrate certain familial traits: obedience, work, and joy that resemble Jesus, our elder brother, by faith in Him to the glory of the Father.

Galatians 3:15-29 (emphasis added)

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made *covenant*, no one annuls it or adds to it *once it has been ratified*. ¹⁶ Now *the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring*. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” *who is Christ*. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but *God gave it to Abraham by a promise*.

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, *until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made*, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, *so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe*.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian *until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith*. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for *in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith*. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for *you are all one in Christ Jesus*. ²⁹ And if you are Christ’s, then *you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise*.

First Timothy 2:5-7

For there is one God, and there is *one mediator* between God and men, the man *Christ Jesus*, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

First John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the *gift of God*, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, *created in Christ Jesus for good works*, which God prepared beforehand, *that we should walk in them*.

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.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Biblical Christianity cannot be understood—much less lived out—apart from *the context of the Family of God*. Those in Christ have not only been forgiven, but *adopted into His own family*. This household of faith defines everything we are looking at this week including *obedience, work, and joy*.

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 2:12-30; Galatians 3:15-29; First Timothy 2:5-7; First John 5:1-5; Ephesians 2:8-10; Second Corinthians 13:11.** **DISCUSS** What is the biblical relationship between belonging to God's family, obedience, work, and joy? How do these things find expression in godly community at FCCW? **PRAY** "Jesus, help us to love You and one another joyfully as You command."

Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* meets tonight at **6pm** in FCCW's library.

Monday

READ **Philippians 2:12-30; Galatians 3:15-29; First Timothy 2:5-7.** **DISCUSS** **God's Family**. How do we get into God's Family? Why is Jesus uniquely qualified as our Mediator? How do our obedience, work, and joy demonstrate His grace? **SERVE** by putting someone else's interest *above your own!* **MEDITATE** on **John 1:12-13**. **PRAY**, "Lord, help us to trust You as our only Mediator so that we may love one another with our whole hearts."

Tuesday

READ **Philippians 2:12-30; First John 5:1-5; John 14:18-24.** **DISCUSS** **Obedience**. How does our obedience to Christ demonstrate our love for Him? How is it the guide for how we are to love one another? **MEDITATE** on **John 1:12-13**. **PRAY**, "Lord, thank You for commanding us to live in accordance with Your holy character. Enable us to obey joy joyfully together."

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 2:12-30; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-14**. DISCUSS **Work**. What are the good works that God has prepared beforehand for you to do today? How can we work joyfully together for Christ? MEDITATE on **John 1:12-13**. PRAY, “Lord, help us to walk in the good works You have prepared for us to do.”

Thursday

READ **Philippians 1:3-8; 2:12-30; 4:4; Second Corinthians 13:11; Psalm 51:8-12**. DISCUSS **Joy**. Why is joy so important in our working obediently for Christ? How do each of these passages drive that home? How will you do that today? MEDITATE on **John 1:12-13**. PRAY, “Lord, renew a right spirit within us. In the power of Your Holy Spirit, restore to us the joy of our salvation. Enable us to willingly, joyfully submit to Your commands.”

Friday Wish Kristen a happy birthday!

READ **Philippians 2:12-30; Galatians 3:15-29; First Timothy 2:5-7; First John 5:1-5; Ephesians 2:8-10; Second Corinthians 13:11**. DISCUSS, How has God been convicting you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **John 1:12-13**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *delight in Jesus*.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Psalm 32:1-11**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the 9:30 service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

John 1:12-13

“But to all who did receive [Jesus Christ], who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”