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First Congregational Church
_____ of Woodstock _____

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

January 16th, 2022

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 19

Congregation

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Congregation: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge His glory.

Pastor: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.

Congregation: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #363

We Gather Together

Congregation

Reception of New Members

Pastor

Kristine Lewis and Joe Warren

Baptismal Prayer

Pastor

❖ Baptismal Hymn #131

*Children of the
Heavenly Father*

Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance Habakkuk 2:14, 18–20

Pastor

Collective Confession

Psalm 25

Congregation

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD! For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Pastor

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

❖ Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*¹ Congregation

Pastor: Christian, what is it that we believe?

Congregation: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ Creedal Song *Barocha* Congregation

❖ Scripture Reading Numbers 6 Pastor

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection #359 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Congregation

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

² The term "catholic" here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

The Sermon

Philippians 1:1-2

Pastor

“Holy Correspondence”

❖ Hymn of Response #358

For All the Saints

Congregation

❖ Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor

Pastor: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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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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.

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The January newsletter is on the table in the narthex.  
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Vows for New Members & Congregation

Members at FCCW covenant with the Lord and one another in joining together.

Profession of Faith

- **I now confess my faith in Jesus as the Christ and acknowledge Him as my Lord and Savior.**

Baptism

Words of Institution: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:39; Col 2:9-12

Questions for Convert

Congregation's Vow

- **We, the members of FCCW, promise to receive this sister as one of our own and to love and care for her as we are able, and promise that by God's grace we will endeavor to pray for her in her fulfillment of the covenant.**

Administration of Sacrament

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

New members to FCCW take the following vows:

- **I also resolve to learn the will of God, known or to be made known, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and to walk in the ways of the Lord.**
- **I do covenant with this church to attend its services, to support its activities and missions, to pray and labor for its growth in grace, and to walk worthily with you in its communion of worship and work.**

The *Membership of the church*, likewise takes part in the covenant saying:

- **We the members of this church, receive you into our fellowship, and welcome you with joy. We promise to pray for you, to watch over you, and to help you so long as you shall abide with us.**
- **May God grant that, loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the saints in heaven.**

Then *the whole congregation along with the new members to agree:*

- **We covenant with the Lord and one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in His holy ways.**
- **We will strive to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only; to be firm in faith, quickened in hope, and constant in charity.**
- **We will also consecrate our time, talent, substance, and influence, as heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. Amen.**

These vows are taken together before God and these witnesses by solemn oath trusting in the Holy Spirit's enabling and the Father's grace demonstrated through Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!

Romans 16:1-27

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, *a servant of the church at Cenchreae*,² that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,⁴ who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.¹⁰ Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus.¹¹ Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. *All the churches of Christ greet you.*

¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.¹⁸ For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.¹⁹ For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.²⁰ *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

²² I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

²³ Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

First Corinthians 16:16-20

¹⁶ be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer.¹⁷ I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence,¹⁸ for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

¹⁹ *The churches of Asia* send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord.²⁰ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Numbers 6:22-27

²² The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴ *The Lord bless you and keep you;*

²⁵ *the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

²⁶ *the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

²⁷ “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

First Thessalonians 5:11

¹¹ Therefore *encourage* one another and *build one another up*, just as you are doing.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Paul and Timothy wrote to the church in Philippi to thank and encourage them. What do we learn from the way they addressed these brothers and sisters? How does that encourage you to be more intentional in your relationships with those at FCCW?

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 1:1-2; Romans 16:1-27; First Corinthians 16:16-20; Galatians 6:1-10; Numbers 6:22-27. DISCUSS How had God prepared the congregation in Philippi to help Paul and one another? How do we tend to operate autonomously? PRAY “Lord Christ, teach us to trust You with all of our lives. Holy Spirit, open our eyes to Your purposes.”

Sunday Evening

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

Monday

READ Philippians 1:1-2; Romans 16:1-27. DISCUSS How do we see members of the congregation(s) in Rome interacting? How has God called us to encourage one another? MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:11**. PRAY, “Lord Jesus, thank You for our brothers and sisters at FCCW. Help us to encourage one another.”

Tuesday

READ Philippians 1:1-2; First Corinthians 16:16-20. DISCUSS What is the “service of the saints” spoken of here? How are we responsible for one another? How are we responsible for ourselves? MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:11**. PRAY, “Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in giving us all we need. Guide us, Holy Spirit.”

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 1:1-2; Galatians 6:1-10**. DISCUSS, how are we to bear one another's burdens? What does it mean then that each is bear their own load? Why? MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:11**. PRAY, "Lord, thank You for providing us all that we need together as a family at FCCW. Teach us to appreciate and encourage one another."

Thursday

READ **Philippians 1:1-2; Numbers 6:22-27**. DISCUSS, How are we to greet one another? How can this Aaronic blessing instruct us? MEDITATE on **First Thessalonians 5:11**. PRAY, Lord, thank You for adopting us into a family and setting us apart for Your purposes."

Friday

READ **Philippians 1:1-2; Romans 16:1-27; First Corinthians 16:16-20; Galatians 6:1-10; Numbers 6:22-27**. 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 5:11**. PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

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. Ask Jesus to make us reflect His holiness together.

Numbers 6:22-27

"The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

'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.'

"So shall they put *my name upon the people of Israel*, and I will bless them."