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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

September 18th, 2022

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

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| ❖ Call to Worship | Psalm 19 | Pastor |
| ❖ Hymn of Exultation #647 | <i>How Sweet the Name
of Jesus Sounds</i> | Congregation |
| Scriptural Call to Repentance | Habakkuk 2:14, 18-20 | Pastor |
| Prayer of 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

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| Proclamation of Forgiveness | Romans 8:1 | Pastor |
| Offering | (collected from back to front) | Congregation |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Pastor |

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,

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.

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	<i>Barocha</i>	Congregation
❖ Scripture Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Pastor
❖ Hymn of Reflection #644	<i>May the Mind of Christ My Savior</i>	Congregation
The Sermon	Philippians 3:10-4:1 <i>“Standing Orders”</i>	Pastor
❖ Hymn of Response # 648	My Jesus, I Love Thee	Congregation
❖ Benediction	2 Corinthians 13: 14	Pastor

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

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

Postlude

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

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

Pre-Service Music: *More About Jesus* (Sweney/Lani Smith)

Offertory: *Foundation* (Held)

Postlude: *Marche Triomphale* (Rawsthorne)

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Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight  
at 6 pm in the church library.  
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Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible Study meets in person at 10:00 am each Tuesday at the Thompson Senior Center and via Zoom. Contact Bonnie Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or bonhope2@gmail.com for more information.

True Woman Bible Study

This Bible study is geared toward young moms although all women are welcome. The study meets on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am in the FCCW nursery; there is no childcare, but children ages infant to preschool are welcome to come along and play while the ladies meet. Contact Christine Morton at christinefmorton@gmail.com or (802) 591-1511 for more information.

Women's Ministry Gathering

Please join us for apple picking at Wellwood Orchard on Saturday, October 1st. We will meet at the church at 8:45 AM to carpool to the orchard. We will plan to be back at the church by 1:15 PM. Bring a friend! If you have any questions email Annie Denham at adenham356@gmail.com or call at 607-838-3334.

Notes from the Library

Next Sunday, September 25, there will be a dedication of a plaque honoring Lois Donovan for her many years of faithful service at FCCW. It will be held in the library after the worship service.

There are loads of books on the free table! Courtesy of an elderly Christian friend of Rhonda and Dan, there are many books free for the taking. Please look through them and give them a new home.

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## Save the Date: BCE Supper Talk

When: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

We will join together at 5:30 for a meal followed by a presentation and small group discussion. Watch the October Prayer Letter and future Orders of Worship for more details.

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Thanksgiving Fellowship

Sunday, November 20th will mark the return of our Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal and special Service of Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details.

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The September Prayer Letter is available in the narthex.

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Market on the Green

Our Market on the Green face painting booth continues to be very popular. Thank you to all who have been a part of this exciting outreach opportunity! It's not too late to get involved—we will be at the park every **Wednesday** through October 12th, from **3-6 pm**, offering free face painting for all ages. We also have coloring books, and story time for the kids.

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

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## **Standing Orders**

**1. Press On!**

**2. Hold Tight!**

**3. Stand Firm!**

CONCLUSION: In reviewing this section of Philippians we can summarize it with three short commands: Press On! Hold Tight! and Stand Firm! We are to press on to take hold of Christ as He has taken hold of us. We are to hold tight to mature, biblical thinking and follow the model of godly living. We are to stand firm in our love relationship with Christ and with one another in His family. Let us delight in Jesus who has set His love upon us together.

## **Colossians 3:1-4**

If then *you have been raised with Christ*, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> *When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

## **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, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, *that we should walk in them.*”

## **First Peter 5:1-4**

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, *you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

## **Romans 6:1-4**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! *How can we who died to sin still live in it?* <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been *baptized into Christ Jesus* were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, *in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

## **John 11:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “*I am the resurrection and the life.* Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

## **Second Corinthians 12:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, *so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

The city of Philippi had a lot of retired Roman soldiers. This section focuses on action that is borne out of Christ's love for us together. This affection for the *bond of brothers* is to be the driving force in all that we do.

*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 3:10-4:1; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Colossians 3:1-4, Ephesians 2:8-10; First Peter 5:1-4; Romans 6:1-4; John 11:25-27; Second Corinthians 12:9-10.** DISCUSS What about Christ's love for us together enables us to pursue, hold, and stand? How can you rejoice today? What needs to change in your life as a result of this truth? MEDITATE on **Galatians 5:1.** PRAY "Jesus, enable us to rejoice in You together."

## Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* will meet at **6pm** in the FCCW Library.

## Monday

READ **Philippians 3:10-4:1; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Colossians 3:1-4.** DISCUSS Whom does God sing over? Why? How does His rejoicing enable us to rejoice? What does it mean to seek things above? SERVE by putting someone else's interests *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Galatians 5:1.** PRAY, "Lord, *make us know Your love* with certainty. Teach us to lean into Your rejoicing over us in Christ as we face difficulty, heartache, and uncertainty."

## Tuesday

READ **Philippians 3:10-4:1; Ephesians 2:8-10; First Peter 5:1-4.** DISCUSS What does it mean for us to walk in good works? How is God's loving preparation of these works for us to walk in a tender indication of His affection? What does awaiting the Chief Shepherd look like? What does it mean to follow one another's example in Christ? MEDITATE on **Galatians 5:1.** PRAY, "Jesus, we are fearful and unloving. But You have made us Your beloved. Enable us to stand."



### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 3:10-4:1; Romans 6:1-4; John 11:25-27**. DISCUSS How does Christ's resurrection encourage our walking in newness of life? What does it mean practically to believe that Jesus is the resurrection who has come into the world? MEDITATE on **Galatians 5:1**. PRAY, "Lord, forgive us for our cold hearts. We know *we are powerless to love You as we should*, but help us to make use of the tools You have given us to nurture the warmth You provide."

### Thursday

READ **Philippians 3:10-4:1; Second Corinthians 12:9-10; Zephaniah 3:14-20**. DISCUSS What does it mean for God to be strong in our weakness? How is this pictured in Zephaniah? Ask the Lord to meet you in your weakness. MEDITATE on **Galatians 5:1**. PRAY, "Lord, please be strong in our weakness. Embolden our feeble hearts, we beg You."

### Friday

READ **Philippians 3:10-4:1; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Colossians 3:1-4, Ephesians 2:8-10; First Peter 5:1-4; Romans 6:1-4; John 11:25-27; Second Corinthians 12:9-10**. DISCUSS, What have you been learning from these passages? How has God been convicting you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Galatians 5:1**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *honor Christ*.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Philippians 4:1-23**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for *Sunday School at 9:00* and the *10:30 service*. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

## Galatians 5:1

"For freedom Christ has set us free;  
*stand firm* therefore,  
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."