



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

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

*January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023*

# The Order of Morning Worship

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship Romans 10:8-13 Pastor

❖ Hymn of Exultation #521 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance Exodus 20:2-27 Pastor

Prayer of Collective Confession Micah 7:18-20 Congregation

**Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Pastor

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation

Affirmation of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*<sup>1</sup>, Q. 21 Congregation

Pastor: What is true faith?

**Congregation: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and**

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

**salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.**

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| ❖ Creedal Song            | <i>Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts</i>  | Congregation |
| ❖ Scripture Reading       | Genesis 17:7-8                              | Pastor       |
| ❖ Hymn of Reflection #562 | <i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i>             | Congregation |
| The Sermon                | Ruth 1:1-5<br><i>"Destitute Sojourners"</i> | Pastor       |
| ❖ Hymn of Response #460   | <i>Amazing Grace</i>                        | Congregation |
| ❖ Benediction             | Philippians 4:7                             | Pastor       |

*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 ~~*

*Prelude: Five Short Settings of the Tune "Amazing Grace" (Haan)*

*"Come Thou Almighty King" (Young)*

*Offertory: "Jesus Paid it All" (Mason)*

*Postlude: "Praise to the Lord" (Young)*

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## Baby Shower

All are invited to stay after the worship service today in the Billings Room for an informal baby shower for the Bauers, the Lins, and the Sterlings.

Please join our church family in celebrating these families God has blessed us with!

We will have a communal gift and card from the church in honor of these new babies and ask that any additional gifts/cards you would like to give be given at a separate time. Thank you all!

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## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Can you give one Sunday this spring to help minister to the youngest members of our church family? We have a full-time nursery attendant, but we need a volunteer to help her each Sunday from 10-12. If you are willing to help one Sunday or more, or if you have questions, please contact Karis Warren at [karis.warren@gmail.com](mailto:karis.warren@gmail.com) or (207) 329-4190. Thank you!

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

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### **Calling missionaries to MVCS!**

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who have a passion for Christian education!

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Athletic Director (pt)

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JSH Foreign Language Teacher (pt)

JSH Mathematics Teacher (STEM teacher would be ideal!)

\*could be full time if combined with other positions

Please contact Vicky at [headofschool@mvcs.info](mailto:headofschool@mvcs.info) or 802-295-6800.

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*Young Adult*  
**PIZZA**  
& **SUPERBOWL**  
**PARTY**

**SUNDAY | 12TH FEB | 4:00 PM**

**@ THE PARSONAGE**

41 ELM STREET  
WOODSTOCK, VT 05091

Bring your favorite pizza toppings and salad dressings! We will eat, sing, and study God's Word together! All are welcome to stay afterwards to watch the Super Bowl!

RSVP (not required but appreciated!)  
Text Karis @ 207-329-4190

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## **Prayer for Christian Missions & Personnel supported by our church**

- \* *Steve and Miki Thrall, Artists in Christian Testimony Intl., Normandy, France*
- \* *Daniel and Elizabeth Ransom, Baptist Mid Missions, Perugia, Italy*
- \* *Ben & Sarah Courtemanche, Navigators, University of Vermont*
- \* *Brian & Cathy Birdsall, Christian Embassy, Cru, UN, NYC, NY*
- \* *Caleb Rayapati, Harvest Ministries, Secunderabad, India*
- \* *Woodstock Christian Child Care, Woodstock, Vermont*
- \* *Matt and Tara Megill, Mission to the World, Niger*
- \* *Herb & Heather Klassen, Pioneers, Jordan*
- \* *Elevation Christian Academy, Milton, VT*
- \* *Teen Challenge Vermont, Johnson, VT*
- \* *Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT*
- \* *His Mansion, Hillsboro, NH*

### **Steve & Miki Thrall**

#### **Artists in Christian Testimony, Normandy, France**

Please pray for a seminary course that Steve will be co-teaching this winter, via Zoom, which links the arts and urban ministry. Please also pray for Steve's work with French speaking seminary students in Montreal who are preparing for ministry using the arts.

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**GUESTS**, welcome! It is great to have you here to worship Christ today. Please come back next week. May you come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, if you don't already. Please send an email to [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com) with your name, address, and where you watched today. If you need help or have any questions, please include that in your email or call Pastor Doug.  
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