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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

*February 2nd, 2025
Communion Sunday*

The Order of Morning Worship

February 2nd, 2025

Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Gil Emery

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Elder

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #134

God Will Take Care of You

Congregation

God will take care of you

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Pet. 5:7

Capo 1: (A)

1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
 2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
 3. All you may need he will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
 4. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be-neath his wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
 when dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
 trust him and you will be sat-is-fied, God will take care of you.
 lean, wea-ry one, up-on his breast, God will take care of you.

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God will take care of you, through ev-'ry day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.
 take care of you.

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Isaiah 55:5-7

Elder

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

Prayer of Collective Confession

from 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! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. 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

Colossians 2:13-14

Elder

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. 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.

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.

❖ Scripture Reading

Psalm 31:1-2, 23-24

Elder

¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

²³ Love the Lord, all you his saints!
The Lord preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord!

❖ Creedal Song #731

Congregation

The musical score is written for a congregation and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with lyrics and a bass clef staff with guitar chords. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The guitar chords are: G, G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, D, G, C, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G.

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

“Suffering as a Christian”

1 Peter 4:12-19; John 16:33

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

John 16:33 “I have said these things to you, *that in me you may have peace*. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

❖ Song of Response

There is a Redeemer

Congregation

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer
Jesus God’s own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Verse 2

Jesus, My Redeemer,
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
O, for sinners slain

Chorus

Thank You, O My Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

Verse 3

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face
There I’ll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Melody Green

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Communion

Congregation

❖ Communion Hymn #500

Rock of Ages

Congregation

That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4

Unison

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids

self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en
 law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -
 cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to
 close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy

side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its
 ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and
 thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,
 judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -

guilt and pow'r.
 thou a lone.
 or I die.
 self in thee.

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❖ Benediction

Romans 15:13

Rev. Meinen

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

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

Postlude

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

Save the Date!

Next Sunday! February 9, 9:00-10:00 — Discussion of mission & vision statements during Adult Sunday School

Friday, February 21 & Saturday, February 22 — Introduction to FCCW Workshop

Saturday, March 8, 1:00 pm — Bridal Shower for Karis Warren

Saturday, April 12th, 5:30-8:00 pm — Community Barn Dance & Chili Supper

Sunday, April 20th — Easter Sunday

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Can you give one Sunday to help minister to the youngest members of our church family? If you are willing to help one Sunday or more, you can find the sign-up sheet with the fall schedule in the Billings Room, or contact Kristen at fccwinfo@gmail.com.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for February/March:

2/2 Nancy Stockwell & _____	3/2 Keri Bristow & _____
2/9 Robyn Huck & _____	3/9 Robyn Huck & _____
2/16 Keri Bristow & _____	3/16 _____ & _____
2/23 Keri Bristow & _____	3/23 _____ & _____
	3/30 _____ & _____

Introduction to FCCW Workshop

Interested in knowing more about FCCW? Want to explore questions about the Bible in a small group? What does it mean to be a member? What opportunities are there to serve at FCCW? Consider attending the *Introduction to FCCW Workshop* being offered **Friday** night, **February 21**, from **6-9 pm** (includes dinner) and **Saturday** morning, **February 22**, from **9 am-noon** (includes continental breakfast.) This two-part workshop will give insight into how FCCW functions and the importance of membership. To register, please contact Kristen at fccwinfo@gmail.com.

Session One—Worship

Session Two—Joyous Knowledge

Session Three—Radical Love for One Another

Session Four— Extending His Grace

Session Five— Belonging to His Community

Weekly Gathering Opportunities

Tuesdays, 7:00 am — FCCW Breakfast Club (Middle School & High School Bible Study)—meet at Maplefields to grab breakfast, then on to the church for study, discussion, and prayer. Contact Michael Byrne at michael@clickthruvt.com.

Tuesdays, 10:00 am —Ladies' Bible Study meets in person at FCCW and via ZOOM, please contact Bonnie Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or email bonhope2@gmail.com.

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm — Prayer Meeting, in person in the library and via ZOOM

Wednesdays, 6:15 am — Men's Bible Study, in person in the library and via ZOOM, please contact Dick Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or email rbatwood1@gmail.com.

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