

**FCCW Members:** Please come to a meeting on March 29 at 10:00AM to address whether the Little Branches Learning Center (previously known as Woodstock Christian Child Care) will remain in the church building for an additional 12 months. Here is the official call to meet:

The Elders call for a congregational meeting to be held at 10:00 AM Saturday the 29th of March for the following purpose:

**"To vote on authorizing the Deacons and Elders to enter into a lease agreement with LBLC for a period of up to one year with no option for renewal."**

## Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**—Worship with guest preacher Joel Adeney

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**—Funeral for Doris Johnston, 2:00PM

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**—CCEF Conference "Caring Well in the Church," register at [ccefne.org](http://ccefne.org), info cards available at back of church

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:00 pm**—Community Barn Dance & Chili Supper

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**—Easter Sunrise Service, Breakfast, and Worship at 10:30

## Weekly Opportunities

Tuesdays, 7:00 am—FCCW Breakfast Club (Middle School & High School Bible Study)  
Contact Michael Byrne at [michael@fccw.net](mailto:michael@fccw.net)

Tuesdays, 10:00 am—Ladies' Bible Study at FCCW and via ZOOM, contact Bonnie Atwood, (802) 457-4120, [bonhope2@gmail.com](mailto:bonhope2@gmail.com)

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting via Zoom, contact Dick Atwood at (802) 457-4120, [rbatwood1@gmail.com](mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com)

Wednesdays, 6:15 am — Men's Bible Study at FCCW and via ZOOM, contact Dick Atwood, (802) 457-4120, [rbatwood1@gmail.com](mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com)

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*Welcome*  
to the  
**First Congregational Church**  
of Woodstock, Vermont

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

March 23, 2025

We are so pleased you are here with us today  
to worship Jesus Christ and celebrate the love of our Lord.

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the entryway or fill  
out a welcome card at your seat and drop it in the offering plate.

## **OUR MISSION**

We are a Christ-centered community, proclaiming the grace and truth of the Gospel in Woodstock, the Upper Valley and the world, sharing Christ in word and deed.

## **OUR VISION**

We endeavor through the Holy Spirit's power to faithfully serve in this calling by ...

- Proclaiming Christ's truth and grace.
- Nurturing young and old in biblical growth.
- Reaching the lost with the only hope for salvation.
- Healing the broken with Christ's love and mercy.
- Practicing repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation as Christ has commanded.

The Order of Worship

March 23, 2025

10:30 AM

Welcome & Announcements ..... Elder Gil Emery

Prelude & Prepare for Worship ..... Organist, Jonathan Denham

☪ Call to Worship

☪ Hymn #320..... Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Pastoral Prayer

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

☪ Doxology, hymn #731 ..... Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

☪ Responsive Reading ..... Psalm 5, hymnal p. 786

☪ Hymn #498..... Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 55:1-13, pew Bible p. 615

Sermon ..... John Meinen

*Listening to the Light*  
John 12:35-50  
pew Bible p. 899

☪ Hymn #481 ..... Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

☪ Benediction

Please be seated for a moment of reflection after the benediction

☪ = please stand if able

Please remember to silence phones

Please help us welcome our guest preacher, John Meinen.

John Meinen is the campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship at UVM. John studied international affairs and economics at the University of Colorado (2004) and graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 2012 (M.Div.). He, his wife (Megan), and two kids (Willa and JB) love the great little state of Vermont.

Families with Young Children: We encourage parents to keep children with them in the pew during worship. There are a few toys and coloring supplies as well as children’s bulletins available at the entrance to the sanctuary. If needed, however, there is a library space available for young ones and their adult helpers, (through the door up front to your left, then turn right) where you can watch the worship service livestream, and a selection of toys are available. We’re glad you’re here!

Doris Johnston’s Funeral: Our dear Doris Johnston passed into the arms of the Lord on March 10, at the wondrous age of 97. Her funeral will be at FCCW on Saturday, April 5 at 2:00PM. We hope many will attend. The Johnston family expects to also have a memorial service at a later date.

Mission of the Month Prayer Request:

From Caleb, serving in India: Pray for the students of VMSS as they prepare for their crucial board exams. Also, pray for a blessed and meaningful graduation program. Pray for the successful completion of the Sewing Centre’s 2nd Batch, and for these women to find opportunities to support their families.

Can You Help on April 5<sup>th</sup>?

The Hospitality Committee requests help in providing finger foods for the reception following Doris Johnston’s funeral on April 5 at 2:00 pm. Contact Anne Hablitzel at [hab90150@gmail.com](mailto:hab90150@gmail.com).

Easter is coming, Christ is risen!

Help us display the "Lilies of the Field" for our Easter service by sharing a flowering plant in memory of a loved one or other. Plants can be taken home after the Easter service. Please contact Carol Powell @ 802-457-3833 or Elaine Johnston @ 802457-3012. Thank you!

The Instrumental Pieces in Today’s Worship:

Prelude: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Hildebrand)  
Offertory: I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130) (Kauflin, Getty, et al)  
Postlude: "Postlude" on Marion (Haan)