

Our Global Partners: The Board of Christian Missions invites you to pray for these individuals and organizations

- * Steve and Miki Thrall, Artists in Christian Testimony Intl., Normandy, France
- * Daniel and Elizabeth Ransom, Baptist Mid Missions, Perugia, Italy
- * Brian & Cathy Birdsall, Christian Embassy, Cru, UN, NYC, NY
- * Ben & Sarah Courtemanche, Navigators, Burlington, Vermont
- * Caleb Rayapati, Harvest Ministries, Secunderabad, India
- * Little Branches Learning Center, Woodstock, Vermont
- * Elevation Family Ministries, Milton, VT
- * Teen Challenge Vermont, Johnson, VT
- * Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT
- * Matt and Tara, serving in west Africa
- * H & H, serving in the Middle East
- * His Mansion, Hillsboro, NH

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 1—Last day of Sunday School: road closings due to Covered Bridges Half Marathon will affect those attending Sunday School – see bulletin insert for details.

Sunday June 8—First day of summer hours, worship begins at 9:30AM

Weekly Opportunities

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

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

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting via Zoom, contact Dick Atwood at (802) 457-4120, 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

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First Congregational Church of Woodstock, Vermont

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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

May 25, 2025

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

Order of Worship

May 25, 2025

10:30 AM

Welcome & Announcements Elder Gil Emery

Prelude & Prepare for Worship Organist, Jonathan Denham

☪ Call to Worship

☪ Hymn 642 *Be Thou My Vision*

Pastoral Prayer

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

☪ Doxology, hymnal 731 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

☪ Responsive Reading Psalm 18:1-19, hymnal p. 789

☪ Hymn (printed lyrics) *Revelation Song*

Scripture Reading Luke 14:15-24, pew Bible p. 874

Sermon Jonathan Fischer

No Rivals
Luke 14:25-35
pew Bible p. 874

☪ Hymn 457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

☪ Benediction

Please be seated for a moment of reflection after the benediction
and consider praying for someone seated near you

Postlude

☪ = please stand if able

Please remember to silence phones

Please help us welcome our guest preacher, Jonathan Fischer.

Jonathan grew up in the Northeast, served as a pastor from 2013 to 2021, and is currently a member at Valley Bible Church and works in construction in the Upper Valley. He is grateful for the opportunity to bring God's Word today.

Next week we'll again welcome Hugh Diggins as he returns to our pulpit.

Mission of the Month: Brian and Cathy Birdsall at the United Nations Christian Embassy: "The Christian Embassy is celebrating its 45th year of continuous presence at the UN this year. We seek to be a faithful presence of Christian witness to all 193 Member States that comprise the UN. *This week please pray for creative approaches to engage with diplomats whose schedules are extremely busy.* Thank you!"

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC): The committee has been formed and is gearing up to begin finding the next man God has prepared to lead our congregation. Karl Huck (802/457-3072) is the chair of the committee. Next week, June 1, during the worship service there will be an installation ceremony for the 11 member team. Your prayers are needed!

We welcome families with young children! Parents are encouraged to keep children with them in the pew during worship, however we know this is not always possible. The downstairs nursery will be staffed with volunteers on these dates: May 25, June 8, and June 22 (full summer schedule can be seen on the bulletin insert). Another option, available every Sunday, is to use our library space (through the door up front on the left, then turn right) where you can watch the worship service livestream while supervising your children. A selection of toys are available. There are also a few toys and children's bulletins available at the entrance to the sanctuary. We're glad you're here!