

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, Deering, NH

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC): Please pray for the entire PSC team, and their mission: Jennifer Barnes, Stephen Briggs, Preston Bristow, Dan Bruce, Ruth Emery, Heidi Gennaro, Paige Gibbs, Anne Hablitzel, Karl Huck (chair, 802/457-3072), Cora Koop, and Heidi Tucker. This committee continues to meet every Sunday after worship.

Weekly Opportunities this Summer

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting in the FCCW library and 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

Did you know? FCCW has a collection of over 2,200 sermons and Bible lessons on our Sermon Audio page. Check it out! Here's the link:
<https://www.sermonaudio.com/broadcasters/fccwoodstock/>

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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

August 24, 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

August 24, 2025

9:25 AM

Welcome & Announcements Deacon Karl Huck

Prelude & Prepare for Worship Organist, Jonathan Denham

✠ Call to Worship

✠ Hymn 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-16, pew Bible p.977

Sermon Erik Schaefer

Use Your Gifts for Church Unity

Ephesians 4:1-16

pew Bible p. 977

✠ Hymn (printed lyrics) *Forever*

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Responsive Reading Psalm 24, hymnal p. 791

✠ Hymn 693 *Blessed Assurance*

✠ 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, Erik Schaefer. Erik serves as Associate Pastor at Valley Bible Church. He and his wife, Anna, live in White River Junction with their three sons.

Next week we'll welcome back Neal Patel as our guest preacher.

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 next Sunday, August 31. 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!

Mission of the Month: Please continue to pray for Steve and Miki Thrall, serving with Artists in Christian Testimony Intl., Normandy, France.

Fall Schedule Begins September 7th:

9:00 AM Sunday School for teens and adults in the Billings Room

10:30 AM Morning Worship in the sanctuary

10:30 AM Children's Church downstairs

New Ministry for Children at FCCW begins September 7th: Children's Church!

Each Sunday, beginning September 7th, our volunteer staff of experienced educators and caregivers will welcome children of all ages, coinciding with morning worship happening upstairs.

For this season of our church life, we are planning to have a time of care and Christian education for children during morning worship. Infants, toddlers, and school-aged children are welcome. We have the personnel and the experience to tailor the morning to the individual children, their needs and abilities.

Please drop off your children or grandchildren downstairs in the nursery area between 10:15 and 10:25 AM and fill out the registration sheet. Come pick them up again by 12 noon. The children will have a fun instructional Sunday School time, a Kid's Worship time, some play time and a snack. All children are welcome.

Questions can be directed to Robyn Huck, Grace Esdon, or Keri Bristow.

Church Secretary Time Off: Your church secretary will be taking some time off ☺ She gives great thanks to the people covering for her during this time. Please note that Michael Byrne will be manning the fccwinfo email account, the Elders will be sending out any prayer requests that arise (Tom Johnston: 802-457-3012, tajdmd1@gmail.com), and Terri DeDell will be handling mail, phone, and some printing. Thank you all for allowing this respite time!

Guests: Please sign a guest card (found in the pew) and allow us to welcome you. They can be placed in the offering plate as it comes by.