**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, <a href="mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com">rbatwood1@gmail.com</a>

Wednesdays, 6:15 am — Men's Bible Study at FCCW and via ZOOM, contact Dick Atwood, (802) 457-4120, <a href="mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com">rbatwood1@gmail.com</a>

<u>Did you know?</u> 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/

## **Contact Information**

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

### August 31, 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 31, 2025 9:25 AM Welcome & Announcements ...... Elder Tom Johnston Prelude & Prepare for Worship ...... Organist, Jonathan Denham ₩ Hymn 660..... O God Beyond All Praising Pastoral Prayer Scripture Reading ...... Zechariah 7: 1-13, pew Bible p.795 Neal Patel Sermon Chronic Cardiosclerosis Zechariah 7: 1-13 pew Bible p. 795 Collection of Tithes & Offerings Responsive Reading......Psalm 25, hymnal p. 792 ₩ Hymn 580..... Lead On, O King Eternal! Please be seated for a moment of reflection after the benediction and consider praying for someone seated near you Postlude  $\Psi$  = please stand if able Please remember to silence phones <u>Please help us welcome our guest preacher, Neal Patel.</u> Neal lives in Quechee and serves as the senior pastor at Valley Bible Church in White River Junction.

Next week we'll welcome back Hugh Diggins as our guest preacher.

We welcome families with young children! Children are always welcome to stay in worship with their parents. If you wish to have them cared for by our volunteers, the downstairs nursery is staffed today by Keri Bristow and Paige Gibbs.

Mission of the Month: Please continue to pray for Steve and Miki Thrall, serving with Artists in Christian Testimony Intl., Normandy, France. Their prayer request: "We will be launching a major fundraising campaign this fall with the goal of paying off our loan, replacing the roof, and preparing for strengthening of the ministry for the future." Thank you for praying!

Today is the last day of our summer schedule

Fall Schedule Begins Next Sunday, September 7th:

### Starting Next Sunday, 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!

Every Sunday, beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

<u>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Begins September 9:</u> All women are invited to join either in person at the Thompson Senior Center at 10:00, or via zoom. Please email Bonnie Atwood for the zoom link: bonhope2@gmail.com

<u>Guests:</u> 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.