

**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 Fall**

Tuesdays

7 am—FCCW Breakfast Club for Teens, meet at Maplefields, contact Michael Byrne with questions, [michael@clickthruvt.com](mailto:michael@clickthruvt.com)

10 am—Ladies' Bible Study at Thompson Senior Center and via zoom, contact Bonnie & Dick Atwood, (802) 457-4120, [rbatwood1@gmail.com](mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com)

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

October 12, 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

October 12, 2025

10:30 AM

Welcome & Announcements ..... Elder Steve Briggs

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

✠ Call to Worship

✠ Hymn 1 ..... *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading ..... Exodus 3:1-6 ; 3:16-22  
pew Bible p.46

Sermon ..... Elder Gil Emery  
*Our God is Intentional*  
Exodus 3:1-6 ; 3:16-22  
pew Bible p. 46

✠ Hymn 455 ..... *And Can It Be*

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Responsive Reading ..... Psalm 29 hymnal p. 794

✠ Hymn (printed lyrics) ..... *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

✠ 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

Our preacher today is not a guest! ☺ Gil Emery is an Elder of our church and a long time member. He and his wife, Ruth, raised their three children at FCCW. Now happy grandparents, they are involved in many aspects of the church. We're thankful for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for First Congregational.

Next week we'll welcome Jonathan Fischer back to our pulpit.

Vespers Today! Our Vespers outreach happens on the second Sunday of every month. You are invited to join the Deaconesses and musicians at Woodstock Terrace at 3:00. We'll bring a short worship service to the residents there, then we'll bring the same worship and warmth to The Homestead and then Mertens House. This monthly outreach visit is immensely important to some of the residents, and it's a blessing to all of us who go. Please consider adding this to your Lord's Day activities. Speak to Alison Briggs with any questions.

November Business Meeting: To allow more people to participate, the FCCW November Business Meeting will be held this year on Saturday, November 15, at 1:00pm. If there is interest, we'll have a fellowship meal beforehand at noon. We know this diverges from our usual evening time (which had been Thursday evening at 7), but we're hoping it serves a greater number of our membership. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 15, at 1:00. And if you're interested in having a fellowship meal beforehand, tell Robyn (fccwinfo@gmail.com).

Children's Church is Downstairs Each Week 10:30-11:45. If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate, please drop them off 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. (Children are also welcome to remain upstairs with their parents if that is preferable.) Questions? Contact fccwinfo@gmail.com.

November 8 Women's Fellowship at FCCW, Registration Now Open: Sign up on the Billings Room bulletin board by October 25! Check for \$25 can go in the envelope beside the sign up (includes coffee and muffin, and simple lunch). If the cost is troublesome, please talk to Nancy Stockwell or Robyn Huck. There are church funds available to help. We want you to come! Women from many of the small churches have been invited to attend and the registrations are rolling in. We hope you'll join us. You can expect fellowship, a Bible study on Joy, and fun! Please talk to Nancy or Robyn with questions.

Mission of the Month: Our global partner focus for the month of October is Matt and Tara, serving in western Africa. Their prayer request for this week: After much prayer and uncertainty, we received visas to return to N for February/March. Now pray for us that we would use these months of home assignment well to gear up for return, and to grow in courage.

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