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First Congregational Church  
of Woodstock \_\_\_\_\_

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

*November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship Psalm 95:6-7 Pastor

❖ Hymn of Exultation #381 *Brethren, We Have  
Met to Worship* Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance based on Romans 8:39 Pastor

Prayer of Collective Confession Congregation

**O Lord, do not remember against us our former iniquities; let Your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness 1 Peter 2:24 Pastor

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation

Affirmation of Faith *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*<sup>1</sup> Congregation

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**Congregation: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**Congregation: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted**

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<sup>1</sup> A catechism is a question and answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

**in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed  
in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

Deacons' Offering	(collected from back to front)	Congregation
❖ Creedal Song #735	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	Congregation
❖ Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:25-33	Pastor
❖ Hymn of Reflection #75	<i>O Father, You Are Sovereign</i>	Congregation
The Sermon	Philippians 4:18-20 <i>"Riches in Glory"</i>	Pastor
❖ Hymn of Response #565	<i>All for Jesus</i>	Congregation
❖ Benediction	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17	Pastor

*The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.*

Postlude

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*~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~  
~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~*

*Prelude: Assurance (Spong)  
Offertory: Give Thanks (Smith)  
Deacon's Offering: I Love You, Lord (Klein)  
Postlude: Praise Him with Trumpets (Patricia Lou Harris)*

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Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight  
at 6 pm in the church library.  
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The November Prayer letter is available in the narthex.  
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## Deacons' Offering – Today, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Our church receives many requests for help from not just within our church body but the community at large. The deacons have a great many opportunities to share God's love with folks in need, whether it is paying a bill for them or buying them a pair of glasses. This is a vital ministry that our church has to reach into our communities and share the gospel in a loving, gracious way. If you are in need or know someone who is, please contact Dan Bruce, the Deacons' Mercy Minister at home (802) 457-3975, at his cell number (802) 345-8870, or email him at [rhondan08@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rhondan08@myfairpoint.net).

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## Thanksgiving Fellowship

We will enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal together at 2:30 on Sunday, November 20. Please sign up in the Billings Room so we know how many people to expect. Invite your friends and family as well! The elders will provide the turkeys, and everyone else should bring a side dish to share as well as plates and cutlery for each member of your party.

There will be a special service of Thanksgiving following the meal.

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## Operation Christmas Child

The deadline for dropping off your shoeboxes is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Karis Warren at (207) 329-4190 or [karis.warren@gmail.com](mailto:karis.warren@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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## Women's Lunch after Worship - December 4th

Dear Women of FCCW, please join us after worship on December 4th for a lunch of soups, breads, and salads. It will be a time for fellowship and chance to reflect together about the Advent season.

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## Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible Study meets in person at 10:00 am each Tuesday at the Thompson Senior Center and via Zoom. Contact Bonnie Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or [bonhope2@gmail.com](mailto:bonhope2@gmail.com) for more information.

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## True Woman Bible Study

This Bible study is geared toward young moms although all women are welcome. The study meets on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am in the FCCW nursery; there is no childcare, but children ages infant to preschool are welcome to come along and play while the ladies meet. Contact Christine Morton at [christinefmorton@gmail.com](mailto:christinefmorton@gmail.com) or (802) 591-1511 for more information.

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## **Riches in Glory**

- 1. Offer *Living Sacrifices of Fellowship* to God (18)!**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. These Sacrifices *Should Flow Out of Trust* in God (19).**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. Glorifying God Is *How We Enjoy* God Forever (20).**

CONCLUSION: Because of Christ's once for all sacrifice for His people on the cross, we no longer need to go to the temple and make blood sacrifices. But we have the privilege of bringing God fellowship offerings in Christ as we love one another. These living sacrifices are the overflow of faith in God with our whole lives. He is trust-worthy in all of life's details. As we more and more grow in our delight in Christ, we are increasingly able to delight in one another and share all the riches that the Lord has entrusted to us together.

## **Ephesians 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>But God, being *rich in mercy*, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show *the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus*. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **Ephesians 3:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles *the unsearchable riches of Christ*, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to *the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord*, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. <sup>13</sup>So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

## **Colossians 1:24-29**

<sup>24</sup>Now *I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake*, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are *the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory*. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, *struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me*.

## **Colossians 2:1-7**

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Our sharing together in the family of God through Jesus, God's own Son, is meant to transform our whole lives. As radical as a street urchin being brought into the King's palace as a beloved heir, everything about the gospel is intended to change us. It all flows from trusting our Father.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

**READ** **Philippians 4:18-20; Galatians 3:23-29; Ephesians 2:4-10; 3:7-13; Colossians 1:24-29; 2:1-7; Matthew 6:5-15; 6:25-33; Romans 12:1-2; First Peter 2:4-10.** **DISCUSS** How do the needs of our brothers and sisters affect us? **MEDITATE** on **Matthew 6:32-33.** **PRAY** "Jesus, teach us to trust You enough to glorify You through loving one another."

## Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* will meet at **6pm** in the FCCW Library.

## Monday

**READ** **Philippians 4:18-20; Ephesians 2:4-10; Galatians 3:23-29; Matthew 6:5-15.** **DISCUSS** What are the riches that God entrusts to us? How does that wealth free us to share with one another sacrificially? **SERVE** by putting someone else's interests *above your own!* **MEDITATE** on **Matthew 6:32-33.** **PRAY**, "Father, make us more like Christ. Enflame our hearts with love for You."

## Tuesday

**READ** **Philippians 4:18-20; Ephesians 3:7-13; Matthew 6:25-33; Romans 12:1-2.** **DISCUSS** What are you most afraid God won't provide for you? How does that fear keep you from loving Christ and His people as you should? How is that related to your anxiety? **SERVE** by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* **MEDITATE** on **Matthew 6:32-33.** **PRAY**, "Jesus, we want to trust You completely. Forgive us for distrusting You. Enable us to truly rest in You and in so doing find the freedom to love others no matter the cost."



### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 4:18-20; Colossians 1:24-29; Matthew 6:5-15; First Peter 2:4-10**. DISCUSS How did Jesus in teaching His disciples how to pray address their needs? Are His riches sufficient for us? SERVE by *caring about someone else* more than yourself! MEDITATE on **Matthew 6:32-33**. PRAY, “Lord, teach us to desire You more than anything else.”

### Thursday

READ **Philippians 4:18-20; Colossians 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33; First Peter 2:4-10**. DISCUSS What are you struggling to hold onto instead of giving to God? MEDITATE on **Matthew 6:32-33**. PRAY, “Lord, show us how rich we are in You. Enflame our hearts with love for You above all else.”

### Friday

READ **Philippians 4:18-20; Galatians 3:23-29; Ephesians 2:4-10; 3:7-13; Colossians 1:24-29; 2:1-7; Matthew 6:5-15; 6:25-33; Romans 12:1-2; First Peter 2:4-10**. DISCUSS, What have you been learning from these passages? How has God been present with you in His Word this week? What do you need to change as a result? MEDITATE on **Matthew 6:32-33**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *honor Christ in all that we think, say, and do*.

### Saturday

PREPARE *today* for the service *tomorrow*. READ **Philippians 1:1-4:23**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for *Sunday School at 9:00* and the *service @ 10:30*. Ask Jesus to *gather us together* to praise Him joyfully.

## Matthew 6:32-33

“For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and *your heavenly Father knows that you need them all*. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”