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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

November 28th, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

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The First Sunday in Advent

Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

- ❖ Call to Worship Psalm 67 and 1 Chronicles 16 Congregation
Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Give thanks to the LORD,

Congregation: He is good; His love endures forever.

- ❖ Hymn of Exultation #194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Congregation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"
declares the LORD. Is. 59:20*

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

God’s Word warns us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” It also provides the wonderful truth found only in Christ saying, “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Collective Confession

Luther’s Prayer

Congregation

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and short-comings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33: 8

Pastor

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

❖ Affirmation of Faith

*The Heidelberg Catechism*¹

Congregation

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of

¹ Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Pastor: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Congregation: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

❖ Creedal Song

Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts

Congregation

Holy Holy Holy Is The Lord Of Hosts

Words and Music by
Nolene Prince

$\text{♩} = 72$

CHORUS

C Am Dm⁷ G⁷ C F Dm⁷ G

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

5 C Am Dm⁷ G⁷ C F Dm⁷ G⁷

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

9 C C⁷ F D D⁷ G

whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the

13 E E⁷ Am F Dm⁷ G C

whole earth is full of His glo - ry, Ho - ly is the Lord.

Fine

❖ Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Pastor

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Congregation

HALLELUJAH PRAISE JEHOVAH

Words by William Kirkpatrick
Based on Psalm 146
Music by Darwin Jordan



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to
3. Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, Sets the mourn - ing
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor' - ous prais - es, Of my God thru
be his aid; He is blest whose hope of bless - ing On the Lord his
pris 'ner free, Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, Makes the sight - less
ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor' - ous prais - es, Of my God thru



all my days. Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, Nor for help on
God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, Seas and all that
eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, And the stran - ger
all my days. O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, Thru all ag - es



man de - pend; He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,
they con - tain; He de - liv - ers from op - press - ion,
He be - friends, Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,
He is King; Un - to Him, thy God, O Zi - on,



And his pur - pos - es shall end.
Right - eous - ness He will main - tain.
Judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
Joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

“Why Is There Waiting At All?!”

Isaiah 1:18-20; 2:2-5

⁹ Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be eaten by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³ and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. Zech. 13:1

Capo 1: ♯ (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) ♯ (D) (A) (E)

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the - stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

(A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E⁷) (A)

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way;
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:
 till all the ran - sored church of God be saved to sin no more:

(E⁷) (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E)

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;
 be saved to sin no more, be. saved to sin no more;

(A) (D) (A) (D) (A) ♯ (E⁷) (A) ♯

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
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Benediction

John 14: 27

Pastor

Pastor: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight
at 6 pm in the church library.

Property Manager/Custodian Position

We are looking for a Property Manager and Custodian for FCCW as Justin & Stephanie Sterling are transitioning out of the position after three years of exceptional service. This position requires the person to work a flexible schedule, be able to handle a variety of tasks, and be a good steward of FCCW property. Please contact Steve Selbo at 802-299-6446 or e-mail him at steve.selbo@outlook.com for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias always add to the festive color of Christmas, and can be given as a memorial to a loved one and taken home after the Christmas Eve service. To order a 6" red or white Poinsettia call Carol Powell at 457-3833 before Dec. 13th.

December Coat & Food Drive

Volunteers are needed to help the COT with the outreach effort on Saturday, December 4 from 10am-Noon. This is a big outreach and it takes many people for it to be successful. If you have any friends who would also like to help, please invite them. It can be a fun volunteer day with our church!

Hayley Bauer needs to know in advance who is able to lend a hand. Specifically, help is needed to:

- Collect curbside donations- 4 people
- Carry the winter gear from curbside into the Billings room- 2 people
- Sort the clothing in the Billings Room- 4 people
- Sort canned food items outside- 2 people
- A driver to deliver food items to Woodstock Food Shelf- 1 person
- Drivers to drop off winter items to: Woodstock Elementary School, Upper Valley Haven, ABC House, Ottauquechee Health Center, David's House, and Woodstock Christian Child Care Center.

Volunteers are welcome anytime from 9:30am-1pm. Please contact Hayley to let her know how you can help at HayleyLGriffith@gmail.com or 785-727-0756.

Wassail Weekend

FCCW will be hosting two events on Saturday, December 11th. We will be handing out hot wassail outside in the courtyard (stay tuned for details) and there will be a carol-based concert inside from 3:00-4:00 pm. Join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are putting together the schedule for the next few months and would love to see your name on it. If you can help one or several Sundays please let Karis know at (207) 329-4190 or karis.warren@gmail.com.

Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at rbrissonwccc@gmail.com or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.
