

CHURCH STAFF

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!  
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in  
this place will know and experience the love,  
forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
January 29 2017*



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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*

**First Congregational Church**  
**January 29, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
*Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).*

Gathering #207 “We Have Come to Join in Worship” *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements *Ann Craxton*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Micah 6:1-8*

One: “Rise! Plead your case before the mountains,” says God.  
“In the presence of the rulers, the powers of the earth,  
tell me,

**All: “What have I done to you? How have I wearied you?  
I was the one who brought you out of Egypt,  
saved you from slavery, sent you great leaders,  
Moses and Aaron and Miriam.**

One: “I blessed you when other people wanted to curse you,  
led you through suffering into your land.  
So tell me. How have I offended you?” *(silence)* We answer:

**All: “What shall I sacrifice to turn away your wrath?  
Burnt offerings? a yearling calf? a thousand rams?  
ten thousand rivers of oil? my firstborn? my flesh?  
the fruit of my body to cover the sins of my soul?”**

One: God has told us, O children of clay, what is good.  
And what does our God require of us but this:

**All: Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.  
Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.  
Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.**

\*Hymn #617 “Near to the Heart of God”

Children's Time

Anthem “Offertory” *Beck*

Moments of Concern and Celebration  
(Please fill out a blue card in the pew)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Music  
\*Doxology (#815)  
Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #430 “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon “Blessed are . . .”

\*Hymn #424 “The Servant Song”

\*Benediction

\*Response #207 “We Have Come to Join in Worship” *vs. 3*

Postlude



**Next Saturday!**

**4:00 pm to 7:00 pm ~ In the Ladies Parlor**

**Bring something to share if you'd like. Games are provided or bring your favorite game to play with others.**

**Please bring a friend!**

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**Announcing the 214<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LITTLETON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

*This has been changed to the SECOND Sunday in February from the "usual" first Sunday. Annual Reports will be available in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**Our Church By-Laws (Article IX, Section 3) call for an annual meeting of the congregation for the purposes of:**

- Electing officials and committees
- Setting the budgets
- Reporting on the activities of the Church in the previous year
- Conducting any other business that would require the vote of the membership

The annual meeting serves not only to take care of the business of the Church, but to remind us of our obligations to this Church, our community, to the world and to God. In fellowship with each other and God, we have the privilege and responsibility to carry out these promises and to guide our congregation in the coming year. Please plan on coming to the annual meeting which starts with worship at 10:00 AM and the business meeting following in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a potluck following the meeting ~ Please bring your favorite thing to share!

**Annual Reports are available at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Notices for the week of January 29, 2017 – February 4, 2017**

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TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School  
 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
 Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
 Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Dinner Bell – All Saints Church  
 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
 Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
 Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall  
 Sat..... 4:00 pm ....Game Night – Ladies Parlor  
 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:**

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

***ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL***

*Rehearsals for the Ecumenical Choir Festival will begin on Sunday, Feb. 5th at the Methodist Church at 1:00 pm. Rehearsals will also be held on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and 19th with the concert on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. at the Methodist Church. If you love to sing but are unable to commit to the weekly regular choir, you are welcome to join us in the Ecumenical Choir. If you are interested, contact Maryann Langdoc at 603-444-5282.*

## January Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

**Jennifer LaFlam** – had Ct scans done on January 18<sup>th</sup> and there is no sign of cancer now. (Emily LaFlam)

**Jean Lange** – home and doing pretty well after physical therapy. (Emily LaFlam)

**Judy Jalbert** – has cancer and her mother just died. (June Davis)

**Arped Lind** – recovering from vocal cord cancer. (June Davis)

**Travis Gay** – cancer in lungs and kidney. (Judy Warden)

### Cancer

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| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)     | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)       |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)    | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)          |
| Peter Low (Tina Peabody)        | Joni Prell (Linda Warden)            |
| Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam) | Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles) |
| James Stewart (Tim Gould)       | Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)           |
| Ron Bolt (Alison Bolt)          | Tom Oleary (Bob Oleary)              |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Henrietta Aldrich (Ken Aldrich)  | Jean Kimball (David Weddington) |
| Marla Strong (Kim Smith)         | Betsy Bergen (Bob Muh)          |
| Aldyn Frenkiewich (Linda Warden) | Don Bliss (Judy Oleary)         |

## Family Concerns

Brian Muh & Epic Church (Alice Muh)  
Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)  
Heather Menzies (Doug Menzies)  
Annette & John Russo (Wilma Weddington)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Elizabeth Poliven (Ed O'Brien)  
Family of Wayne Chase (Emily LaFlam)  
Family of Linda Hall (Wayne Ruggles)  
Family of Nancy Aldrich (Linda Warden)  
Family of Joel Peabody (Tina Peabody)  
Family of Al Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)

### Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.*

*If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376.*

*If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.*

*\*\*Names listed without original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.*