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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  
February 5, 2017*

Pastor:  
**Rev. W. David Weddington**  
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**Music Director & Organist**  
Dorothy Morton

Wednesdays. 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.m.

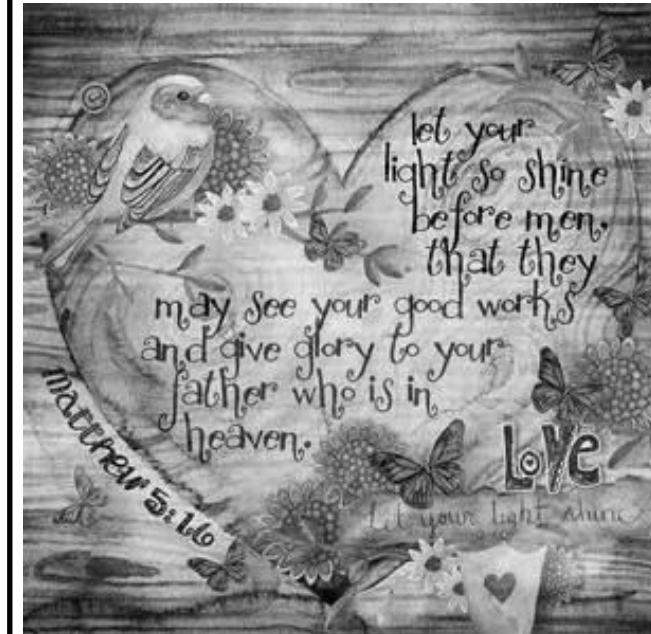
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Church office hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**February 5, 2016—Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**  
Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #431          Shine, Jesus, Shine          *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer          *Ann Craxton*

Prelude

Responsive Act of Confession          *Isaiah 58:5-12*

One: Is this the fast God wants from us? to pull a long face?  
make a show of our guilt? hang our heads and lie around  
moping in sackcloth and ashes? Is this acceptable worship?

**All: Isn't this the fast God wants from us:  
to release the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs  
of the yoke, and let the oppressed go free;  
to break every yoke, share our bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into our houses;  
when we see the naked, to cover them;  
not to hide from our brothers and sisters in need?**

One: Let us confess our sins to God,  
entrusting our lives to God's steadfast love.

**All: God, in your mercy, help us to face the truth about  
ourselves. We know we haven't lived the way you want us to  
live. We've injured one another seeking selfish ends; we've  
damaged your creation seeking profit and ease; we've  
neglected those who were most in need of our comfort, aid,  
and support. Forgive us, dear God, as we try once again to  
embrace the fast you want from us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
Gloria Patri #813  
Statement of Faith, United Church of Canada (insert)

\*Hymn          "This Little Light of Mine"

Children's Time

Choir Anthem          "Carry the Light"          *Twyla Paris*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer with Our Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

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

Scripture          Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon          "Let your light so shine!"

\*Hymn (*insert*)          "I Come with Joy"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn #415          "We Are Called to Be God's People"

\*Benediction

\*Response #431          "Shine, Jesus, Shine"          *vs. 3*

\* Postlude

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

**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.**

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***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.*

**Notices for the week of February 5, 2017 – February 11, 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  
Office Closed  
Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 1:30 pm ....Ladies Society Meeting – Ladies Parlor  
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..... 8:00 am ....Men’s Breakfast – Nielson Residence  
7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

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

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**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Karen Lord

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God  
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# February 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.

**Jean Lange** – has double pneumonia and in ventilation. (Emily LaFlam)

**Robin Derrington** – had a PET scan last Friday and the results showed that she is 100% in remission. (Neighbor of Emily LaFlam)

**Peggy Heatly** - had a heart attack and is awaiting surgery. (Marti Falkner)

## 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)      |
| Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles) | James Stewart (Tim Gould)      |
| Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)           | Ron Bolt (Alison Bolt)         |
| Tom Oleary (Bob Oleary)              | Arped Lind (June Davis)        |
| Judy Jalbert (June Davis)            | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)       |

## 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 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.*