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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  
March 5, 2017*

Pastor:  
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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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*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**

**March 5, 2017—First Sunday of Lent**

Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #23            The God of Abraham Praise            *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer            *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading            *Psalm 32*

One: Happy are those who know they are forgiven,  
who know that their sins have been pardoned.

**All: Happy are those who are free from deceit,  
who know God is not against them.**

One: When I kept silent, my bones ached from weeping;  
your hand lay heavy upon me.

**All: Then I confessed; I stopped hiding my flaws.  
I opened my heart and admitted it all,  
and you took away my guilt and my shame.**

One: Come pray to God, while God may be found,  
that the great flood of troubles will not reach us:

**All: You are our hiding place, good and loving God.  
You preserve us from trouble; you protect us.**

One: Learn from the wise, and walk in healthy ways,  
not like horses or mules that are ruled by the bit.

**All: Many are the pains of the headstrong and wicked;  
mercy surrounds those who put their trust in God.**

One: Be glad in God! Rejoice, all you who follow in God's ways,

**All: and shout for joy, all you whose hearts  
are open to God's love!**

\*Hymn #408            How Firm a Foundation

**\*Confession: God, we confess that we often close our hearts to the needs of the poor, to the refugee's plight. We let our anxieties conquer our love; we lose touch with you and our neighbors; forgive us, we pray. As we travel with Jesus, humbly obeying your life-giving voice as you speak through your Word, open our hearts to the love Jesus offers—to us and to all the people of the world. For we pray in his Spirit and in his holy Name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri #813

\*The Apostles' Creed (*insert*)

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" *Farrell*

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 4:1-11

Sermon            Surrender

\*Hymn #682            Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn (*insert*)    Lord, Who Through These Forty Days

\*Benediction

\*Response #23            The God of Abraham Praise

*vs. 3*

\* Postlude

**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR ADULT BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT**

We're going to be meeting for a time of reading and exploring Holy Scripture on the Sundays during the Season of Lent (March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2 and 9).

We'll gather at 11:30 in the Sunday School Room off the Choir Room to reflect on the Scripture Readings for the coming Sunday.

We'll be following a practice called Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)-- not an analytical reading so much as a prayerful reading, each of us opening our hearts to receive the special gift Holy Spirit wants to offer us through our pondering of these precious words today.

I'm hoping we can also do some journaling of our thoughts and feelings during the week as we ponder these readings at home, I'll have some blank notebooks available but feel free to bring your own if you have one you'd like to use.

You can find the readings for each Sunday at the following websites:

[www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu)  
or [www.ucc.org/worship\\_samuel](http://www.ucc.org/worship_samuel)

You might want to read them ahead of time; you might want to do some journaling, or not. Feel free to come whenever you can. I'm looking forward to time together, opening our hearts to the Spirit of God through the gift of the Word in this Holy Season of Lent.

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The Sunday School Children are collecting items on the above lists to help out local pets. (Please stick to the lists or money as space is limited and pets are on particular diets). In exchange for you kindness, join us for some Mardi Gras style fun!

**Notices for the week of March 5, 2017 – March 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  
11:30 am ....Exploring Holy Scripture – Classroom

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor

1:30 pm ....Ladies Society – Ladies Parlor

6:30 pm ....Choir Practice

7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

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:** Joyce & Phil Krill

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy Warden & Vivian Davis

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Back by popular demand! Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> NO Joke!**

**4pm - 7pm in the Ladies Parlor**

**Bring something to share if you'd like (but not required) a true Pot Luck.**

**There is no charge and bringing a friend is strongly encouraged!**

## March 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.

**Pat Whipple and her brother** – Pat has kidney disease and her brother is on dialysis. They need lots of prayers. (Emily LaFlam)

**Hannah Carbonneau** – loss of father. (Karen Carbonneau)

**Judy Jalbert** – pray her new kidney function improves and she can continue her chemo. Also, her congestive heart stabilizes. (June Davis)

### Cancer

Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)  
Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)  
Joni Prell (Linda Warden)  
James Stewart (Tim Gould)  
Ron Bolt (Alison Bolt)  
Arped Lind (June Davis)  
Travis Gay (Judy Warden)

Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)  
Peter Low (Tina Peabody)  
Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles)  
Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)  
Tom Oleary (Bob Oleary)  
Judy Jalbert (June Davis)  
Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather)

### Family Concerns

Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)  
Arthur & Kris Brooks & Family (Glenda Iles)  
Aaron & Gabriel Morton (Dottie Morton)

### Illness/Recovery

Peggy Heatly (Marti Faulkner)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Al Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)  
Family of Shirley Smith (Alison Bolt)  
Family of Nancy Lange (Bob Muh)

### 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.*

