

CHURCH STAFF

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*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire*

January 14, 2018

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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.*

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| <p>Pastor:<br/><b>Rev. W. David Weddington</b><br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:pastordavid@myfairpoint.net">pastordavid@myfairpoint.net</a></p> <p><b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br/>Dorothy Morton<br/>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Worship Service and Sunday<br/>School 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 11:15 a.m.</p> | <p>189 Main Street<br/>Littleton, NH 03561<br/>603-444-3376, Fax: 603-444-6589<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:fstcong@myfairpoint.net">fstcong@myfairpoint.net</a><br/><a href="http://www.1stconglittleton.org">www.1stconglittleton.org</a></p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday<br/>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>FCC Shining Lights Learning Center<br/>444-7379<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net">fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net</a></p> |
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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**

**January 14, 2018—Baptism of Jesus**

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

A reading from the Gospel: Mark 1:4-13

Gathering #217                      “Holy Ground”                      *vs. 1*

Welcome and Announcements                      *Ross Fairweather*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading                      Psalm 29

One: We honor your Name, O Holy One, our God—  
your glory, your light, your holy splendor!

**All: Over the waters, the voice of God thunders;  
powerful and majestic!**

One: The voice of God breaks the cedars,  
the ancient and mighty cedars of Lebanon!

**All: The voice of God makes the highlands skip  
like a yearling calf, like a young wild ox.**

One: The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire!

**All : The desert quakes, the wilderness shakes.**

One: The voice of God causes the mighty oaks to whirl,  
strips forests bare! In the temple we all say,

**All: “Glory to God. The Name of God be praised.  
Glory. Glory. Glory!”**

One: God sits enthroned; God rules above the flood;  
the Breath of God moves on the waters.

**All: God, give your people strength in these times!  
O God, bless your people with your peace!**

\*Hymn #486                      “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”  
*(We’ll sing the Refrain after the second and fourth verses.)*

Children’s Time

Anthem                      “Golden Harp”                      *Sacred Harp/Reese*

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

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music  
\*Doxology (#815)  
\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #390                      “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Scripture                      Acts 19:1-7

Sermon                      “Forgiven and Filled with the Glory of God”

\*Hymn #677                      “Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy”

\*Benediction

\*Response #217                      “Holy Ground”                      *vs. 2*

\*Postlude

*Lectionary readings for the coming week: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 62;  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:14-20*

**Announcing the 215<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LITTLETON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

*This is the SECOND Sunday in February.*

Annual Reports will be available in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 28<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.

**A pot-luck luncheon will follow. Please bring something to share!**

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**GAME NIGHT ~ Be sure to keep your insert as a reminder or share with a friend!**

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**SWING DANCE at the Littleton Opera House**

18 piece Swing North Big Band at the Opera House on

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 10 pm.

Tickets are \$20 per person.

Call Sue Pilotte at 575-5324 for more Information. Or visit:

[www.littletonoperahouse.com](http://www.littletonoperahouse.com)

[www.facebook.com/littletonoperahouse/](http://www.facebook.com/littletonoperahouse/)

**Notices for the week of – January 14, 2018 – January 20, 2018**

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TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class – Classroom

10:00 am ....Worship Service and Communion  
Sunday School

11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor

Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath

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

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

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

Thurs..... 7:10 pm ....COG – Classroom

Sat..... 2:00 pm to 6pm Game Night – 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:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy Oleary

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**DEACON’S FUND COLLECTION TODAY**

There will be a special collection today to benefit the Deacon’s Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance.

Envelopes for this specific purpose are included in the bulletin.

Thank you!

## 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.

Bob LaFleur's sister-in-law – cataract surgery did not go as it should have.

Doug Menzies – shoulder surgery last Friday. (Mary Menzies)

### Cancer

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| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Joni Prell (Linda Warden)          | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)          |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh)              | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)    |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)       | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)        |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)        |
| Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles)       | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis)    |
| Joyce Watrous (Glenad Iles)        | Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody) |
| Ginny Dickman (Judy Warden)        | Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster)   |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Jim Raylman (Linda Warden)      | Bill Hardy, Sr. (Tina Peabody)  |
| Madison Ferland (Karen Byron)   | Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)        |
| Johnny Suglia (Amy Sharpe)      | Barbara Creighton (Judy Warden) |
| Jean Kimball (David Weddington) | Parker Seekamp (June Davis)     |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Faye White  
Family of June Fitch

### 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.*



**Thank you to everyone who dedicated a poinsettia this year ~ the outpouring was spectacular!**

*~ Glenda Iles*