

CHURCH STAFF

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

January 28, 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><b>Pastor:</b><br/>Rev. W. David Weddington<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 28, 2018**

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

Gathering #293 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”  
*vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements *Ross Fairweather*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 111*

One: Come let us sing the praises of God!

**All: Come, all together, praise the Lord!**

One: With all of our heart, we thank you, O God,  
in the company of your faithful people.

**All: Great are your works, delightful, majestic!**  
**Your goodness endures forever.**

One: All the world praises your grace and your mercy;  
you give food to all who fear you.

**All: You never forget your covenant with us;**  
**you gave us the wealth of the nations.**

One: The works of your hands are faithful and just;  
your precepts, your laws, can be trusted.

**All: For ever and ever, your ways are established**  
**so that your people may do them.**

One: You send us redemption; your covenant endures;  
your name, God, is holy and awesome.

**All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**  
**all those who practice this truth understand.**

One: Come, let us sing the praises of God!

**All: Come, all together, praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn #3 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty ”

Children’s Time

Anthem “The Love of the Lord” *Wagner*

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 #686 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Scripture Mark 1:21-28

Sermon “. . . though the darkness hide Thee . . .”

\*Hymn #151 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\*Benediction

\*Response #293 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” *vs. 3*

\*Postlude

*Lectionary readings for the coming week: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.*

**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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**2018 Ecumenical Choir Festival**

**The concert will take place at Durrell UMC in Bethlehem.  
February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

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**Pancake Breakfast!**

**Here! February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am to 10:30 am**

**Sign-Ups in the Ladies Parlor**

**Notices for the week of – January 28, 2018 – February 3, 2018**

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TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class – Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service and 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  
 Sat..... 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:** Elizabeth & Mary Lopes

**Coffee Fellowship:** Cynthia Nielson

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Please send in your pictures and articles**

**for Steeple Talk by Tuesday. Thank you!**

**Contribution Statements were emailed and mailed out the  
First of the Year.**

If you did not receive yours or have any questions, please contact  
Pam in the office!

# 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.

**Bruce Swanson** – cancer and losing sight in one eye. (Judy Warden)

**Jennifer Gaudette** – fell down stairs – broken wrist and toe and bump on her head. (Tina Peabody)

## Cancer

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

## Illness/Recovery

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| Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)    | Jean Kimball (David Weddington) |
| Doug Menzies (Mary Menzies) |                                 |

## Family Issues/Concerns

- Janet Doyle (Glenda Iles)  
Margaret Whetstine & Mike Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Carrie Leigher (David 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.*

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