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

*December 24, 2017*

**OFFICERS:**  
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# Love

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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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Dorothy Morton  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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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**  
**December 24, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

Gathering #271 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” *vs. 1*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude “Ave Maria” *Schubert*

Lighting the Advent Candle: *Katerina Sourgiadakis and Tim Gould*

One: Last week we lit three candles,  
the candles of Hope, and Peace, and Joy;

**All: And thrilled by the light of this bright pink candle  
we shouted: Gaudete! Rejoice!**  
*(light candle)*

One: Today, with Christians all over the world,  
we light our fourth Advent candle.

**All: We light this candle for the vulnerable Child  
who is coming to embody God’s great Love.**

One: He will show us that Love is patient and kind,  
openhearted, generous and truthful;  
Love sticks it out; Love doesn’t give up;  
Love stays; Love never ends.

**All: And the Love of God shines in the gathering darkness;  
the Love of God shines, a beacon in the night;  
and the threatening darkness, no matter how it tries,  
will never overcome it. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn #275 “Sing We Now of Christmas”

Children’s Time

Anthem “Christmas Lullaby” *Rutter*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer

Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Gesu Bambino” *Yon*

\*Doxology (#815)

Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #292 “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1:1-14

Sermon “. . . and there was . . .”

Hymn #277 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Benediction

Response #271 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” *vs. 2*

*Special thanks to Alison Bolt and Jo Beth Dudley  
for sharing their musical talent with us  
this morning.*

*Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm  
148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40*



## Wreath Dedications

*Elaine Stroop: In loving memory of loved ones*

*Karen Lord: In memory of Francis & Pauline Prescott/Lyman Lord & Leona Smith  
In honor of all organ & tissue donors*

*Wilma & David Weddington: In memory of William VanVeldhouse & Walter Weddington, Sr.*

## Notices for the week of December 24, 2017 – December 30, 2017

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TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class – Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service  
 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
 Mon..... Office/Shining Lights – Closed for Christmas  
 Tues..... Office/Shining Lights – Closed for Christmas  
 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
 7:00 pm ....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall  
 Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
 Pastor’s Vacation to 1/3/2018  
 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:**

**Coffee Fellowship:**

**Flowers:** Merry Christmas to all from Emily & Reg LaFlam

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### SPECIAL OFFERING DECEMBER TODAY



# December 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.

**Barry Jacobson** – middle of radiation treatments. (Wilma Weddington)

## 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)   |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Harry Hatch (Ross Fairweather)  
Family of Faye White

## 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) |                                 |

## 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.*

