

CHURCH STAFF
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Director: Ms. Melissa Kam
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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*

*December 31, 2017*



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| <b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br>Dorothy Morton<br>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.                                                     | ~~~~<br><b>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday</b><br>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Worship Service and Sunday<br>School 10:00 a.m.                                                                                           | ~~~~<br><b>FCC Shining Lights Learning Center</b><br>444-7379                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Coffee Fellowship 11:15 a.m.                                                                                                              | E-mail: <a href="mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net">fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net</a>                                                                                                                                             |

*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 31, 2017**

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

Gathering Music# 188      “Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer      *Emily LaFlam*

Prelude

Responsive Reading      Based on *Psalms 148*

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights!

**All: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!**

One: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord!

**All: For he commanded and they were created. And he established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

One: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

**All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn #21      “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Special Music

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

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

Scripture      Luke 2: 22-40      *Mary Menzies*

“A Miracle on Christmas Eve”      *Emily LaFlam*

Christmas Carols      (chosen by the congregation)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Thank you to Emily LaFlam and Mary Menzies who are leading our worship this morning*

*Happy New Year!!*



**\$646.25 has been collected for this fund to date. Thank you!**

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**If you haven't sent Pam your 2018 committee budget already, please send to her by Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> so that she can prepare the draft for the Council meeting on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Committee Reports for the Annual Report are due to Pam on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank you.**

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**\$1,300 has been collected for the special Christmas Eve fund which benefits the **Emergency Fuel Assistance** program of Catholic Charities. Thank you everyone!**



**The Community Outreach Group** is meeting on Thursday at 7:15pm in the classroom. Please join them ~ everyone is welcome!

**Notices for the week of December 31, 2017 – January 6, 2018**

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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 New Years
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs..... 7:15 pm ....COG Meeting – Classroom
- 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:** to the Glory of God

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**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>.

## 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.

Pat Whipple's brother, **Ted** – he had four hernia operations and now has a bowel blockage. Surgery is the last resort. (Emily LaFlam)

**Parker Seekamp** – had a grand mal seizure. Pray they find the cause and cure it. (June Davis)

### 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) |                                 |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Harry Hatch (Ross Fairweather)  
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.*

