

CHURCH STAFF

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

March 11, 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.*

**Pastor:**  
Rev. W. David Weddington  
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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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Church office hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.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 11, 2018**

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

Gathering #544 "My Faith Still Holds"

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Ephesians 2:1-10*

One: For by grace we have been saved through faith; that's all.

We were born in a selfish and violent world;  
we were selfish and violent by birth.

**All: We lived to please our senses;  
we were trapped in our desires;  
children of wrath, we wandered; we were lost.**

One: But then, by the gift of your mercy, O God,  
by the gift of your kindness and love,

**All: even when we were dead in our sins,  
you made us alive together with Christ—  
By grace we have been saved!**

One: And you raised us with him, and you gave us a home,  
and you showered us with the immeasurable wealth  
of your grace, of your kindness toward us.

**All: For by grace we have been saved through faith;  
that's all. Not by our doing, not by our works.**

One: This grace is a gift. We are what you have made us,  
created anew in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: By grace, we are finally able to do  
the good works you intended for us from the start.  
For by grace we have been saved through faith;  
that's all. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn #343 "Amazing Grace"

Special Music

Children's Time

We Welcome New Members: *Dan and Kathy Kiefer*

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Prayer of Welcome and Sung Blessing

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.**

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) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture

John 3:14-21

\*Hymn (insert) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Sermon "O Come and Bathe Your Soul in Healing Light!"

\*Hymn #604

"I Then Shall Live"

\*Benediction

\*Response #544

"My Faith Still Holds"

\*Postlude

## Palm Sunday Cake Walk Planned to Benefit the Shining Lights Community! March 25<sup>th</sup>



This month our focus is on our neighbors downstairs, Shining Lights!! Shining Lights is a very special mission of the church, as we gift the children a space to grow and learn in a loving community. While we share a space, it is not often that members of the church and the families of Shining Lights have an opportunity to interact. We hope that our Palm Sunday Cake Walk will allow members of our two very special communities to have a little fun together and raise some money!! Shining Lights Families will be asked to sign up to make cakes. If any church families would like to contribute a cake or other fun dessert, please talk to a member of CE. We hope that we can all come and walk to the walk together so get those dollars ready and prepare to have some fun! 😊

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One Great Hour of Sharing supports projects that break the cycles of poverty, hunger and thirst, as well as providing aid during times of crisis. One Great Hour of Sharing changes lives and gives people a future filled with hope.

The bulk of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to support water, hunger, disaster relief and empowerment programs. Focusing on these four areas allows One Great Hour of Sharing to address some of the root causes of suffering in our world.

Your gifts make hope possible. **Special Offering: March 18<sup>th</sup>**

## Notices for the week of March 11, 2018 – March 17, 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..... 4:30 pm ....Finance Meeting – Ladies Parlor  
 5:30 pm ....SLLC Board & CE following – Classroom  
 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..... 7:15 pm ....COG – 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:** Elizabeth & Mary Lopes

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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*Lectionary readings for the coming week: Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
 Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.*

## 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.

**Mike MacKillop** – had surgery to remove cancer and more has shown up. He really needs our prayers at this time. (Brenda & Ross Fairweather)

**Matt Byrne** – rare form of skin cancer in lymph nodes also. Surgery Monday. (Tina Peabody)

**Pam McBean & Maggie Michaud** – Pam has bone cancer. Her daughter, Maggie, is caring for her. (Marti Faulkner)

**Keegan** (infant) has been diagnosed with Optic Nerve Hypoplasia. The MRI showed less deterioration than first thought, but will become blind as he gets older. (Friend of Glenda Iles daughter)

### Cancer

Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  
Judy Dean (Alice Muh)  
Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)  
Doreen Degenerica (June Davis)  
Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden)  
Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody)  
Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster)  
Richard Price (Alice Muh)  
Donna Cruickshank (Linda Warden)

Travis Gay (Judy Warden)  
Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)  
Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)  
Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles)  
Joyce Watrous (Glenad Iles)  
Ginny Dickman (Judy Warden)  
Bruce Swanson (Judy Warden)  
Barbara Sarafini (Linda Warden)

## Family Issues/Concerns

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

### Illness/Recovery

Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)                      Jean Kimball (David Weddington)  
Marlene Baker (Judy Warden)              Vern Davis (June Davis)  
Phil Tomashek (Marti Faulkner)              Audrey Nester (Alice Muh)  
Johnny Suglia & Family (Amy Sharpe)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Ginny Dickman (Linda Warden)

### 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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