

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
January 9, 2022

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Prelude "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" *Rev. Starring*

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Responsive Reading *Acts 2* *Mary Menzies*

One: At Pentecost, Peter stood up with the 11, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Men of Israel, listen to this:

All: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to your by miracles, wonders and signs which God did among you through Him as you yourselves know.

One: This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the Cross. But it was impossible for death to keep hold of Him for God has raised Him to life.

All: Since God has exalted Him to the right hand of God, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus Whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

*Hymn #320 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns *Mary Menzies*
Prayer and Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

*Doxology (#815)

*Hymn #323 "At the Cross" *(vs. 1 & 3, chorus)*

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 *Mary Menzies*

I want to remind you of the GOSPEL by which you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you.

Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried and was raised to life the third day, according to the Scriptures.

*Hymn #323 "At the Cross" *(vs. 4 & 5, chorus)*

Special Music #315 "Were You There?" *Rev. Starring*

Psalm 22 *Mary Menzies*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?

All who see Me mock Me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "Let the Lord rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him."

All My bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within Me.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.

A pack of villains encircles Me; they pierce My hands and My feet.

All My bones are on display; people stare and gloat over Me. They divide My clothes among them.

Sermon "The Gospel of the King" Ps.22 *Rev. Starring*

*Hymn #324 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*Benediction *Hebrews 13:20-21* *Rev. Starring*

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

We Welcome Rev. Mac Starring to the pulpit and piano this week.

Lectionary readings for Sunday, January 16, 2022:
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Please note: Our guest leader, Ernest Shipman, may or may not use these texts.

*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.*



January Prayer Requests

Dorothy Usher	Karen Carbonneau
Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden
Denys O'Brien	Virginia Hyatt
Judy and Ed Warden	Anna Searles
Roberta Lavoie	Kim Antonucci
Heather Walker	Karen Lord

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. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status. Contact Pam in the office, 603-444-3376 or Elaine Pollak, committee member of The Caring Tree, 802-633-3669.

Reminder! If the holidays found you busy and you haven't had a chance to send in your 2022 pledge, please send it in now. The Finance committee and Council are meeting next week to work on the 2022 budget. Forms are in the back of the sanctuary or you can call in or email your pledge to the office.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their pledge already.

Mary Menzies, Stewardship Chair

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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.

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