Sunday 10:27 a.m.September 6, 2020Pastor: Gary KiontkePhone: (978) 660-7557Guitar: Debi KiontkeSeptember 6, 2020

Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:18-20 (NJB); Acts 1:9-11 (NAS)

** **Open Song:** #572 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

****** Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)

We pray to experience nearness with God: ** #437 *"Nearer, My God, to Thee"*

Scripture: Philippians 3:15-21

Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We desire to follow Christ to The cross: ** #426 "*Lead Me to Calvary*"

Message: *The* ID *card for citizens of heaven is the cross they carry*

We prepare our hearts for Communion: ** #265 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Responsive Reading (See Bulletin Insert) Celebration of the Lord's Supper

** Closing Hymn: "In Christ Alone" (See Bulletin Insert)
** Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (KJV)

** Congregation Please Stand

We welcome you to our Sunday worship service.

People arriving after 10:15 are encouraged to join in singing to The Lord, or to focus on The Lord by reflecting on the words of the songs, or otherwise communing with God.

This Week at the Church

<u>Thursday</u>	4:30 PM Prayer in FCC Parlor
<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM Music Team Practice
	10:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship
	Saints stand firm, working together with the same mind

The *Discovery Bible Study* at 9:00 AM in the parlor is now on hold. A ten-page Bible study on submitting to Christ is available for independent study. See July *Vestry Voices*.

Our Thursday evening prayer meetings have resumed with social distancing.

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually. A video of our worship (on a one week delay) airs on Comcast (Xfinity) Clinton channels 8 and 99 on Mondays at 8:00 PM, Tuesdays at 6:30 AM, and Sundays at 5:30 AM. To listen to last week's sermon: Go to fccclintonma.org. On the left hand side go to 'Blog Postings' and click on 'Sunday Services'. Under 'Sunday Service – month, day, year' hit the prompt 'Continue Reading ->'. This will bring up PDFs of the Bulletin and Sermon Outline as well as two audios. Click on the big arrow on the left and it will start to play.

Mature saints are waiting for transformed bodies from The Lord

Philippians 3:15-21

Notes:

Prayer: To have a request included in the **Pastoral Prayer**, phone the church office and leave a message any time before 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. *Or*, fill out a green '*Prayer Request*' card on the back table as you come in and give to Pastor Gary up front before 9:25 AM.

Boxtop\$ for Education: See the downstairs bulletin board. If you are not doing this, consider starting now – either for your own children, or children in the church family.

Text for the week:

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:5-11 (RSV)