

Our Service of Worship on the Lord's Day (Rom. 12:1 – NAS)

Sunday 10:15 a.m.

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: *Psalm 85:8-13 (NAS)*

** **Opening Song** #208 *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"*

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession: (See Bulletin Insert)

We sing of the birth of the Prince of Peace:

** #197 *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*

Scripture: *Malachi 3:1-6; 4:1-3, 5 and Luke 1:68-79*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Lighting of the second Advent candle: *PEACE*

We sing of the peace of God born in Bethlehem:

** #200 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Message: *The Lord gives light to those who delight in Him*

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:** #191 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

** **Benediction:** *Revelation 1:1-6 (RSV)*

** 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

Thursday

3:00 PM -- *Prayer in FCC Parlor*

Sunday

9:30 AM -- *Music Team Practice*

10:30 AM -- *Sunday Morning Worship*

Those who repent bear fruit with joy

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.

The Christmas gifts for residents of Sterling Village are due at the church by Sunday, December 20.

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.

The Lord will suddenly come again to deliver peace fulfilled

Malachi 3:1-6; 4:1-3, 5 and Luke 1:68-79

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:

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: ‘We have a strong city; He sets up walls and ramparts for security. Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter, The one that remains faithful. The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in Thee. Trust in [Yahweh] forever, For in [Yah Yahweh, *we have* an everlasting Rock. For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the unassailable city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it to the dust. The foot will trample it, The feet of the afflicted, the steps of the helpless.’

Isaiah 26:1-6 (NAS)