

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m.

December 13, 2020

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: Psalm 126 (KJV)

**** Opening Song #188 "O Come All Ye Faithful" (NOT verse 3)**

**** Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession: (See Bulletin Insert)

We sing of the joy of God come down from heaven:

**** #192 "How Great Our Joy"**

**** #206 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18 (KJV)

**** #626 Nicene Creed**

Lighting of the third Advent candle: JOY

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We testify in song that joy comes from giving all to Jesus:

**** #219 "As with Gladness Men of Old"**

Message: *Jesus baptizes with The Holy Spirit and fire*

**** Closing Hymn #194 "Joy to the World!"**

**** Benediction: Revelation 19:1-8 (NAS)**

**** Congregation Please Stand**

We welcome you to our time of worship this morning. Thanks for being with us today!

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 4:30 PM -- *Prayer in the parlor*

Sunday 9:30 AM -- *Music Team Practice*

10:30 AM -- *Communion Sunday Worship*
God's LOVE is shown through His humble servant

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.

Those who repent bear fruit with joy

Luke 3:7-18

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 the preacher up-front before 10:25 AM.

Text for the week:

What profit is there to the worker from that in which he toils? I have seen the task which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves. He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor -- it is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has *so* worked that men should fear Him.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-14 (NAS)