

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

**Sunday 10:15 a.m.**

**December 27, 2020**

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***Jesus Is Lord***

**Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 40:10-16 (NJB)**

\*\* **Opening Song #218** “*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*”

\*\* **Invocation**

**Congregational Prayer of Confession: #657** *Sing Joyfully*

***We sing of the peace for sinners found only in Jesus:***

\*\* #208 “*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*”

\*\* #191 “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”

**Scripture: Titus 3:3-7 (NAS)**

\*\* #626 **Nicene Creed**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Jesus gives joy, truth and grace for sins, sorrows and thorns:***

\*\* #194 “*Joy to the World*”

**Message:** *The gift of Jesus must be received  
and used daily*

\*\* **Closing Hymn #200** “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

\*\* **Benediction: Revelation 3:9-12 (NLT)**

\*\* **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 gift of paradise is lost without Jesus***

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*.

Articles for the January, 2021 *Vestry Voices* are due tomorrow, December 28, 2020.

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](http://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.

# ***God gave The Savior according to His Mercy***

*Titus 3:3-7*

## ***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:***

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the LOVE of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own LOVE toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

***Romans 5:1-8 (NAS)***