

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. January 3, 2021
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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: *Psalm 104:1, 5, 10-15 (NJB)*

** **Opening Hymn:** #64 "*For the Beauty of the Earth*"

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)

Sinners call other sinners to Jesus:

** #389 "*Softly and Tenderly*"

Scripture: *Genesis 2:4-7, 15-17, 3:1-8 & Luke 11:1-4 (NAS)*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We confess we approach God only through the death of Jesus:

** #264 "*Nothing but The Blood of Jesus*"

Message: *Only those staying IN Jesus keep God's Spirit*

We prepare our hearts for Communion:

** #260 "*Come Share The Lord*"

Responsive Reading (See Bulletin Insert)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

** **Closing Hymn:** #333 "*Only a Sinner (Saved by Grace)*"

** **Benediction:** *1 Peter 2:6-10 (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*

***We are created to work side-by-side
to care for creation***

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.

God's gift of paradise is lost without Jesus

Genesis 2:4-7, 15-17, 3:1-8 & Luke 11:1-4

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:

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:1-5 (KJV)