

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

**Sunday 10:27 a.m. December 19, 2021**

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*Jesus Is Lord*

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

\*\* **Prelude:** #250 “*Wondrous Love*”

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 46* (KJV)

\*\* **Opening Hymn** #71 “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

\*\* **Invocation**

*Congregational Prayer of Confession (Bulletin Insert)*

*We sing of Jesus, The Light of the world:*

\*\* #221 “*O Christmas Tree*”

**Scripture:** *Matthew 1:18-25 & Psalm 23* (KJV)

**Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*We testify to LOVE incarnate dwelling with us:*

\*\* #215 “*O Harken Ye*”

**Responsive Reading:** *Isaiah 43:1-5* (NAS, See *Bulletin Insert*)

Light Advent Candle of **Immanuel-Love**

**Message:** *Jesus is born of God and a woman*

*We prepare our hearts for Communion:*

\*\* #265 “*Let Us Break Bread Together*”

*Responsive Reading (Bulletin Insert)*

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

\*\* **Closing Hymn:** #455 “*In Heavenly Love Abiding*”

\*\* **Benediction:** *Isaiah 41:8-10* (NAS)

\*\* **Postlude:** #185 “*Emmanuel*”

\*\* 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**

**Wednesday** 6:00 PM -- *Life of Christ Bible Study*

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

**Friday** 7:00 PM -- *Christmas Candlelight Service*

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

10:30 AM -- **Sunday Morning Worship**

*Jesus The Messiah is the son  
of Abraham and of king David*

The Bible Study on ‘*The Life of Christ*’ is every Wednesday at the church at 6:00 PM. There are handouts with the texts and discussion questions. It will also be available via Zoom for those who want to participate that way. The link will be sent to all who request it at: [glkiontke@aol.com](mailto:glkiontke@aol.com).

*Vestry Voices* articles for January are due Tuesday December 28.

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually.

Go to: [www.facebook.com/pg/FCCClintonMA](http://www.facebook.com/pg/FCCClintonMA) at 10:27 AM on Sunday mornings to watch the worship service live. The video of the service is also available to watch at any time.

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 [fcclintonma.org](http://fcclintonma.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 LOVE is shown  
through Immanuel (God with us)***

*Matthew 1:18-25 & Psalm 23*

***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.

***Text for the week:***

Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make *it* deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!' Then he said, 'Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows *enough* to refuse evil and choose good. For before the boy will know *enough* to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken. The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah, the king of Assyria.'

***Isaiah 7:10-17*** (NAS)