Our Service of Worship on the Lord's Day (Rom. 12:	<u>2:1 – NAS)</u>
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Sunday 10:27 a.m.	December 12, 2021
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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

- ** Prelude Song: #351 "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" Call to Worship: Psalm 43 (KJV)
- ** Opening Hymn: #194 "Joy to the World"
- ****** Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)

Responsive Reading: *Isaiah 51:1-6* (NAS, See *Bulletin Insert*) Light Advent Candle of **Light-Joy**

We praise God for His Light which gives us joy:

** #400 "Be Thou My Vision"

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

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-11 & Matthew 12:15-21 (KJV)

Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We thank God for Jesus born in us:

** #200 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Message: God delights to bring justice to people

- ** Closing Hymn: #191 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
- ** Benediction: Colossians 1:15-20 (NAS)
- ** **Postlude Song:** #86 "Clap Your Hands"

** 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

<u>Monday</u>	11:00 AM Norma Gonet memorial service
Wednesday	6:00 PM Life of Christ Bible Study
<u>Friday</u>	7:00 PM Movie Night
<u>Sunday</u>	9:30 AM Music Team Practice
	10:30 AM Communion Sunday Worship
God's L	OVE is shown through Immanuel (God with us)

The memorial service for Norma Gonet is Monday in the sanctuary at 11:00 AM.

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: <u>glkiontke@aol.com</u>.

We are showing our monthly movie on Friday night at 7:00 PM.

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually.

Go to: 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 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.

Jesus came to bring light to all people

Isaiah 42:1-11 & Matthew 22:15-21

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:

The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient, Nor did I turn back. I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. For the Lord God helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint. And I know that I shall not be ashamed. He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me. Behold, the Lord God helps Me; Who is he who condemns Me? Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them. Who is among you that fears the LORD, That obeys the voice of His servant, That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. Behold, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with firebrands, Walk in the light of your fire And among the brands you have set ablaze. This you will have from My hand; And you will lie down in torment.

Isaiah 50:4-11 (NAS)