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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. December 25, 2022

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** Prelude Song: #197 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Call to Worship: Psalm 40:1-5 (KJV)

** **Opening Hymn:** #216 "Go Tell It in the Mountain"

** Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)

We sing about God's grace proclaimed to the shepherds:

** #299 "Amazing Grace"

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

Scripture: *Luke* 2:8-20 & *Psalm* 123:1-2 (KJV)

** #626 Nicene Creed:

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

The life we live is our greatest testimony to Jesus:

** #133 "I Then Shall Live"

Message: Seeing God fulfill His Word leads to glorious praise

** Closing Hymn: #322 "I Love to Tell The Story"

** Benediction: Acts 13:21-31 (NAS)

** **Postlude Song:** #203 "Ring the Bells"

** 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 3:00 PM -- Psalms Bible Study - Psalm 33

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:30 AM -- Communion Sunday Worship
Those who follow Jesus call others to follow

Vestry Voices articles are due no later than Tuesday at noon. (We are giving an extra day due to Christmas, so noon is a hard deadline!)

Our Wednesday Bible Study on *Psalms* has begun. We meet at 3:00 PM on Wednesdays.

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.

Those who encounter The Savior will tell others about Him

Luke 2:8-20 & Psalm 123:1-2

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:

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters *them*. *He flees* because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10:11-15 (NAS)