

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. December 3, 2023

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** **Prelude:** #449 *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Call to Worship: *Psalm 80:1-7 (KJV)*

** **Opening Hymn** #187 *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession (Bulletin Insert)

We praise Jesus for His love that caused Him to die for us:

** #295 *“Blessed Assurance”*

Scripture: *Jeremiah 33:10-18; Mark 8:27-29 (KJV)*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We worship because we cannot comprehend the price Jesus paid:

** ----- *“Here Am I to Worship” (Bulletin Insert)*

Responsive Reading: *Isaiah 46:8-13 (RSV, See Bulletin Insert)*

Light Advent Candle of **Hope-Justice**

Message: *Jesus is The Anointed King (Messiah)*

We prepare our hearts for Communion:

** #258 *“We Come as Guests Invited”*

Responsive Reading (Bulletin Insert)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

** **Closing Hymn:** #191 *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

** **Benediction:** *Matthew 12:18-21 (NLT)*

** **Postlude:** #245 *“We Are the Reason”*

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

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

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

PEACE: Adonai comforts with gentle power

Be sure to consider the options for our next mid-week Bible study, and let your first three choices in order be known. And please feel free to choose a topic of your own first.

Joy has asked us to do something different for Sterling Village residents this year. She is only asking for three categories of gifts: stuffed animals, body wash and calendars. She would like equal amounts of each. See details on sign-up sheet and *Vestry Voices*.

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 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.

HOPE: *The Eternal King from David will do justice*

Jeremiah 33:10-18; Mark 8:27-29

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:

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace ...

Micah 5:2-5a (RSV)