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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. December 24, 2023

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** **Prelude Song:** #133 "I Then Shall Live"

Call to Worship: Psalm 57:1-5 (KJV)

** **Opening Hymn:** #218 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

** Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)

We sing in great wonder over God's saving Love:

** #213 "Away in a Manger"

** #210 "I Wonder as I Wander"

Scripture: *Luke 1:67-80*; *Psalm 113* (KJV)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We call others to know The Savior:

** #215 "O Hearken Ye"

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

Light Advent Candle of Love-Emmanuel

Message: God lifts up the lowly

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

** **Benediction:** 1 Corinthians 1:28-31 (RSV)

** **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

Thursday 3:00 PM -- Prayer in parlor

Friday 7:00 PM -- Movie Night

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:30 AM -- Sunday Morning Worship

God's Son is The King who calls followers to Himself

Be sure to make your first three choices in order be known. Feel free to choose a topic of your own first.

We are showing the monthly movie on the fifth Friday this month. See the December Vestry Voices for details.

Articles for the January Vestry Voices are due Tuesday, January 2.

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.

LOVE:

Salvation comes from God's mercy

Luke 1:67-80; Psalm 113

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:

For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:23-28 (NAS)