

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m.

December 7, 2025

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

**** Prelude:** #199 “*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*”

Call to Worship: *Psalm 72:1-4* (KJV)

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

**** Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession: (Bulletin Insert)

We sing of the Holy Spirit taking us from rebellion to life in Jesus:

****** #152 “*O Breath of Life*”

Scripture: *1 Samuel 19:11-24 & Psalm 35:1-6* (NEB)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We tell Jesus we are ready to leave our darkness for His peace:

****** #369 “*Jesus, I Come*”

Message: *David asks Yahweh to pursue those pursuing him*

Responsive Reading: *Isaiah 52:1-8* (NAS, See Bulletin Insert)

Light Advent Candle of **Peace-Comfort**

We prepare our hearts for Communion:

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

Responsive Reading: (Bulletin Insert)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**** Closing Hymn:** #208 “*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*”

**** Benediction:** *Ephesians 2:13-16* (RSV)

**** Postlude:** #150 “*Spirit of the Living God*”

**** Congregation Please Stand**

We welcome you to our time of worship this morning. We seek to have ‘full body’ worship through congregational singing and prayers in unison or responsively. We also look to God's Word to inspire us to make the changes necessary in our everyday lives to do what He has called us to do to demonstrate our love to Him by loving our neighbors.

This Week at the Church

Wednesday 11:00 AM -- Bible Study – Angels

Thursday 3:00 PM -- Prayer in the parlor

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:30 AM -- Sunday Morning Worship

***God delights when His people pledge mutual kindness
throughout generation***

The Bible study on *Angels* continues this Wednesday.

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.

The Holy Spirit can overcome those bent on evil

1 Samuel 19:11-24 & Psalm 35:1-6

Notes:

Text for the week:

‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”. But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven ...’

Matthew 5:38-45a (RSV)