

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m.

December 14, 2025

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

**** Prelude: #206 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Call to Worship: Luke 2:8-11 (KJV)

**** Opening Hymn #214 “Good Christian Men Rejoice”**

**** Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession (Bulletin Insert)

We sing about brother-sister love in Jesus' Church:

**** #144 “There’s a Quiet Understanding”**

**** #138 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 20:1-23 & Psalm 103:17-19 (KJV)

**** #626 Nicene Creed**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We sing to the Savior from sins, who loves us:

**** #200 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6 (NAS, See Bulletin Insert)

Light Advent Candle of Joy-Light

**Message: Yahweh loves those who obey Him in faith
from generation to generation**

**** Closing Hymn: #194 “Joy to the World”**

**** Benediction: Isaiah 9:1-3a (KJV)**

**** Postlude: #113 “Rejoice in the Lord Always”**

**** 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 11:00 AM -- Midweek Bible Study ‘Angels’

Thursday 3:00 PM -- Prayer in Parlor

Friday 7:00 PM -- Movie night

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:27 AM -- Communion Sunday Worship

Because of Jesus' sacrificial love, we can love

Dennis Magee of the Gideons will give us an update on their ministry next Sunday, the LOVE Sunday of Advent, December 21.

The midweek Bible study on ‘Angels’ continues on Wednesday at 11:00 AM.

The monthly movie will be shown this Friday evening. See the December *Vestry Voices* article, for details.

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.

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

1 Samuel 20:1-23 & Psalm 103:17-19

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:

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: ‘Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:14-17 (RSV)