

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m.

December 28, 2025

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** **Prelude:** #299 “*Amazing Grace*”

Call to Worship: *John 15:13-16* (RSV)

** **Opening Hymn:** #82 “*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession (*Bulletin Insert*)

We need Jesus' love because we need human love:

** #169 “*I Need Thee Every Hour*”

** #250 “*Wondrous Love*”

Gideons update: Dennis Magee

Scripture: *1 Samuel 20:24-42 & Proverbs 17:17* (NEB)

** #626 **Nicene Creed**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We declare in song that Jesus is our solid foundation:

** #179 “*How Firm a Foundation*”

Message: *Friends always love, even in adversity*

** **Closing Hymn:** #138 “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”

** **Benediction:** *Proverbs 27:10* (NAS)

** **Postlude:** #24 “*Be Still and Know*”

** 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 All week -- *Happy New Year*

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

10:30 AM -- *Sunday Morning Worship*

*Fleeing far from human enemies
can also distance from God*

We are having no meetings this week meetings because of New Years Day.

Articles for the January *Vestry Voices* are due Monday, December 29.

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.

Friendships survive forced separation

1 Samuel 20:24-42 & Proverbs 17:17

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:

And she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law’. But Ruth said, ‘Entreat me not to leave you or to return from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God; where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if even death parts me from you’. And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Ruth 1:15-18 (RSV)