

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

**Sunday 10:27 a.m.**

**January 4, 2026**

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**Pianist: [on CD]**

***Jesus Is Lord***

**Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit**

\*\* **Prelude:** #412 “Draw Me Nearer”

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 43:1-5* (RSV)

\*\* **Opening Hymn** #433 “Near to The Heart of God”

\*\* **Invocation**

**Congregational Prayer of Confession:** (*Bulletin Insert*)

**We are grateful for sins forgiven in Jesus:**

\*\* #338 “My Savior’s Love”

**Scripture:** *1 Samuel 21:(1-15) & Psalm 56:(1-13)* (NEB)

**Pastoral Prayer**

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

**We declare our trust in God through peace and sorrows:**

\*\* #453 “It Is Well with My Soul”

**Message:** *When enemies oppress, trust in God delivers from fear*

**We prepare our hearts for Communion:**

\*\* #258 “We Come As Guests Invited”

**Responsive Reading:** (*Bulletin Insert*)

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

\*\* **Closing Hymn:** #479 “God Leads Us Along”

\*\* **Benediction:** *Colossians 1:11-14* (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**

***Helping God’s chosen can anger wicked rulers***

The Bible study on *Angels* resumes this Wednesday.

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually.

Go to: [www.facebook.com/pg/FCCClintonMA](http://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](http://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.

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

*1 Samuel 21(:1-15) & Psalm 56(:1-13)*

### ***Notes:***

#### ***Text for the week:***

O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt. But I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more. My mouth will tell of thy righteous acts, of thy deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come, I will praise thy righteousness, thine alone. O God, from my youth thou hast taught me, and I still proclaim thy wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, till I proclaim thy might to all the generations to come.

*Psalm 71:12-18 (RSV)*