

Sunday 10:27 a.m. **January 11, 2026**
Pastor: Gary Kiontke **Phone: (978) 660-7557**
Pianist: [on CD]

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: *Psalm 52:1-5* (RSV)

** Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession (Bulletin Insert)

We sing of being chosen in Jesus:

** #68 “*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*”

** #328 *“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”*

Scripture: *1 Samuel 22:1-10 & Psalm 52:1-5 (KJV)*

**** #626 Nicene Creed**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We challenge ourselves about our commitment to Jesus:

** #518 “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

Message: *God will bring ruin to those who plot evil*

**** Closing Hymn: #513 “Lead On, O King Eternal”**

**** Benediction:** *Psalm 37:1-10* (RSV)

**** Postlude: #103 “*He Is Lord*”**

**** Congregation Please Stand**

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.

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

Thursday 3:00 PM -- *Prayer in Parlor*

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

10:27 AM -- *Communion Sunday Worship*
Helping God’s chosen can lead to death

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

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.

Helping God's chosen can anger wicked rulers

1 Samuel 22:1-10 & Psalm 52:1-5

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:

Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Psalm 40:1-4, 13-14 (RSV)