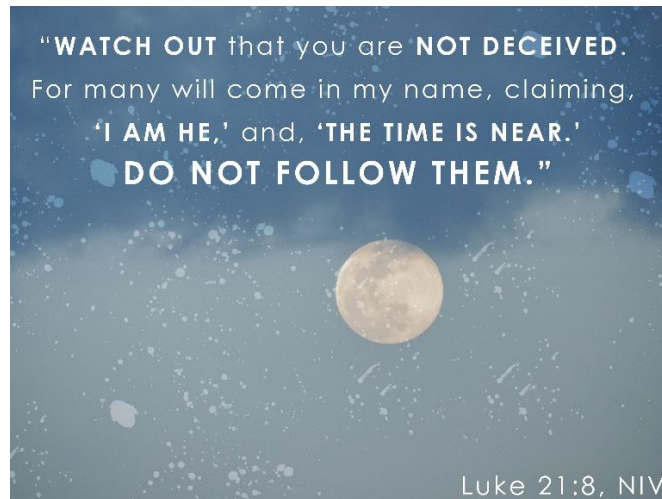


First Congregational Church of Berlin
Berlin Corners, Vermont
An inclusive, open & affirming church
Pastor Doug Cameron
Christopher McWilliams, Music Director

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

November 16, 2025



WE GATHER TOGETHER

*Indicates that you may stand

RINGING OF THE BELL / LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *The Peaceable Things* by Clay Christiansen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT Tatum's Totes Holiday Gift Drive, Joni Verchereau

INTROIT *Hallelujah!* **FCCB Choir**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

P: Thus says our God, the Holy One.

L: Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.

P: Celebrate all that is coming to you.

L: For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.

P: And your suffering will be overtaken by new life.

L: You shall build homes and live in them;

P: plant gardens and eat from them.

L: Whenever you call, I will answer.

P: When you cry out, I will come.

L: Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.

P: Everything will become a new creation.

***HYMN** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* **TWC # 78**

INVOCATION (unison)

Loving and Merciful God, we give you thanks. You bring us strength, when we feel weak; courage, when we cannot stand. You fill our hearts with your glory and bless our being with your grace. You protect our lives. In your care, not one hair on our heads shall perish, nor the smallest flutter of peace perish in our souls. Amen.

ANTHEM *There Is A Joy* by Robert Leaf **FCCB Choir**

WE LISTEN TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:5-19

pew Bible p. 856

***HYMN** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* **TWC #651**

MESSAGE “Questions for the Faithful: Living Luke 21 in Our Time”

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (See also our Prayer List)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER in song (TWC #632)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Flow Gently, Sweet Afton* **Lotta Suter, violin**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SERVE TOGETHER

***HYMN** *Clap Your Hands* **TWC #23**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Flute Voluntary* by Joe Utterback

*The vision of First Congregational Church of Berlin is to be a friendly, inviting spiritual home
that practices the deep caring of Jesus within the congregation and in the wider community.*

**Please join us for coffee time following worship this morning,
held in the Parish Hall Community Room.**



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Joys: Jeanine is back home currently, Gary & Linda have a new great grandson, Donna is back with us, Dalton's new job.

For FCCB family & friends: Shannon (Thanna's and Barbara's granddaughter), Donna C., Andy & Carole & Ian L., Karen (Nancie's friend), Lesley, Eli, David O., Logan C., Donna and Peter, Ray and Cindy Cyr, Dan H., Jordan's son, Nancy Z., Yolanda, Pastor Doug's sister and niece.

For the loss of a loved one, the families of: Kathleen Clow, Peter Roux, Judith Hebert, Cheryl Markham.

For our members and friends in residential and independent care facilities: Jeanine, Jamin, Elaine, Anita, Sandy, Ann, Renata, Marvie, Toni, Sue, Steve

For our World: food shelves & support services (and those who work there) as government funding continues to affect those services, victims of mass shootings, storms that surround our country and world, starvation in Gaza, Ukraine, homeless communities in VT, all those battling cancer, mental illness, domestic violence and substance abuse.



Pastor Doug's Office Hours

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Announcements

- Today – 3 pm Installation Service for Pastor Doug, reception to follow
- November 16 to December 7 – Tatum's Totes Holiday Gift Drive; see last page for details!
- Choir rehearses at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays.
- Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at the church or on Zoom.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 19 – 4:30 to 6:30 Elevate the Groove United on the Dancefloor; the 50th Birthday of Green Mountain United Way and Elevate Youth Services; see invite on next page
- Sunday, Nov. 30 – 2 to 3 pm Melissa Perley's cello students will be playing holiday music at Woodridge Rehab & Nursing Facility. Everyone is invited to attend and sing along with the residents.
- November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

Join Us on Zoom for worship: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101553827>
Meeting ID: 891 0155 3827 Passcode: 1808 1-646-558-8656



Many neighbors are experiencing food supply insecurity currently. Here are some ways YOU can help:

Donate money, gift cards, or food/supplies
Volunteer at food shelf or community kitchen

See hand-out on Narthex table for more information.



DEACONS FUND

An anonymous monetary collection to financially and confidentially help members of the church and community when emergency needs are made known to a member of the Deacons Fund Committee or the minister. *(see envelope in pew)*



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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." ✠ That they may all be one. ~ John 17:21



Tatum's Totes Holiday Gift Drive 2025

Our Advent mission drive again this year is to partner with The Green Mountain United Way (GMUW) and Tatum's Totes to provide gifts for 28 children in Vermont's foster care program to receive at Christmas.

- Please visit the Advent Owl wall hanging located in the Narthex to select a child. Please feel free to take more than one child if you wish. ***I should have the tags and Advent Owl ready by Nov. 16.***
- Write your name next to the child(ren) you choose on the Master List spreadsheet hanging near the Advent Owl. **The tag # is the second printed line on the tag (example GMUW#: B1)**
- The pocket numbers on the Advent Owl don't necessarily match the number assigned by GMUW. I have used a blue and pink highlighter in the upper left corner of the tags to designate if the tag is for a boy or girl.
- **Please don't lose the child's tag, you will need to attach it to the bag that you place the items in in order for GMUW to identify each child's bag of gifts.**
- **Please also attach a separate piece of paper with the value of the gifts so we can accurately give a total gifts value to GMUW.**
- In order to sponsor a child, we are asking that donors provide age-appropriate gifts from the child's interest and needs list on the tag. The Tag we provide will include details about the child's age, gender, interests and needs. Some include favorite color and preferred clothing style.
- **PLEASE don't wrap the gifts**, instead place in gift bags with the Tatum's Totes Gift Tag stapled to the outside of the bag. If you don't have access to a gift bag you may use a different type of bag as long as the items are not wrapped and the tag is on the bag.
- All items will need to be dropped off at the church by **Sunday December 7, 2025**. Please contact Joni Verchereau (javo968@ymail.com) with questions.