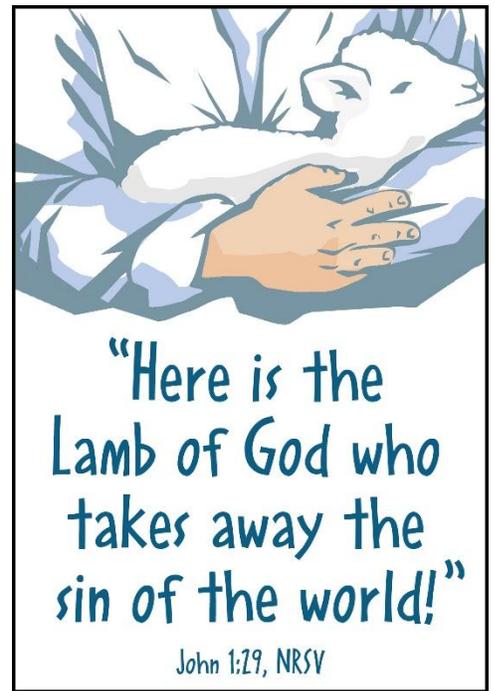


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Berlin Corners, Vermont
An inclusive, open & affirming church
Pastor Doug Cameron
Christopher McWilliams, Music Director

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January 18, 2026



WE GATHER TOGETHER

RINGING OF THE BELL / LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *Réverie*, by Peter I. Tchaikovsky

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Rise and Shine* FCCB Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: Can you hear God's call?

P: Christ's voice is heard far and near.

L: Can you discern God's Word?

P: Christ calls one and all.

L: God speaks of light and life.

P: Christ loves the mighty and the small.

L: The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.

P: We are called into fellowship together.

***HYMN** *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord* TWC #320

*Those who are able may stand

INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, as we gather in Your name, open our eyes to see Your glory and our hearts to receive Your grace. Be present among us in word, song, and silence, and shape us into a people who reflect Your light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM *The Berlin Song*, music by William D. Bartlett **FCCB Choir**

WE LISTEN TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

pew Bible p. 926

John 1:29-42

pew Bible p. 862

***HYMN** *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* **TWC #298**

MESSAGE “Come and See the Light”

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 *Sing Low, Sweet Chariot*, arr. H.T. Burleigh **Rob Griffin, tenor**

***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

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WE DEPART TO SERVE TOGETHER

*HYMN *Christ Beside Me* TWC #543

*BENEDICTION (responsive)

L: Sing a new song as you leave this place.

P: **We go in the love of the One who strengthens us.**

L: Heed the call that stirs within you.

P: **We go in service of our call to follow Christ.**

L: Walk forth as saints of God.

P: **We go in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.**

L: Bring hope to the ends of the earth.

P: **We go to be a light to the nations.**

POSTLUDE *Begin the Beguine*, by Cole Porter



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.**

Announcements

- Today the FCCB Council meets
- Choir rehearses at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays
- Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at the church or on Zoom.



The collection for **January** is infant items small enough to fit in a diaper bag.

Examples: hygiene items, bottles, rattles, bibs, diapers, wipes, board books.

Please leave donations in designated basket in the Narthex.

Thank you!

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Joys: Lotta is grateful for the vigil (held for Renee Nicole Good) and shared words of hope that the power of love overcomes the love of power, the Lions Club packed 30,000 meals for families in need

For FCCB family & friends: everyone dealing with the current round of colds/flu/Covid, Melissa “Bidey” W. hospitalized with Covid, Ian L., Andy L. with new health issues, Kathryn L. recovering from surgery, Erin M., Stewart & Denise C., Donna C., Dan H., Denise R., Marilyn (Rick’s sister), Paul in California, Kevin G., Arthur and Nancy Z., Brenda C., Shannon (Thanna’s and Barbara’s granddaughter), Donna C., Karen (Nancie’s friend), Lesley, Eli, Logan C., Donna T. & Peter H., Ray and Cindy C., Jordan's son, Yolanda, Pastor Doug's sister and niece.

For the loss of a loved one, the families of: Tatiana Schlossberg (environmental journalist and granddaughter of JFK), Karen Robbins, Marion Baker, John Gailmor, Virginia Collins, Bonnie Jalbert, Kathleen Clow, Peter Roux.

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: the people of Venezuela and our service people there, victims of recent mass shootings, all military service people, food shelves & support services (and those who work there), 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.



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

Pastor Doug’s Office Hours: Wednesdays, 10-2; also available to visit in homes.

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