

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation: “This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

ORGAN PRELUDE

[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 108** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord’s Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is holy!

We gather to listen for God’s word, to discern God’s will, to worship with God’s people.

This day is holy because!

We are members of Christ’s body, Christ’s family, Christ’s church.

This day is holy because it comes!

The Spirit of God is upon us, and we have been anointed to bring good news to all.

This day is holy because it comes from God!

May the words in our mouths and the thoughts in our hearts delight you, O God.

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

You gather us from our separate lives, Great God, to hear your word and respond to your revealing. We seek your guidance, your wisdom, your way. Help us to perceive and understand your path, and then to follow you faithfully as your people. Bind us together with you in worship. Alive with your Spirit in this place, hear our prayer, *Our Father, who 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 glory forever. Amen.*

***HYMN NO. 154** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

LET THE CHILDREN COME

[After this, FCC KIDS may go to their classes.]

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21

NT 74

SERMON “This Is the Year of the Lord’s Favor”

OFFERTORY

Anthem *Glory and Praise*

Schutte

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 26** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 336** *Go With Us, Lord*

***POSTLUDE**

*Those who are able, please stand

Visitors - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them.

Please turn off your cell phones.

Please note! Print-outs of the day’s sermon are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

Greeters are Linda Dalton and Carol Mills.

Ushers are Carol Andersen, Jim Endress, Susann Patterson, and Lee Turner.

Lay reader is Cynthia DiMestico.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Fay Hamre in loving memory of her parents and her sister.

Deacons of the Month are Shirley Hines, Cathy Holmes, and Evelyn Johnson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour will be held today thanks to the efforts of the Choir. We thank them.

The Church Council has voted to postpone the **313th Annual Meeting** one week to Sunday, February 6. They hope the omicron variant will have subsided to the point where members will feel comfortable attending an in-person meeting. A quorum of 50 is needed to conduct business. While a Zoom meeting is an option, Council would rather have an in-person annual meeting.

Pledge Statements for 2021 are now available on a table in Fellowship Hall. The statement will not automatically be mailed. They will be held until April 15, 2022, at which time they will be destroyed. If you cannot get to the church and wish to have yours mailed, please call Martha in the office.

Pledge Envelopes for 2022 are also available on a table in the hall. Envelopes were not provided for anyone not returning a pledge card for 2022 – we need to have a better idea of how many boxes of envelopes we should order for 2023. There are also pledge confirmation letters for those who pledged but requested no envelopes.

The **Board of Christian Outreach** is excited to report that the congregation has raised over \$1,300 towards Outreach's \$2,000 matching grant program for the local Habitat for Humanity project. Ten Habitat homes will be built in Falmouth over the next few years – six are currently under construction. Outreach will match, up to \$2,000, all contributions from congregants toward this worthy cause. This is a great opportunity to get a start on your charitable giving for the new year. This program will remain open until the end of January 2022. We are enthused about the opportunity this offers to make affordable housing a bit more available in our town and very thankful for the generous contributions you have made-to-date toward this effort.

Plans are being made to complete the beautiful **ceramic wall** in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Therefore, this will be the last chance to contribute a tile for the wall. Many have been given in honor or memory of a loved one. Tiles are \$100 each and can accommodate up to 35 characters. Request forms can be found on the Opportunity Wall. Please complete and give the form with a check to Martha in the office. **Deadline for ordering is January 31.** We hope to have the wall completed by the end of February.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Jan 23	11:30 a.m.	Good Shepherd Project
Mon., Jan. 24	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues., Jan. 25	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (via Zoom)
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong (online)
Wed., Jan. 26	10:00 a.m.	Outside Playtime
Thurs., Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 6 313th Annual Meeting of the church –
immediately after the service of worship

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Falmouth, Massachusetts of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.



We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. Nursery care is available throughout the service - please speak to an usher. Children and youth in FCC KIDS will leave the service after the children's message. If you would like to share a prayer of joy or concern, we invite you to write them down on the podium outside the sanctuary entrances. During the *Moment of Greeting* we invite everyone to fill out the fellowship pad and pass the pad down your pew and back again.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister