

First Congregational Church of St. Albans (FCC) is a welcoming community of spiritual seekers, believers, and doubters.

Please know that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

To create an open and loving community that encourages a joyous exploration with God.

To work together to care for and nurture the wider community.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as a community resource church is to provide a safe place for spiritual exploration and personal growth. To affirm the value of each person and to meet them where they are.

To connect to the community through personal service, giving, and pastoral care.

Please feel free to contact us:

Administrative Office: Tuesday - Friday 9am-2pm

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours: Friday 9:30am - Noon

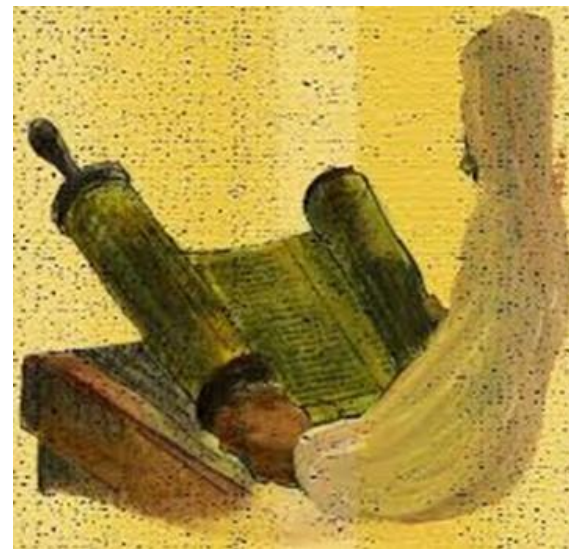
Email: pastorjessica@firstcongregationalstalbans.org

For urgent, pastoral matters outside of regular office hours, call Pastor Jessica at 207-632-5544.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST OVER THE LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 1079 ON SUNDAYS AT 4 PM.

Scripture Reader: Nancy Holland

Acolytes: Mykala Pryor and Ada Sanders



"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

JANUARY 26, 2025

10 AM

REV. JESSICA MOORE, PASTOR

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CENTERING WORDS:

Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear.

— Catherine of Siena

❖ BEGINNING OF SERVICE ❖

THE PREPARATION*The beginning of the prelude is a call to enter into the spirit of prayer and community.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP Come and Fill Our Hearts (Taizé)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace,***You alone, O God, are holy.******Come and fill our hearts with your peace,******Al-le-lu--ia!***MORNING PRAYER¹ (Unison)

Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. By it, form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world where none are poor and where every weight is lifted. Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Yes, bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Welcome to all visitors: We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and are strengthened by your participation in our service!

If you are new to First Congregational Church of St. Albans, please sign the guest book in the narthex (main entrance of the church).

If you would like more information about our church and its programs or would like to receive our Morning Reflections, and weekly e-newsletter, "From the Manse," please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the Offering tray (be sure to include your email address).

After the service please join us for fellowship, conversation, coffee, and refreshments.

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

¹UCC, WORSHIP WAYS

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Mission Highlight**The Welcome Home Initiative:**

First Congregational Church of St. Albans is a founding member of the Welcome Home Initiative (WH). WH provides people transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties of Vermont with new- home essentials (mop, broom, dishes, cleaners, trash can, pots & pans, etc.), personal items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.), and nonperishable food items.

The Welcome Home Initiative is a collaboration among:

Franklin/Grand Isle CVOEO- Community Action
 First Congregational Church of St Albans
 Grace Episcopal Church, Sheldon
 St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Albans
 Sheldon Interfaith Food Shelf
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Swanton
 Congregational Church of So. Hero
 Our local Girl Scout Troop

WH works with local housing case workers from:

F/GI Community Action
 Voices Against Violence
 Samaritan House
 Restorative Justice Center
 Pathways
 Reach-Up
 Spectrum Youth and Family Services

First Congregational Church functions as the fiscal agent, collection center and pick-up hub for the program. WH serves on average 6-7 individuals/families to be housed a month.

HYMN*

God Is Here!

(1,2,3) NCH 70

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION¹ (Unison)

O Love that will not let us go, interrupt our familiar inertias leading down paths of distraction and discouragement. Let today's Sabbath pause gift a freeing grace impossible to imagine on our own. By Your abundant outpouring of Spirit lighten every burden carried from yesterdays past. Cleanse the lens of our hearts, that we may see more clearly your vision of a world made new. Yes, forgive us and free us for this delight you yearn to offer, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Blessed Quietness* William J. Kirkpatrick
 Arranged by Peter Amidon

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:13-21

MORNING REFLECTION

Good News

HYMN*

Great Is Your Faithfulness NCH 423

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

D. Welpton

PASTOR'S PRAYER~

LORD'S 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Scottish Psalter, 1615

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE DEPARTURE

HYMN*

For the Beauty of the Earth

NCH 28

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Special Note of Gratitude From All of Us At FCC:

- ★ Greg Beeman Thank You for your continued leadership of Open Mic Night!
- ★ Stephen McLaughlin and Bailey Brown Thank You for filling-in on piano while Stephan was away.
- ★ John and Jonah Boomhover, Jonathan McDonald, Greg Beeman, and Park Newton Thank You for keeping the clock wound and on-time!

Martha's Kitchen Collection:

- ★ Coffee
- ★ Ice Tea Mix
- ★ Sugar
- ★ Powdered Creamer

Congregational Information Meeting February 9th

Join us after church for our quarterly informational meeting. This is a great time to find out what is happening and to share ideas about the direction you would like to see FCC take. Everyone is welcome. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER!

Zoom Bible Study: Companionship on the Road

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm

Jan 29

Luke 21-20

Contact Pastor Jessica for the link

Online Giving:

Wi-Fi:

Fellowship Hall
fellowship123

