

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:

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Pastor Jessica takes her Sabbath on Mondays.

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: Alan Shannon

Acolytes: Mykala Pryor and Ada Sanders



"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

10 AM

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CENTERING WORDS:

In our deepest moments we say the most inadequate things.
– Edna O'Brien

❖ BEGINNING OF SERVICE ❖

THE PREPARATION

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

PRELUDE *Lift Every Voice and Sing* J.W. Johnson (1899)

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)

**Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt
whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing
grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance.
Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk
answering your invitation to begin again. Give us the courage
to trust the command of Christ to put out into the deep, even
when it doesn't seem to make sense. Answer our trust with
Your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising.
Bless us with this of You as we gather in the name of Jesus.
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*

Glory, Glory Hallelujah (1,2,5,6) NCH 2

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION¹ (Unison)

Holy One, it is easy to succumb to weariness when our work has seemed to yield little goodness. Hope-crushing night can seem so long. Yet You call us to keep putting out into the deep, facing the reality of our emptiness. Sometimes it is of our own making. At other times, pressures beyond have submerged us to the point of losing our breath. So we release everything to you. We pray that Your promised forgiveness will continue to be trustworthy and true. Let it raise us up for some work of abundance made possible by your grace. We pray this in the name of the one You raised to life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5: 1-11

MORNING REFLECTION

Get Moving

HYMN*

This is the Day of New Beginnings (1,3,4) NCH 417

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*

Carry The Light (please see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Hymn to Freedom

O. Peterson

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- ★ Rich Guzman Thank You for donating the beautiful Dyson Vacuum!
- ★ Rachael Carr Thank You for the Hot Lunches!
- ★ Ira Wilkins Thank You for shoveling the Entrance!

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!

Open-Mic Night

February 15

7-9 pm

Pot-Luck Dinner

Zoom Bible Study: Companionship on the Road

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm

February 12

Luke 6: 17-26

Contact Pastor Jessica for the link

Online Giving:

Wi-Fi:

Fellowship Hall
fellowship123

