

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:

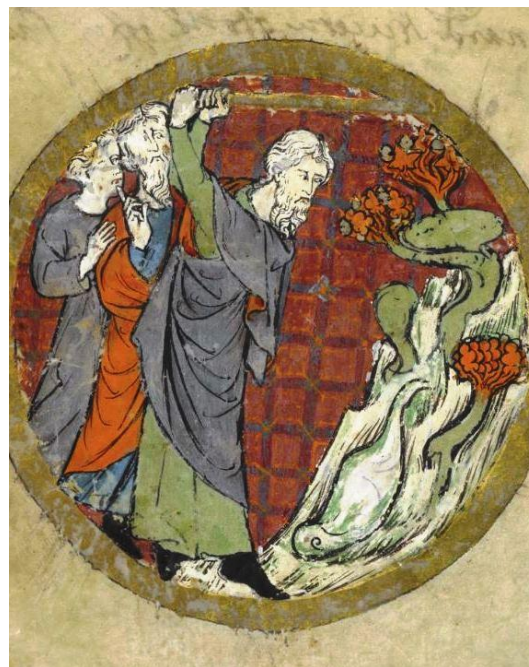
Friday 9:30am-2:30pm and by Appointment

Email: pastorjessica@firstcongregationalstalbans.org

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

Please note that Monday is Pastor Jessica's day off.

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



"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

10 A.M.

REV. JESSICA MOORE, PASTOR

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CENTERING WORDS:

*The harvested fields bathed in the autumn mists speak of
God and his goodness far more vividly than any human lips.*

– Albert Schweitzer

❖ 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 *Here in This Place*

**Holy One, may your presence here open our minds.
May your Spirit among us help us to find
You are rising up now like a fountain of Grace
From the Holy Ground.
Here in this place. Here in this place.**

MORNING PRAYER ¹ (UNISON)

**Living Water, we delight in your presence. You sustain us
in dry moments and seasons. Quench our thirst for word
and revelation. Let your Spirit flow among us. Send a river
of anointing, power, and encouragement in this assembly.
We come to worship you and declare that you are with
us...and we are with you. 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).

THIS SERVICE IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS PARTICIPATION OF:

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Jessica Pecor

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: Park Newton

SCRIPTURE READER: Mara Vijups

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

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

¹ UCC WORSHIP WAYS

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Mission Highlight**The Welcome Home Initiative (WH):**

First Congregational Church of St. Albans is a founding member of 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.)

The Welcome Home Initiative is a collaboration among:

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
 St. Martin's of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community
 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
 NCSS

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*

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds NCH 393

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION ¹ (UNISON)

Holy Presence, you demonstrate the way of love and community, yet so often we turn immediately to quarrels and complaints against one another and against you rather than helpful ways of communicating and confronting conflict. Teach us to be loving even as we struggle. Stir up compassion and accountability in our interactions. Remind us that you are with us even through tests, trials, and disappointments. Transform us with trust and care to be faithful and to seek you in prayer when we feel driven to quarrel and complaint. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

ANTHEM

TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

CONTEMPORARY READING

from *A Slower Urgency* by Báýò Akómoláfé

REFLECTION

The Blessing Is

HYMN*

In The Midst of New Dimensions (1,3, 5) NCH 391

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER:

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord. D. Welpton

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE ~

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* *Go Now In Peace* Insert

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- ★ Greg Beeman - Thank you for painting all the outdoor spots that need it so badly. . . especially the back door!
- ★ Chauncey Scates and Sandy Cristman - Thank you for cleaning, painting, and generally making beautiful all the old daycare rooms.
- ★ Paula Kane, Jan Johnson, Alice Drislane, and Chauncey Scates - Thank you for working on the financial side of our rental needs!
- ★ Stephen McLaughlin - Thank you for replacing the doorbell!

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of Doris Hughes.

Sounds of the Season Presents:

Fiddlehead Hollow
October 18 @3pm

The Aha! Art Club:

Thursdays at Noon

Looking for a creative outlet? Join us. Instruction, materials, and good cheer available. No experience necessary. Donations welcome.

Mindful Awareness with Jonathan:

Thursdays at 10:30am

ZOOM Bible Study:

Back on Sept. 30!

Text: Matthew 21: 33-46

Online Giving: QR Code

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