

Shared Mission- Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ

March 4, 2018

✠ please stand as able

PRELUDE/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* Hymn #514

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen. Hymn #620

✠ **INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER** (Debts)

RESPONSIVE READING #658

ANTHEM *"Father Hear the Prayer We Offer"*

HYMN *"People Need the Lord"* Hymn #527 (twice)

LENTEN TESTIMONY

CALL TO GIVING / OFFERTORY *"Why?"* Choir

✠ **DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen Hymn # 623

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NOTICES

✠ **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *"We've A Story to tTell to the Nations"* Hymn #524

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Timothy 3:1-15**

MESSAGE **True Leadership**

✠ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"* Hymn #387

APOSTLES CREED

LORD'S SUPPER

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

The Steeple Lights in March are lit to the Glory of God and in celebration of CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY. *"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" "Hosanna in the highest"* (Mark 11:9-10)



If you would like to light the steeple lights in memory of someone special, please contact the church office.

Anyone wishing to order flowers please contact the Flower Committee - Lisamarie Pajunen at 603-642-9087 or LMPajunen@comcast.net

Stay Connected! First Congregational Church offers audio and video recordings of the sermon on our website. Go to www.kingstonfcc.org and look under Worship for more information. This is a great way to stay connected if you miss a weekend!



Would you like up-to-the-minute info about what's happening at FCC? Send your email address to churchoffice@kingstonfcc.org and we will be happy to keep you informed! Printed copies of the twice weekly emails are available from the church office.

Get connected with FCC online! Sign up for a **Portal** account today! Log into our Church website and;

- See the online **Church Directory** with pictures (please upload your picture today)
- **Update** your email, phone, and other info from your computer
- See the detailed church **Calendar**
- Subscribe or un-subscribe from **Church e-mail lists**
- **Give Online** and get contribution statements

The Portal page on our website is available and encouraged for all members and regular attenders of FCC. A lite version of Portal is available on your smart phone by downloading the free app "My Church" from Elexio. If you would like to register for a Portal account or have questions, please contact Tom Dangremond at fusionadmin@kingstonfcc.org or the church office.

To re-enter the Meeting House during the worship service, please use the front doors when weather permits.

Reminder: Food and drinks should not enter the Kingston Meeting House unless for health or small children's needs. Thank you, Worship Support.

Attendance Info 2/25/2018: Newton-48 Kingston 8:45- 137; 10:30-101

Our Shared Mission - Reach a Lost & Hurting World

The names on the Prayer List are updated at the beginning of each month. If you wish to add or continue a request, please write your prayer request on the Fellowship Pad or contact the Church Office at 642-7256 or churchoffice@kingstonfcc.org.

Kathie Cox –restored to full health
Lil Hewey-health / cancer
Karen Jillson – eye problems
Carol Beal-cancer has returned
Beth French-brain surgery recovery
Hannah, 20 yo-cancer (Chalmers)
Janice Schum-restored to health/very ill (Danisevich)
Nancy Hinz – needs hip replacement
Amy MacLauchlan –cancer surgery healing
Sue Osgood – shoulder surgery healing

Nancy Lowry-chemotherapy
Jean Fisher – mass in throat (Harris)
Stephen Ministry training
Paul LeCain – chronic leg pain
Bill Daenz-restored kidney health
Lidia Perez-hospice (Belschner)
Jim Cadarette – cancer (Brickett)
Cher Spaulding –hip/knee injury-healing
Greg Herbert – hip replacement
Tari-cancer (Chalmers)

Service Men & Women:

All Military service men & women
Michael Theberge—Navy
Mark Theberge –Coast Guard
Owen Ricker – Air Force
Sgt. Ed Fongeallaz
Chris Tidd –back in the USA
Sgt. Durston – Afghanistan
Ian Rouleau-Air Force
Dan Berkowitz-Army
Thomas Bartle – Army/Middle East

International Workers:

Luke & Becca Perkins – Haiti
Rachel Collins - Haiti
Christ to the Villages, Nigeria
Mission School of Hope, Africa
Charles Nyane – Ghana
Thom & Sherry Cahill - Africa
Peter Sollazzo – 10/40 window

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Employment Opportunity at FCC

Immediate Opening for Part-Time Church Office position (10-12 hours to start)

Primary responsibility for assisting in administrative details of church ministry /operations including communication, calendar maintenance, document preparation, recordkeeping and providing support to the pastoral staff. Applicant must be a committed Christian, well-organized, a great communicator, Microsoft Office proficient, a fast learner and a positive person. Please send your resume, a short description (200 words or less) of why you feel you are right for this position to elaine@kingstonfcc.org . The deadline to apply is April 1, 2018.

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Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed! Sign up today!

New to First Congregational Church?

Welcome! We hope you feel right at home here at First Congregational Church. We look forward to meeting you. Please fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack or gift bag. **Please join us for fellowship following all worship services.** Free Bibles, Our Daily Bread devotional booklets and visitor bags are available in the entryway. For more information, please visit our website at www.kingstonfcc.org.

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The Lord's Supper is celebrated monthly (typically the first Sunday) at First Congregational Church. We hold to an "open" Lord's Table meaning that all who have confessed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of this meal which signifies our Communion with Christ and our unity in Him with one another. We respectfully ask that others refrain from partaking until they have confessed Christ in this personal manner. Note: *All of the bread on the serving tray is gluten free.*

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First Kids –Sunday School

Sunday School is available for children in preschool through 8th grade during the 8:45am service. All students will start in the worship service with their families then are dismissed to class. Children through third grade must be picked up by an adult following the worship service. Grades 4-8 will be dismissed by the teacher.

Classroom assignments for the 8:45am Service:

Preschool (ages 3-5)...	Room 5	4 th & 5 th ...	Room 6
K & 1 st ...	Room 7	6 th ...	Library
2 nd & 3 rd ...	Room 8	7 th & 8 th ...	Room 2
HS girls ...	2 nd floor	HS boys ...	2 nd floor

Children are welcome to stay in church with their family. If your child is still learning how to sit quietly in church, you are welcome to sit in the Rent Fellowship Hall to view the service on the screen. Coloring pages are available near the front door.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha Trainor, Director of Children's Ministries at 642-7256 or martha@kingstonfcc.org. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome!

Nursery care is available for children to age 3 during both Sunday services. Care is located downstairs in Room 3 marked Nursery. Pagers are available for parents during the service. There is a TV in the nursery where the service can be seen and heard.

Our Shared Mission - Teach the ways of the Lord



Mission Potluck Supper | March 11th at 5pm | Kingston

Come Eat with Friends & Family ... please bring a dish to share (that feeds your family plus a few more)

Guest Speakers: Jeff & Julie Robie & Jo Ann will be sharing their recent trip to WORD ALIVE in Ghana (West Africa)

- Learn about this mission in Ghana:
- How they are ministering to the community
- Pastoral care & church planting
- Orphanage & Elementary school
- Nursing school
- Bible College & so much more...
- Needs in the ministry, physical & prayer
- Experiencing ministry in Africa Program

Sponsored by your Missions Team - Arrangements Hosted by King Cong Youth



All 7th-12th graders welcome to join us at the Kingston Campus. For more info, contact Gwen Citarella at gwen@kingstonfcc.org

- **Sunday, 3/4** Roots, 5:30-7:30: Doors open at 5:15 for Nerf and hangout time. Our activities tonight will focus on the value of grace.

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Circle of Christian Women | Mar. 10 | 7:30-9am | Kingston Campus

All ladies are welcome to join us this month as we gather together to: Share joys & challenges...Encourage one another...Develop relationships. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Berthel (sberthel@gmail.com) or Cindy Wellington (cindywellington@comcast.net).

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Men's Breakfast | Mar. 10 | 8:00-9:00am | Kingston Campus

All men are welcome to join us for a delicious breakfast of French toast, sausage and fresh fruit. The coffee will be ready at 7:15am and breakfast served at 8am and the program will be from 8:30-9am. We continue to collect needed items for local homeless veterans and would gladly accept donations of warm hats, mittens, socks, dry beans, white rice, canned food with flip tops, granola bars and D batteries for flashlights.

GriefShare | Tuesdays, March 6 - May 29
1-3pm | Kingston Campus



Church and community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to register for the GriefShare program. This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Grief-related books/materials are made available for participants to borrow. To pre-register, go to www.griefshare.org and follow the "Find A Group" feature. Questions? Contact Pastor Shea at shea@kingstonfcc.org

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Christianity Explored | Mondays beginning 4/16 | 7pm | Kingston

Christianity Explored is an informal 7-10week course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. Looking at Mark's gospel, it explores who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him. Christianity Explored is primarily for anyone who wants to investigate Christianity informally with a group of other people. Whether you have previous experience of Church, Christians and the Bible, or none at all, this course is for you. Everyone is welcome. After the first session, you can decide to continue with the rest of the course or not (no pressure!). Optional study guides are available for \$5 each. Contact the church office (603)642-7256 or churchoffice@kingstonfcc.org to reserve your spot.

Daylight SavingTime begins on March 11th. Please remember to move your clocks ahead one hour.



True Leadership
1 Timothy 3.1-15

Introduction:

I. The Called

II. The Character

- A. Faithful in m_____
- B. D_____ and sober
- C. H_____
- D. Non-violent and P_____:
- E. P_____

III. The Calling

- A. They were s_____ a_____ (Titus 1.5)
- B. They were not a r_____ c_____ (3.10)
- C. They were shown h_____ (5.18)
- D. They were held a_____ (5.19-22)
- E. They were e_____ (4.12)

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- Restate the "faithful saying" here being as succinct and true to the 1 Timothy 3.1 as possible?
- Make a list of the words used in scripture for spiritual leaders?
- We speak often of "gifts of the Spirit" here. How are the descriptors in this passage different or the same as lists of gifts?
- How would you compare what we read here to Ephesians 4.11-13?
- How do we "set apart" spiritual leaders?
- How do we hold our spiritual leaders accountable?
- In what sense are our spiritual leaders examples?
- What is the importance of the clumsy phrase "one woman's husband"? Make application to our culture.
- How can you tell when someone is self-disciplined?
- Is "hospitality" more than serving food? "Breaking bread" or sharing food is culturally important to our world and should not be minimized; can we practice "hospitality" without giving someone something to eat?
- We are more likely to practice "verbal" bullying than "striking" someone. What should be your response when someone is being manipulating in a small group or team meeting?
- Have you read Resolving Everyday Conflict (especially important if you serve on a ministry team here at FCC)?
- Read chapter 2 in the book Lead Like Jesus.