

# Shared Mission- Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ

February 25, 2018

✠ please stand as able

## PRELUDE/WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE      *"At Calvary"* Hymn #313

✠ 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    **#657**

ANTHEM      *"I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ"-by J.S. Bach*  
Organ Solo Benjamin Pajunen

HYMN      *"Amazing Grace!"* Hymn #299

## LENTEN TESTIMONY

CALL TO GIVING / OFFERTORY    *"Prayer of St Francis"*    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    *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"* Hymn #3831

SCRIPTURE READING      **1 Timothy 1:12-17**

MESSAGE      **The Grace in a Gospel-Changed Life**

✠ HYMN OF RESPONSE      *"I Then Shall Live"* Hymn #133

## BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:    *God be with you till we meet again; By His Counsels guide, up-hold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

The Steeple Lights in February are lit to the Glory of God and in celebration of LOVE ♥ . *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"* (Matthew 22:39) and in loving memory of Janice Delauriers 1/19/2018

*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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2/18/2018: Newton-61 Kingston 8:45- **111**; 10:30-**85**

# 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	Nancy Lowry-chemotherapy
Gary – bone cancer (LeClair)	Ken Powell – very ill (Hinton)
Lil Hewey-health / cancer	Jean Fisher – mass in throat (Harris)
Karen Jillson – eye problems	Shea Feeleg –cancer (Knuckles)
Carol Beal-cancer has returned	Paul LeCain – chronic leg pain
Beth French-brain surgery recovery	Bill Daenz-restored kidney health
Scott Richards-needs health restored (Fongeallaz)	David Zona-home but weak (Stewart)
Hannah, 20 yo-cancer (Chalmers)	Lidia Perez-hospice (Belschner)
Janice Schum-restored to health/very ill (Danisevich)	Aron & Rose Tucker – grieving (Perley)
Jim Cadarette – cancer (Brickett)	Nancy Hinz – needs hip replacement
Annetta Thurber-cancer,chemo (Katz)	Judy Januzs-cancers (Powers)
Praise—new job for Cassy (Powers)	Cecelia Troy-restored health (Guevin)
Al Perkins-grieving aunt’s death	Kim Kissel-grieving brother’s death
Amy MacLauchlan –cancer surgery healing	Stephen Ministry training
Greg Herbert – hip replacement	Sue Osgood – shoulder surgery healing
Cher Spaulding –hip/knee injury-healing	

## 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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> ...	Room 6
K & 1 <sup>st</sup> ...	Room 7	6 <sup>th</sup> ...	Library
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ...	Room 8	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> ...	Room 2
HS girls ...	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	HS boys ...	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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. Paggers 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

## Church-wide Lenten study for groups & individuals

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus: N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide Books are available for those in small groups from your group leader or at the kiosk for those studying independently. A \$7 donation is suggested.

## Still time to join a Lenten Small Group!

The Lenten season has begun and there are several small groups that are reading and studying together through 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. These are also the sermon texts for the next several weeks, making it a great opportunity to dig into the Word while also engaging in the caring life of a small group fellowship. Please reach out to the facilitator directly for details about the group you choose. If you have questions or need additional help, email Melissa Theberge, [mtheberge509@gmail.com](mailto:mtheberge509@gmail.com).

## SMALL GROUP LENTEN STUDIES (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus)

Sun 5:30-7:30 PM | Women | Plaistow | Naomi Sawyer, [kyandnay@yahoo.com](mailto:kyandnay@yahoo.com)  
Mon 6:00-7:00 PM | All | FCC Room 6 | Ed Fongeallaz, [kblf18@gmail.com](mailto:kblf18@gmail.com)  
Tue 6:30-8:00 PM | All | Amesbury | Mike & Kelly Ebert, [kellyebert@outlook.com](mailto:kellyebert@outlook.com)  
Wed 7-8:30 PM | Men | Haverhill/Plaistow | Kyle Sawyer, [kylesawyer@live.com](mailto:kylesawyer@live.com)  
Wed 7:00-8:30 PM | All | Stratham | Tom & Janet Dykstra, [jcdykstra@comcast.net](mailto:jcdykstra@comcast.net)  
Wed 7-8:30 PM | All | Kingston Parsonage | David Thomas, [david@kingstonfcc.org](mailto:david@kingstonfcc.org)  
Thur 9:30-11:00 AM | All | FCC Room 2 | Carolyn Alegaily, [calegaily@aol.com](mailto:calegaily@aol.com)  
Thur 7:00-8:30 PM | All | Plaistow | Kari Grambow, [ksgrambow83@gmail.com](mailto:ksgrambow83@gmail.com)

## NEW! Card making Ministry with Doreen Snow begins March 1

This ministry will be making sympathy, get well and thinking of you cards that will be available to anyone in the congregation to utilize as we CARE for one another. Beginning on March 1, this ministry will meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Kingston Campus in room 6 from 10am-12:00pm Please contact Doreen Snow at [snowcd@aol.com](mailto:snowcd@aol.com) to sign up. Space is limited.



All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders welcome to join us at the Kingston Campus. For more info, contact Gwen Citarella at [gwen@kingstonfcc.org](mailto:gwen@kingstonfcc.org)

- **Sunday, 2/25** CREW, 5:30-7:30: Doors open at 5:15 for some extra hangout time! Our CREW needs YOU!
- **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.

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](http://www.griefshare.org) and follow the "Find A Group" feature. Questions? Contact Pastor Shea at [shea@kingstonfcc.org](mailto:shea@kingstonfcc.org)

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

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](mailto:churchoffice@kingstonfcc.org) to reserve your spot.

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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](mailto:sberthel@gmail.com)) or Cindy Wellington ([cindywellington@comcast.net](mailto: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 and wonderful fellowship. The coffee will be ready at 7:15am and breakfast served at 8 am. Hope you can join us!

The Grace in a Gospel-Changed Life  
Feb 24-25, 2018  
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Small group study and prayer

I. Gospel truth: Christ Jesus r\_\_\_\_\_ people from sin.

- A. Recognize your s\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Recognize your need for s\_\_\_\_\_
- C. Recognize the necessity of C\_\_\_\_\_ & E\_\_\_\_\_

II. Gospel result: A gospel-changed life p\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

- A. Paul's story was one of radical t\_\_\_\_\_

9 ways grace in gospel-changed life will point others to Jesus:

- 1) Be t\_\_\_\_\_ to Him (12)
- 2) Recognize the source of your s\_\_\_\_\_ (12)
- 3) Make Jesus L\_\_\_\_\_ of your life (12)
- 4) S\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus' authority (12-considered/judged)
- 5) Live unto f\_\_\_\_\_ (12)
- 6) S\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' mission according to your appointment (12)
- 7) Never forget you are a recipient of m\_\_\_\_\_ (13,16)
- 8) Your life is an e\_\_\_\_\_ for others who will believe (16)
- 9) Let w\_\_\_\_\_ of God characterize your life (17)

1. According to the Barna/GCTS survey from summer of 2017, "Non-practicing Christians make up 41% of all churchgoing Christians in New England." This suggests the "mission field" is just as prevalent inside the church as it is outside. Whereas 100% of Evangelicals surveyed strongly agreed that "Jesus Christ was crucified and raised from the dead to conquer sin and death", only 32% of non-practicing Christians agreed. What would your answer to this same question be?
2. The saying, "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners" is the first of 5 faithful sayings in the Pastoral Epistles (letters to young pastors Timothy and Titus, serving in Ephesus and Crete, respectively). These young pastors were facing false teachers in their churches. How does our culture teach a different message than this first of the faithful sayings?
3. Only Jesus could rescue all humanity from sin. What do these Scriptures, 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 1 Pt 2:22-25, have to say about Jesus' uniqueness?
4. Compare the grace Paul speaks of in this letter to Timothy with his account in Galatians 1:11-24. What transformation happened in Paul's life as the result of an encounter with Jesus?
5. Paul set an example for Timothy and charged Timothy to set an example for the believers in his congregation (4:11). Who has been an example to you of faith in Jesus? How has their example changed you?
6. Billy Graham's sinner's prayer from his book *Nearing Home* (Thomas Nelson: 2011), 139: *O God, I know I am a sinner. I am sorry for my sins, and I want to turn from them. I trust Jesus Christ as my Savior, I confess Him as my Lord, and I invite Him to come into my life today. From this moment on, I want to make Him the foundation of my life and to serve Him and follow Him in the fellowship of His church. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.*