

Shared Mission- Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ

February 11, 2018

✠ please stand as able

PRELUDE/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Come, Christian, Join to Sing"* Hymn #70

✠ **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 #643

ANTHEM *"If We Will Seek the Lord"* Choir

HYMN *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"* Hymn #132 (twice)

PASTORAL PRAYER Welcome New Members

CALL TO GIVING / OFFERTORY *"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"* 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** *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*
Hymn #119

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 32-34; Joshua 1; 1 Samuel 16-31

MESSAGE *Succession- The Good and Bad*

✠ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"The Solid Rock"* Hymn #315

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)

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 2/4/2018: Newton-54; Kingston 8:45- 148; 10:30-124

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
 Gary – bone cancer (LeClair)
 Lil Hewey-health / cancer
 Karen Jillson – eye problems
 Carol Beal-cancer has returned
 Beth French-brain surgery recovery
 Scott Richards-needs health restored (Fongeallaz)
 Hannah, 20 yo-cancer (Chalmers)
 Janice Schum-restored to health/very ill (Danisevich)
 Jim Cadarette – cancer (Brickett)
 Annetta Thurber-cancer,chemo (Katz)
 Praise—new job for Cassy (Powers)
 Al Perkins-grieving aunt’s death
 Bill Daenz-restored health

Nancy Lowry-chemotherapy
 Ken Powell – very ill (Hinton)
 Jean Fisher – mass in throat (Harris)
 Shea Feeleg –cancer (Knuckles)
 Paul LeCain – chronic leg pain
 Stella Munger – pneumonia
 David Zona-home but weak (Stewart)
 Lidia Perez-hospice (Belschner)
 Aron & Rose Tucker – grieving (Perley)
 Nancy Hinz – needs hip replacement
 Judy Januzs-cancers (Powers)
 Cecelia Troy-restored health (Guevin)
 Kim Kissel-grieving brother’s death

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

We Welcome New Members in February



Lynn Champion
 Charlie Clark
 Bruce & Michelle Cohn
 Michael & Kelly Ebert
 Jeff Harris
 JC & LaVaun Hinton
 Tom & Micki Larson
 Janet Kelley
 Geoff & Sharon Ketcham
 Kristine Kopanski
 Eric & Julie Readinger

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



Ash Wednesday

February 14th @ 7pm | Kingston Campus

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!

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season and there are several small groups that will be 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.

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

Sun 5:30-7:30 PM | Women | Plaistow | Naomi Sawyer, kyandnay@yahoo.com
Mon 6:00-7:00 PM | All | FCC Room 6 | Ed Fongeallaz, kblf18@gmail.com
Tue 6:30-8:00 PM | All | Amesbury | Mike & Kelly Ebert, kellyebert@outlook.com
Wed 7-8:30 PM | Men | Haverhill/Plaistow | Kyle Sawyer, kylesawyer@live.com
Wed 7:00-8:30 PM | All | Stratham | Tom & Janet Dykstra, jcdykstra@comcast.net
Wed 7-8:30 PM | All | Kingston Parsonage | David Thomas, david@kingstonfcc.org
Thur 9:30-11:00 AM | All | FCC Room 2 | Carolyn Alegaily, calegaily@aol.com
Thur 7:00-8:30 PM | All | Plaistow | Kari Grambow, kgrambow83@gmail.com



Red Cross Blood Drive | Feb. 22 | 2-7 pm | Kingston Campus

Urgent need! Go to www.redcrossblood.org to book your appointment today

February Souper Bowl

Needed: non-perishable items, canned goods, peanut butter, pasta, sauce, canned meat, soups, cereal, toiletry items, juice, paper goods, etc.



The Missions Team's SOUPERbowl food drive starts this weekend at both campuses and will continue to the end of February. Even though this is a shorter collection time than usual, we know that will not negatively impact that amount of food collected. Please do not bring out dated or dented cans as they have to be thrown out.



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

- **Sunday, 2/11** CREW, 5:30-7:30: Doors open at 5:15 for some extra hangout time! We hope you'll join us for this service/mission-focused gathering time when we'll explore the meaning of grace in our community.
- **Sunday, 2/18** Roots, 5:30-7:30: Doors open at 5:15 for some Nerf and hangout time. Don't miss this KCY large group gathering where we will explore the value of family through worship, games, lesson, and activities.
- **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.

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.

Succession: the Good and Bad

Deuteronomy 32-34, Joshua 1, and 1 Samuel 16-31

Introduction:

I. Healthy things to acknowledge

A. Succession is c_____:

C_____ God's faithfulness

B. Trust must be t_____:

C_____ mutuality

C. The vision is God's:

C_____ the vision

II. Troublesome things to avoid

A. Ego creates d_____:

P_____ humility

B. Leadership e_____:

P_____ must be relinquished

C. We are tempted to create p_____ s_____

P_____ must refuse to t_____ s_____

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- Think of sometime when you experienced significant change (marriage, first child, long distance move, new job, death, etc). How did it make you feel?
- How do you feel when our Elders, the Succession Team, or Pastor Thomas speak about succession?
- Make a list of the evidences of God's faithfulness to First Congregational Church in your tenure here?
- How has your time here enhanced your spiritual life?
- Can you give examples of spiritual growth in the life of our congregation?
- Why have you trusted some spiritual leaders and not others?
- Why might someone say "humility is the first Christian virtue"?
- Who is the source of our vision and mission here at FCC?
- Why did Paul say to avoid a divisive person (Titus 3.10)?
- What are the signs of a divisive person?
- Why was Saul so reluctant to let go of his power?
- When opinions differ people wrongfully create a party spirit, assign ill-intent, and cast blame. How will you avoid this?
- What might you say to someone who speaks unkindly about a third person?
- Have a conversation with someone whose tenure at FCC is the opposite of yours and compare your feelings and observations about our congregation and succession.
- Will you commit to praying for our succession process?