

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC  
January 11, 2015

PRELUDE            “Allegro moderato e pastorale”      Guilmant  
                         “Sonata”                                      Mozart  
                         “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”      Wilson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)                                      Bill Boutwell

Leader: Searching for truth and meaning,

People: **We are led to our true home.**

Leader: Looking for the warmth of community,

People: **We enter the fire of God's presence.**

Leader: Seeking a place to be ourselves,

People: **We discover a deep sense of belonging.**

Leader: Gathered in a circle of God's healing love,

People: **We shine with the light of Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN #276 “We Gather Together”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

**You are great in every way, O God, and greatly to be praised. Your mighty power is unfathomable; your glory has no end. Yet, you come to us. You sing your song of endless love and we hear it in our hearts. Teach us to sing along. Let your voice be our voice and your love be our love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*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.**

TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM                                      “Joy to the World”  
    *The Little Bells*

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:41-52

SERMON    Rev. Meg Watson

\*HYMN #295 “In This Very Room”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY                                      “In Christ Alone”                                      K. Getty

\*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.**

\*PRAYER of DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #442 “We Are Walking”  
*(verses: walking in, singing in, shining with)*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                      “Recessional in B Flat”                                      Wilson

*\*All who are able are invited to stand.*

**Join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Fellowship Hall.**

**The flowers on the Communion Table** are given in memory of Deane Baker by his wife Nancy and family.

**Greeters and Coffee Hour:** Board of Trustees

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Gilmay Markunas and family** as she deals with breast cancer; the **family of Julie Wrona** on her loss; Hal Cummings; Pat Lazeren; Margaret Klukas; Karen Rowell; Gail Brewer, Geraldine Strong's sister; David and Elizabeth Hollister, Candace Buswell's parents; Joel Covington; Jack Allen; Bobby Dwire; Bruce and Sandy Blair; Warren Little; Frederick Burgess; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Joyce Smith; Becky Burr; Bess Howe; Paul Westerberg; Michelle Darby; people struggling with mental illness; Debbie Chase; Sharon Lacey; Ed Rockland, Bettye Kramer's brother-in-law; Maggie and David Minnick; Mike Swan; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Pat Melville; Philip Bogard; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Jan Peacock; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Lillian Burnett; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Kim Burnham; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Donna Peacock; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

*New additions in bold print*

**WELCOME to FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of VERNON!**

We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will encounter God here, experience the love God showed the world in Jesus, and be inspired to share that love with the world. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Table. There you will find a guestbook to sign and a welcome gift to take home with you. Let us know if we can be of service to you in any way, and come back again soon

**TODAY'S ACTIVITIES****Missions:** 9 AM, Library**Finance:** 11:15 AM, Library**J\*WALKRZ:** 3:30 PM, Kellogg Hall**TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall**

**Order your Super Bowl grinder** today for the big game. Your choices are ham, turkey, roast beef or a combo of all three. Grinders will be made to order on February 1. Stop at the Ways and Means table today to place your order.

**FCCV Mugs** are available for only \$10 each! Check them out at the Scrip-Your-All table!

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES****Ways & Means:** Monday, January 12, 7 PM, Library

**February CARILLON Deadline**  
**Tuesday, January 13**

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner**Bible Study:** Tuesday, January 13, 11 AM, Library**Prayer Shawl:** Tuesday, January 13, 1 PM, Library**Deacons:** Tuesday, January 13, 7 PM, Library**MHSSG:** Wednesday, January 14, 7 PM, Library**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, January 15, 6 PM, R House Restaurant**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, January 15, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary**Support Group:** Friday, January 16, 10:30 AM, Library**Choir Rehearsal:** Saturday, January 17, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

**Giving Campaign:** The Stewardship Committee and Board of Finance are getting ready to finalize the Giving Campaign for 2015. If you have already made a Giving Commitment, THANK YOU! If you still need to do so, Giving Cards are available in the Narthex or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. You may also email Kate Fowler (kfowler64@yahoo.com) to have a Giving Packet sent to you electronically.

**Thank You:** Pat Lazeren and family wish to thank the church family for their cards, calls and prayers on the loss of her brother Will Livermore.

A **Crib Room** is available upstairs near the balcony for **parents with infants up to 12 months of age** where the worship service can be heard via intercom. Anyone with concerns about the Crib Room should contact Sally Sullivan, 871-1473. A staffed **Toddler Room**, located downstairs in the Kellogg wing, is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old.**

**Scrip-Your-All** continues in 2015 with our goal set at \$7,000. To the more than 100 people who supported Scrip-Your-All in 2014, thank you for your support! We hope you will continue to support this program. If you have not yet tried Scrip-Your-All, come down to Coffee Hour to learn more about the program and how it supports FCCV programs.

**Thanks again for your support!**

**Available Today During Coffee Hour...**

<b>Amazon (\$25)</b>	3%	<b>Macy's (\$25)</b>	10%
<b>Barnes &amp; Noble (\$5/\$10/\$25)</b>	9%	<b>Ninety Nine (\$25)</b>	13%
<b>Bed Bath (\$25)</b>	7%	<b>Outback (\$25/\$50)</b>	8%
<b>Bertucci's (\$25)</b>	10%	<b>Panera (\$10/\$25)</b>	9%
<b>Big Y (\$50/\$100)</b>	6%	<b>Papa Gino's (\$10)</b>	10%
<b>CVS (\$25)</b>	6%	<b>Price Chopper (\$50/\$100)</b>	5%
<b>Dairy Queen (\$10)</b>	3%	<b>Rave Theater (\$25)</b>	4%
<b>Dunkin' (\$10/\$25)</b>	3%	<b>Shell (\$25/\$50)</b>	3%
<b>Friday's (\$25)</b>	9%	<b>Starbucks (\$5/\$10)</b>	7%
<b>Home Depot (\$25)</b>	4%	<b>Stop &amp; Shop (\$50/\$100)</b>	4%
<b>iTunes (\$15/\$25)</b>	5%	<b>Subway (\$10)</b>	3%
<b>Kohl's (\$25)</b>	4%	<b>Target (\$10/\$25)</b>	3%
<b>Long Horn (\$25)</b>	9%	<b>Walgreens (\$25)</b>	6%
<b>Lowes (\$25)</b>	4%	<b>Walmart (\$10/\$25)</b>	3%

**Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:**

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to wfsb.com.

The **Care Network** is offered by the Deacons as a helping hand during difficult times. If you are in need of a ride to church, the doctor, hospital, grocery store, etc., in need of meals or a visit, contact Jan Muro at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.