



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

Prelude

2/19/17

Welcome

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. (2x)

Light of Christ

****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.***

Call to Worship/Prayer

Bev Duncan

Leader: Welcome, friend and stranger –

People: Welcome, honored guest.

Leader: We gather as a community to worship God,

**People: To be reminded of God's goodness, and that we're all
loved by God.**

Leader: To be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness,
and to love all.

**People: We will love as we have been loved. Let us worship
God!**

Leader: Let us pray...

**O God, you long for us to hear that the heart of your
commandment is truthful love. Dealing justly with our
neighbors and even the strangers among us draws us close to
the holiness of everyday life, the witness of Jesus, and the
fruit of the Spirit. Inspire our worship, that our lives may be
transformed into living testaments of your grace. We pray in
Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** #683 "O for a World"

The Sacrament of Baptism

Addison Lynn Reilly

Welcome

Questions of the Parents and Sponsors

Congregational Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Blessing the Water

Act of Baptism - Presentation of the Newly Baptized

Prayer for the Baptized

Leader: ... hear the baptismal prayers of the congregation:

People: Be with Addy through the years, blessing her life, that

**she may grow in love for you. Gracious God, giver of
life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each
of us your faithful love. Remind us of the promises of
our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us**

**strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy,
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Presentation of Gifts

*We rejoice in the baptism of Addy, daughter of Kelly and Brian
Reilly. Welcome to her sponsors, Marla Mozzer and Patrick Simon
(here in spirit).*

***Hymn #4** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!"

Anthem

"Alive, Alive!"

D. Jernigan

Junior Choir – Althea Madigan, director

Children's Message

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.
(All children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.)

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer
Call to Offering**

Offertory "Psalm 139" Joan Burr
(written in memory of Becky Burr by Ron's sister-in-law)
Leanne Connolly, Minister of Music

***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**

Scripture Luke 7:36-50
Sermon "Be Our Guest" Rev. Robin Bird

***Closing Hymn** #317 "Amen"

***Benediction**

Postlude "At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day"
arr. Mansfield

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

**Please join us downstairs after the service
for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving
memory of Don Newton on his Valentine's Day birthday with love
from Mom and Dad.

Today's Preludes

James Burr, Organist

"O How He Loves You and Me" Kaiser/Rasley
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Zundel
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Shelley/Smith

Reminder...Sunday School ends at 11:15 AM, *Debi Hockenberry, Director
of Christian Education*

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Alexa Philbrick on the loss of her boyfriend of 3½ years, Will

McLaughlin, who passed away at the age of 23 on February 11; Elizabeth Fry, Joanne Myer's mother, recovering at home with Joanne; David Drouin, son-in-law of Pam Lyons; Doris Brown; Gregg Moffatt, Val's husband; Shirley Bryant, recovering at Woodlake; Amy Robinson, friend of Millie and Bill Oliphant; Dean Hockenberry, David's uncle, awaiting a new kidney; Evelyn Marinani, Karen Prewo's cousin; Steve Carr, Sr.; Janina Majkowski; James Purnell; Linda Dayton; Sara Levy; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; Pat Lazeren; Helen Dyar; Dave Hollister; John Arthur; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness and their families; the people of Syria; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle
New additions in bold print

Today's Activities

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

immediately following the worship service

Name Tags: Do you still need one? You have a choice of magnet, pin or clip. We'll be ordering this week. Stop down during Coffee Hour today.

Junior Choir Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

God and Family: 1 PM, Kellogg Hall

God and Church: 2 PM, Kellogg Hall

This Week's Activities

Presidents' Day: Monday, February 20. The Church Office is closed.

Bible Study: Monday, February 20, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

BCE: Tuesday, February 21, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Trustees: Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

S & E: Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, February 23, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanc. Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 23, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Friday, February 24, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Roast Pork Dinner: Friday, February 24, 5-6:30 PM. Menu: roast pork, roasted potatoes, carrots, applesauce with blueberry buckle for dessert. Price: \$12 adults/\$6 children

Line Dancing: Friday, February 24, 7-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Any questions, call Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.

Stephen Ministry: Anyone interested is invited to join Rev. Joanne Myer at Coffee and Conversation next Sunday, February 26 downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Stephen Ministers are trained to be Christian visitors to persons who have suffered loss, are ill, etc. Classes will begin in March.

Women's Fellowship Fall Retreat: Planning will start soon. If you would like to be on our planning committee, please contact Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.

Please Note: Women's Fellowship is volunteering at the Soup Kitchen and needs volunteers. Contact Phyllis Chase, pchase76@comcast.net or Daryl Gottier, edengott@sbcglobal.net.

Substitute Teachers Needed for Sunday School. A lesson will be provided for you. Be a part of our team. It's fun! Contact Debi Hockenberry or Millie Oliphant if interested.

Teddy Bear Ministry: Teddy Bears are sitting in the pews for you to take and give to someone in need of a bit of caring love. In order to keep this ministry going, we are asking for monetary donations to the Women's Fellowship Teddy Bear Ministry Fund or you may buy a bear (10"-12") and leave it in the Church Office. Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or jmyer0146@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Child Care is available for church activities when notice is given 3 days prior to the event. Call Child Care Coordinator, Jen Jensen, 860-836-5824.

To request a visit with the pastor, please call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

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Scrip-Your-All Update...Just over one month into our program for

the year, we have earned \$287. Our goal for 2017 is \$5,000. Approximately \$3,500 comes from Sunday sales (we need to earn about \$60 a week in Sunday sales to meet our overall goal) with the remaining coming from online scrip. Your support is greatly appreciated. Every card purchased provides a benefit to FCCV. Please see the chart below for the percentage of your purchase that goes directly to us. Remember, you still get the full face value of the card.

Amazon	3%
Barnes N Noble	9%
Bath and Body	13%
Bed Bath	7%
Bertucci's	10%
Best Buy	4%
Big Y	6%
Cabela's	11%
Chili's	11%
CVS	6%
Dairy Queen	3%
Dicks Sports	8%
Dunkin	3%
Fridays	9%
Home Depot	4%
iTunes	5%
JC Penny	5%
Kmart	4%
Kohl's	4%
L L Bean	16%

Long Horn	9%
Lowe's	4%
Macy's	10%
Ninety Nine	13%
Outback	8%
Panera	9%
Papa Gino's	10%
Price Chopper	5%
Rave	4%
Shell	3%
Staples	4%
Starbucks	7%
Stop & Shop	4%
Subway	3%
Sunoco	0%
Target	3%
T J Maxx	7%
Toys R Us	3%
Walgreens	6%
Walmart	3%

