



Order of Service September 14, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
- Isaiah 41:10

* **Call to Worship:** Isaiah 42:5-8

Leader: This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

People: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

Leader: to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

Unison: “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.”

* **Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy/How Great Is Our God

* **Invocation**

* **Song of Response** Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light
unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light
unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light
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unto my path

You're the light unto my path
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Children's Message Craig Story

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

- **Songs of Praise** I Trust In God

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *The Lord's Prayer* Elena Lazaridou

* **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

Sermon: "*The Baptism of Jesus*"..... Matt Schubert
Luke 3

- **Hymn #224:** How Firm a Foundation

- **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy & How Great Is Our God

by Reginald Heber & Chris Tomlin

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Refrain

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Refrain

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (2X)

*How great is our God
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

I Trust In God

by Elevation Worship

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

*I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail*

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

*I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail*

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him(2X)

*I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail*

How Firm a Foundation 224

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not . . . Luke 21:33

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Rippon's Selection of Hymns. 1787

Traditional American melody
Caldwell's Union Harmony. 1837

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!" A - men.

Alternate tune, ADESTE FIDELES, No. 103

THE SCRIPTURES

Fall 2025 Children's Ministry

Our goal in all our ministry to children is to point them to the person and work of Jesus. Through our intentional relationships and gospel-centered teaching, we want our children to see the goodness and sufficiency of Christ. We look forward to serving your family this year!

Chrysa Bliati, Children's Ministry Directory, cbliati@fcchamilton.org

Class at 8:30 am	Teachers	Location
Nursery/Toddlers (Infant - Age 3)	Rotating Leaders	Church Nursery
Little People's Church (LPC) (Age 4 - Grade 1)	Rotating Leaders	Church Lower Level Classroom
Class at 11:00 am		
Nursery (Infant - Age 3)	Rotating Leaders	Church Nursery

Children's Sunday School - 9:45 am

Nursery (infants -3 year old):

Through brief lessons and multi-sensory learning, our babies and toddlers experience Jesus' love and all that He provides for us.

Teachers: Karen Guay, Bonnie Mower

Church Building, Nursery Room

Preschool/Kindergarten:

Early childhood will journey chronologically through the Bible, discovering friendship with Jesus throughout God's story. The class will be using *Simply Loved* curriculum by Group.

Teachers: Elizabeth Bellucci, Elena Lazaridou

Church Building Lower Level, LPC

1st - 5th Grade:

All of our elementary children will be using *The Biggest Story* curriculum by Crossway. Using this curriculum our children will be lead on an exciting journey through the Bible. Our focus this year is to understand the message of the Old Testament.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Teachers:

Beth Burrige, Keith Welch

Ministry Center Room L4

4th & 5th Grade Teachers:

Scott Addis, Debbie Bateman, Krisie Brown

Ministry Center Room L1

Hamilton Youth Ministry

Middle School Sunday School (Grade 6-8) This year, Middle School Sunday School will be working through the New City Catechism, created by Tim Keller and Sam Shammas. We will study foundational topics of Christianity desiring to have a deeper knowledge and love of God.

Teachers: Mike Whalen, Cece Gough, Grace Bigus, Matt Schuberth Ministry Center Room 11

Hamilton Youth Ministry continued

Middle School Youth Group (Grade 6-8) In the Gospel of John, Jesus calls Christians to be lights in the world. This fall, the Middle School Youth Group will explore the book of 1 John, looking at how we can be “Lights in the Darkness”. Join us on Wednesday Nights for a time of games, worship, lesson, and small groups!

Begins Wednesday, September 17, 7:00-8:30 pm

Heritage Hall/The Barn

High School Sunday School (Grade 9-12) This year, High School Sunday School will explore the topic of “Identity”. We will look into the identity that is given to every believer in Christ and how this shapes the way that we live our lives. Join us on Sundays.

Teachers: Matt Schuberth, Miko Pasimio, Jean Chan

The Barn

High School Youth Group (Grade 9-12) Have you ever wondered: “Is there a guide to help me live my Christian life?” This fall, the High School Youth Group will be doing a deep dive into the practical and spiritual wisdom in book of James. Join us on Tuesday Nights for a time of games, worship, lesson, and Bible study!

Begins Tuesday, September 16, 7:00-8:45 pm

Heritage Hall/The Barn

Adult Sunday School Classes Begin September 14

Living the Journey – An absent-minded professor of mine found himself regularly lost between the school cafeteria and his office, ruminating on whether “he was coming or going.” Life is like that, isn’t it? This class explores God’s guiding hand in our spiritual journeys. We will encounter a variety of theological realities: conversion, suffering, memory, wonder and our future destiny.

Dr. David Horn

Chapel

Study of 1 Corinthians – We continue in our study of Paul’s first letter to the Christians in the city of Corinth, learning how he deals with a range of problems in the congregation: behavior during the Last Supper, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, bodily resurrection. We will see the significance of Jesus Christ, the biblical view of sin, the biblical view of the church as God’s temple, sanctification and Christian living, the power of the Holy Spirit, and life after death.

Dr. Eckhard Schnabel

Ministry Center Room 21

Disability Ministry: It’s more than just a ramp – There are nearly two thousand references in the Bible to disability. As Christians, we try to be welcoming to all: ideally meeting each individual where he or she is, so that the Gospel can be shared. Let’s join together, work through any road blocks, and learn about this invaluable ministry.

Heather LaBudde with guests

Ministry Center Room 22

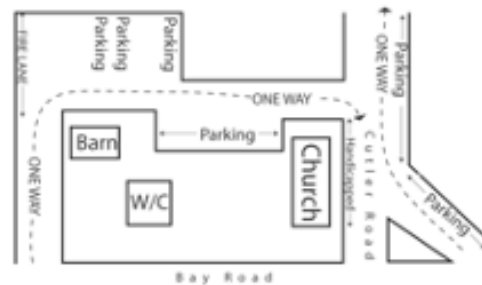
The People of God in a Digital World - In only a few short decades, a portal to the infinite abyss of the internet has opened in every home and pocket with a gravitational field of attention. Before asking “How can we use this tech”, or “Is it beneficial,” we must ask, “Who am I becoming?” Analyzing the technological revolution (AI, Social Media, and Phones) and weighing it all up under the Scriptures (the Imago Dei), we’ll seek to awaken to the conforming pattern of the age and be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2).

Oli van Ruth

Ministry Center, Room 23/24

Parking Guide

- **DO NOT block the driveways or walkways of neighbors in any way.** The Police Department has requested that we **DO NOT park within 15 feet of a driveway or street corner.**
- Please park on the right side of Bay Road heading toward downtown Hamilton. **DO NOT use or turn around in private driveways.** It is important to obey the orange cones and the No Parking signs. **DO NOT move or park between cones.**
- **DO NOT park around the statue/grassy island on Cutler Rd.**
- Please park on the right side of Cutler Road coming in from Bay Road. **DO NOT park on the left side or use a driveway to turn around.** Rather use Rock Maple avenue, which is 7/10 of a mile up the road on the right, to return to Bay Road.
- Treat Cutler Road as one way from Bay Road to Rock Maple Avenue.
- Please enter the W-C House parking lot through the Bay Road entrance and exit behind the church to Cutler Road.
- The parking lot behind the W-C House is reserved for the elderly and families with children five years and younger. **Families or Seniors who arrive a bit late for the second service should check the parking lot as there may be vacant spaces available following Sunday school.**
- The parking spaces along side the church are reserved for the elderly and handicapped.
- DO NOT double park along the side of the church.
- Parking at Town Hall is unavailable because of construction.



Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 14, 2025

Our mission is to rejoice in God, grow in the gospel, and point people to Jesus.

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - Adult Sunday School begins, 9:45 am
- Today - College Age Kickoff Event, 6:30 pm
- September 15 - Alpha, 6:30 pm
- September 16 - Missions Prayer, 7:45 am
- September 16 - Women's SonLight Bible Study begins, 9:45 am
- September 16 - High School Youth Group begins, 7:00 pm
- September 17 - Middle School Youth Group begins, 7:00 pm
- September 18 - Women's NightLight Bible Study begins, 7:00 pm
- September 18 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 pm

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome! We are glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions please ask an usher.

For families we provide children's church. During our 8:30 am service, our supervised Nursery is for infants through age 3, and our Little People's Church (LPC) program is for children age 4 through 1st grade. LPC meets following the Children's Message. During the 11:00 am service, the Nursery room is staffed as a combined space for infants and toddlers.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am

Infants, preschool and kindergarten age children gather in the Meetinghouse

Elementary age children meet in the lower level of the Ministry Center

Middle Schoolers meet in the Ministry Center, Room 11

High Schoolers meet in the Barn

Additional resources: We have the Deacons fund, prayer chain, helping hands ministry, meals ministry, pastoral counseling, and other resources to help. Contact us at info@fcchamilton.org.

ALPHA! We had a great start to Alpha last week. It's not too late to invite someone to attend so please ask a friend or neighbor to come Monday, September 15 to try it. Alpha is a chance to explore the meaning of life and the Christian faith over dinner, a film, and table discussion. Sign up using the QR code above.

BEAUTY IN BROKENNESS: STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Join us Tuesday, September 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for an engaging talk with humanitarian Anne Reitsema. Anne is the CEO of Medair, a Christian humanitarian organization that responds to conflict, disease, and disasters so that the world's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach people can live with dignity and hope (www.medair.org). Come hear stories of how faith in God and His grace fuel Anne and her team's efforts across the globe. Light refreshments will be served. Sign up using the QR code above.

COLLEGE-AGE GROUP KICKOFF EVENT

Calling all college age young adults! Join us tonight, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for our kickoff event, featuring pizza, lawn games, and worship here at FCCH. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Matt at mschuberth@fcchamilton.org.

COMMUNITY READ - THE ROAD TO WISDOM

This fall, we're inviting all who are interested to join us in reading the book, *The Road to Wisdom*, by Francis Collins. We'll have the opportunity to meet Dr. Collins over Zoom for two Q&A sessions—Monday, November 10, at 8:00 pm and Tuesday, February 17, at 8:00 pm. You can purchase the book (\$5) and sign up to join our community read in Fellowship Foyer after the services today. Contact Vicki Best with any questions at vlbest@verizon.net.

FCCH MISSIONS PRAYER TIME

The Missions Committee meets biweekly for prayer and invites everyone to join them. Their next meeting is Tuesday, September 16, at 7:45 am in the Ministry Center, Room 22. They pray as a group for missionaries sponsored by FCCH.

MUSIC MINISTRY

- **Join the choir:** The church choir has resumed fall activities and welcomes new voices! Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:15 pm in the church sanctuary. The choir sings in services once a month.
- **Worship Band** rehearsal this week is Saturday, September 13, at 9:30 am in the church sanctuary. If you are interested in joining our worship band or choir, please contact Music Director, Hana Lee, at hlee@fcchamilton.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- **Women's Bible Studies:** SonLight will begin Tuesday, September 16, from 9:45 am to noon, and NightLight will begin Thursday, September 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We will study the "I Am" statements of Jesus in *Who Jesus Is*, from the LifeChange study series. Sign up using the QR code on the front page, or in-person in the Ministry Center lobby after today's services.
- **Women's Fall, Fire, and Fellowship Night:** Fall is here and it's time to unpack the flannel, pull out the cozy blanket, and light up the fire pit! Bring a chair and a snack to share on Friday, October 3, at 6:30 pm outside the Ministry Center. We'll provide hot drinks and all the fixings for s'mores! Sign up using the QR code on the front page or put your name on the clipboard in Fellowship Foyer on Sunday. Contact Sharon Carlson, scarlson@fcchamilton.org, with questions.

MEN'S MINISTRY

- **Men's Breakfast:** The Men's Ministry kicks off this fall with a catered Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 27, in Heritage Hall from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Oli van Ruth, father of three, will speak to us on *Sons-Brothers-Fathers-Grandfathers: It all starts at home*. We're inviting men ages 15 and up to attend. Sign up using the QR code on the front page by September 23.
- **Woodworker Fellowship:** If you're interested in woodworking and would like to meet other like-minded guys, please let us know by emailing info@fcchamilton.org.
- **Morning basketball:** Men's basketball games are Fridays at 6:00 am in Heritage Hall. If you rise with the sun, you are welcome!

FRIDAY MORNING MOMS GROUP

Moms with little ones are invited to a weekly informal playdate. While the weather is still nice, we will continue to meet at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in the E/F playground. Drop-ins (or invited friends) are always welcome! Contact Janelle Deddo, janelle.deddo@gmail.com, for more details.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **FCCH Parent Council:** Parents, teachers, and volunteers passionate about seeing our children, families, and Children's Ministry flourish are invited to join our FCCH Parent Council. This group meets quarterly throughout the year. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 28, at 9:45 am in the lower level of the Ministry Center, room L7. If you are interested in joining our council, contact Children's Director, Chrysa Bliati, at cbliati@fcchamilton.org.
- **Looking for volunteers** in our Little People's Church and the Nursery. Four adult helpers are needed for the monthly rotation. We are also interested in having high school students join our team. Please consider volunteering to serve our children in this important way! Contact Chrysa Bliati at cbliati@fcchamilton.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Youth Sunday School** meets at 9:45 am today. Refer to the Sunday School insert to learn more.
- **Youth Group begins this week!**
 - High school students meet Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:45 pm.
 - Middle school students meet Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adults beyond college age meet weekly for a Bible study and fellowship. Join us Mondays at 7:00 pm at a local home. Contact Matt at mschuberth@fcchamilton.org to learn more.

SAVE THE DATES

- **Family Board Game Night** hosted by Children's Ministry on Saturday, October 11, 6:30 pm
- **Missions Sunday** hosted by the Missions Committee on October 19
- **Front Porch Stories** on Saturday, October 25, 7:00 pm

*If you would like to receive our weekly email, sign up at fcchamilton.org, or the church office, info@fcchamilton.org.
If you signed up and are not receiving them, check your spam folder and add info@fcchamilton.org to your address book.
All submissions for the announcements must be received in the church office by Wednesdays at noon. Thank you!*