



Order of Service November 9, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

*"Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me."
Psalm 30:2*

* **Call to Worship:** 2 Samuel 22:50-51

Leader: Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

Unison: "He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever."

* **Hymn:** For the Beauty of the Earth

* **Invocation, Confession of Sin, and Assurance of Pardon**

Children's Message Mary Bigus

Scripture Reading Luke 7:1-7

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Hymn Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Moment of Appreciation: Sharon Carlson

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* Greta Baird

* **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: *"Marvelous Jesus Marvels"* Kevin Baird
Luke 7:1-17

- **Song of Praise:** Speak, O Lord
- **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

55 For the Beauty of the Earth

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. James 1:17

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

DIX 777777
Conrad Koehler, 1838
Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
5. For each per - fect gift of Thine To our race so

of the skies, For the love which from our birth
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree, and flow'r,
mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
par - ent, child, Friends on earth and friends a - bove,
free - ly giv'n, Grac - es hu - man and di - vine,

O - ver and a - round us lies, Lord of all, to
Sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to
Link - ing sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Lord of all, to

Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.
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GOD THE FATHER

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 321

When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them. John 10:4

Hymns for the Young, 1836
Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp

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William B. Bradbury, 1859



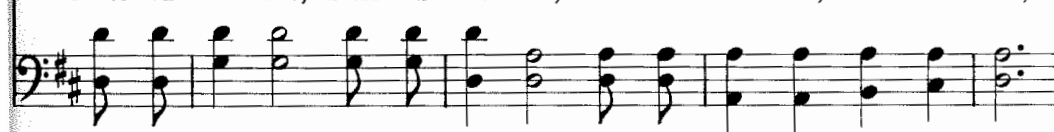
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten-der care;
2. We are Thine, do Thou be-friend us, Be the guard-ian of our way;
3. Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us, Poor and sin-ful though we be;
4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor, Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



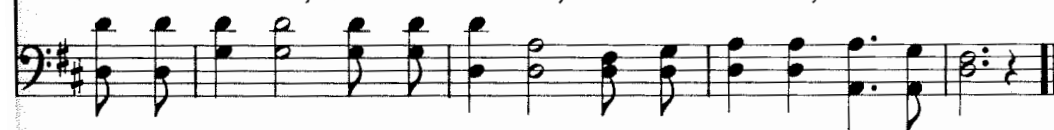
In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray:
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos-oms fill:



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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FAITH AND ASSURANCE

Offertory Lyrics

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

by George Matheson

O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thru' pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru' the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Speak, O Lord

by Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Warrant for the 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Greetings:

This year's meeting will be held Monday, November 17 at 7:00 pm at First Congregational Church of Hamilton in Heritage Hall to consider the following Articles:

- Article 1:** To receive the 2025 Annual Report of the Clerk.
- Article 2:** To receive the 2025 Annual Reports of the Pastors, Ministry Directors, Officers, Boards, Standing Committees, and Ministry Teams of the Church.
- Article 3:** To approve the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.
- Article 4:** To approve the 2026 Mission Budget presented by the Missions Committee.
- Article 5:** To approve the 2026 Operating Budget presented by the Stewardship Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Walker Martin
FCCH Clerk



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 9, 2025

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

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - New Members Class, Session I, 9:45 am
- Today - Reception for Sharon Carlson, 12:15 pm
- Today - The Story Unfolds Rehearsal, 2:00 pm
- Today - College Age Regressive Dinner, 5:00 pm
- November 10 - Pilgrim's Pint, 7:00 pm
- November 10- Francis Collins Book Discussion on Zoom, 8:00 pm
- November 12 - New Members Class, Session II, 6:30 pm
- November 15 - Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am - Registration due TODAY!
- November 17 - Annual Meeting, 7:00 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
- Adult classes:
 - *Living the Journey* with Dr. David Horn, Chapel
 - *Study of 1 Corinthians* with Dr. Eckhard Schnabel, MC 21
 - *Disability Ministry: It's more than just a ramp* with Heather LaBudde, MC 22
 - *The People of God in a Digital World* with Oli van Ruth, MC 23/24

Download our app



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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our first new members session takes place today from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Wigglesworth-Cutler House. Find out what it means to be a member of our FCCH community. Our second session is on Wednesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Attend today's session to learn more!

ANNUAL MEETING

The FCCH Annual Meeting will be held Monday, November 17, at 7:00 pm. The 2025 Annual Report was emailed to the congregation on Friday. Hard copies will also be available at the Welcome Desk today.

LIFESHARE DRESSER PROJECT

Today is the last day of the Dresser Project. The dresser, along with all the donated items, will be given to the new mom and baby next week. **HELP NEEDED!** The LifeShare group could use your help to move the dresser one day next week. Please contact Ken Robinson by call/text at 978-304-6313 or email robinson.ken2022@yahoo.com. Direct questions to Jane Robinson at robinson.jane76@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM'S PINT

Hitler's Religion: How the Nazis Usurped the German Protestant Church

The story of the German church during the rise of the Third Reich is far more complicated than familiar tales of resistance and faithful martyrs. While some pastors—like Dietrich Bonhoeffer—stood against the tide, the broader Protestant church often stood shoulder to shoulder with the Nazi regime. Join us on Monday, November 10, at 7:00 pm at the Post (16 Bay Road, Hamilton), as church historian Rev. Kevin Adams uncovers the truth about the church's complicity in Hitler's rise and explores what happens when the church trades heavenly promise for political power. Sign up using the QR code above.

GRIEFSHARE ZOOM SESSION: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

GriefShare invites anyone facing a difficult holiday season following the loss of a loved one to a special Zoom event on Monday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. This single session will offer you practical ideas for surviving the deep sorrow and pain you may be experiencing. Register on griefshare.org. For further information, please contact John Clark, Johnclarkhydroseeding@outlook.com.

COMMUNITY READ ZOOM DISCUSSION - THE ROAD TO WISDOM

If you've joined our community read, *The Road to Wisdom*, by Francis Collins, you're invited to meet Dr. Collins over Zoom for the first of two Q&A sessions on Monday, November 10, at 8:00 pm. A Zoom link will be emailed to those participating. Contact Vicki Best with any questions at vlbest@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - THE STORY UNFOLDS

This Christmas season, FCCH will present a concert of music and dramatic readings entitled, *The Story Unfolds*. This free event will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary.

- **Readers:** Last call for readers (ages 12 and up) for *The Story Unfolds*. Come to our rehearsal today from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Meetinghouse sanctuary. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm until December 7. Contact Amy Watson and Jill VanderWoude at info@fcchamilton.org with questions.
- **Choir:** Adults, young adults, and teens are encouraged to join the service choir for *The Story Unfolds* concert. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the church sanctuary. For more information, contact Music Director, Hana Lee, hlee@fcchamilton.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all who donated items, money for shipping, and time and energy to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We met our goal and packed 100 boxes last Tuesday; we also received \$1,000 to cover the shipping costs! We plan to deliver them to the collection center on Monday, November 17. If you're packing a shoebox at home, please leave it in the MC café by **Sunday, November 16**. May God's Word and Love be spread far and wide with each box.

WOMEN ON THEIR OWN (WOTO) FRIENDSGIVING

WOTO will host our annual "Friendsgiving" dinner on Saturday, November 29, starting at 4:00 pm at the home of Linda Coonrod, 47 Lincoln Ave in Hamilton. WOTO are single, widowed, or divorced women who come together monthly for fellowship, faith, and fun. We invite all women who find themselves on their own to join us for this fun time. You may bring a dish to share, but it's not required. For more information, please contact Linda Coonrod, lcoonrod47@gmail.com.

A CALL FOR POETRY

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought, and the thought has found words." - Robert Frost

Join us Saturday, November 22, at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse Chapel for an evening of sharing poems and the stories behind them. If you're a poet or have a favorite poem you'd like to share, please contact Bill Devitt, writetobilldevitt@gmail.com, or Pastor Kevin, kbaird@fcchamilton.org. We will have treats to eat, and all are welcome to come and hear the poems and stories of our poets and poetry readers.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Nursery Volunteers:** Our nursery is growing! We are looking for 2 adults and 4 high school students to serve in a monthly rotation in the nursery during both services. Contact Chrysa Bliati at cbliati@fcchamilton.org to help.
- **Jail Ministry Volunteers Needed for Alpha Programs:** There is something very powerful about seeing God's work come to life in correctional institutions. Alpha New England is looking for men and women volunteers for programs at the Suffolk County Jail in Boston and the Essex County Pre-release and Re-entry Center in Lawrence. If interested, contact Kristin Larson, kristincklarson@hotmail.com.
- **Fall Cleanup at FCCH:** We're looking for individuals or groups to come to our campus at your convenience to help rake and bag leaves. The next Saturday curbside pickup in Hamilton is December 6. Bags and a few rakes are available on the side porch of the Wigglesworth-Cutler (WC) House. Please contact Phil Best, facilities@fcchamilton.org. Your help is greatly appreciated.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- We extend our deep gratitude to Sharon Carlson for her years of devoted service and leadership as our Women's Ministry Director. Join us today at a reception for Sharon in Fellowship Foyer at 12:15 pm.
- **Director of Women's Ministry:** FCCH is seeking a part-time Women's Ministry Director to lead, equip, and encourage women in their walk with Christ. Full position details and requirements are available at fcchamilton.org. Inquiries and resumes may be sent to info@fcchamilton.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us on Saturday, November 15, for the Men's Breakfast in Heritage Hall from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Dr. David Horn will speak on *The Humble Man: Walking in the Way of Christ*. This is a free and catered event. Registration is due today! Sign up using the QR code on the front page.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **High School Youth Group** meets Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:45 pm.
- **Middle School Youth Group** meets Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
- **Whiteout! Winter Retreat:** All youth ministry students and their friends are invited to Camp Spofford for our winter retreat. High school students will go from January 30 to February 1, 2026, and middle school students will go from February 15 to 17, 2026. Please register, using the QR code on the front page, by December 1. Scholarships are available.

COLLEGE AGE MINISTRY - REGRESSIVE DINNER TONIGHT!

Join us for our Regressive Dinner, where we begin with sweets and finish with appetizers, tonight! We'll meet at FCCH at 5:00 pm (note the time change) and travel together to the homes that will each serve a different course.

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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!*