

Order of Worship

January 25, 2026

Announcements

Hearing the news of the church

Gathering Call

Preparing our hearts and minds for worship

Special Music, Keith Green Medley, Choir

Receiving the ministry of music

Scripture Reading, Matthew 21: 1-17

Hearing the word of God

Song of Worship, Hymn #130, *Here I Am to Worship**

Responding to God in praise

Blessing and Dismissal of Our Kids

One generation blessing the next

Offering

Giving to God as an act of trust and worship

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.
*Doxology**

Congregational Prayer

Praying together in the Presence of the Holy Spirit

Our Father who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Sermon, "Matthew — Jesus As King," Malcolm Hamblett, Guest Preacher

Drawing closer to God through His word

Respond and Reflect

Making room for God to speak to our hearts

Song of Worship, Hymn #53, *Lift Up Your Heads**

Responding to God in praise

Benediction*

Receiving a blessing as we leave to be a blessing to the world

Malcolm Hamblett Guest Preacher
Jim Bullion, Prayer Leader
Donna Clarke, Lay Reader

Prayers

Prayers we have received

- Laurie and Eric's daughter Annie, who fell skiing and broke two vertebrae. She will be coming home soon in a brace. She and her husband have three children at home; the youngest, Mikaela, is 2. Prayers for the whole family, and for Laurie, who will be traveling to see them near Utica, NY.
- Sherry Pressey, who had surgery recently for a malignant tumor. Caregivers are helping her with controlling pain, and she will be going to rehab soon. She is the main caregiver for her husband, Chet, who has multiple sclerosis.
- Ron and Ellie Farr's daughter, who fell and broke her arm
- Prayers for a friend/neighbor of Jane Patch
- Healing for Krista Robbins
- Laurie's brother, Doug
- Marjorie's friend Ellen
- John and Becky's nephew Mickey
- All those with longterm illnesses
- Our youth group, Sunday school, and their leaders
- Praises that our Pastoral Search Committee has identified several good candidates
- Any struggling with work or relationships
- Christians worldwide who are persecuted for their faith
- For all military members, members of law enforcement, and first responders
- Praises that Susan Hardy had a good neurological report and is ready to drive again
- Praises that Deborah Kidwell is cancer-free

Announcements and Coming Events

For more information, check out our events calendar at

www.etnahanovertcenterchurch.org/events

Today's Message: Today's sermon is from Malcolm Hamblett. After graduating from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Malcolm worked on staff at Crossroads Community Church, served as pastor in South Londonderry, Vermont, and was on staff in the ABC V/NH regional office. He currently works with area social-service agencies. He and his wife, Amy, live in Weston, Vermont.

Thinking of Annual Reports: Two weeks ago, we took a step toward a simplified church organization when the congregation voted for a plan put forward by the Governance Working Group and approved by the Executive Committee. We now want to take a look back at 2025 as recorded by our various committees in the annual report. If possible, please have your section to Carol (carolmedwards@gmail.com) by Wednesday, January 28th. The annual meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, March 22. Thank you!

Bible Studies: Our Wednesday Bible study resumed this past Wednesday. We meet at 10 a.m. in Trumbull Hall, and talk about last Sunday's scripture reading and sermon. And **Sunday Bible Study** resumed this morning. We meet at 9 a.m. and have begun a study of Isaiah. Our Bible discussions are lively, thought-provoking, and Spirit-led. They also offer coffee and snacks! Please join us whenever you are able to do so. No previous experience required!