Worship Service for November 2, 2025

Welcome and AnnouncementsLois Squires

Samaritan's purse: There is one more week left to drop off a shoebox or any supplies. The box is located under the coat hooks. There is a list of acceptable items on the restroom door.

First Baptist Church WARNING November 2025 Notice of Meeting

The members of The First Baptist Church of Manchester Center, VT, are hereby notified to meet in person at their house of worship in Manchester Center, VT, or by Zoom orphone *following worship* on **November 2, 2025** for the following purposes:

- 1. To discuss and vote on the recommendation of The Prudential Committee to purchase and have installed a new furnace and boiler from GSK at a cost of \$15,000.
- 2. To nominate and vote on two members-at-large to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee.
- 3. To hear, discuss and act upon any other business proper to come before the congregation.

Dottie Sundquist Church Clerk

Upcoming Events

Tonight 5pm ...Free dinner at the Eagles sponsored by Zion Church

Monday 9am-1pmPastor Theresa's office hours

2pm......Uplift: Cancer Support Group at Linda H home

Tuesday 7pm via zoomChurch Leadership Counsel mtg

Wednesday 7pm via zoom......Prayer group/book study. We are studying ch. 10 & 11 of *You Were Born for This.*

Saturday 10am at church shoebox packing party. This is the time to bring you shoeboxes or supplies for the shoeboxes to church.

Sunday 8:30 at church......Mary & Martha breakfast mtg.

Christmas Poinsettias.

If you are interested in purchasing a Christmas poinsettia, in memory of a loved one, please contact Peggy at Lily the valley. She needs your order and payment by November 14. The poinsettias are \$18.50.

Peggy will deliver the poinsettia and a card to the church.

Happy Birthday to: Jerry Pike on Wednesday and to Ray Koch on Saturday!

Thank you to Jim & Cathy Comar for flowers in loving memory of Jean Pierce

Word of Preparation - Lois Squires

Prelude ~Mercy

Verse 1
I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross
Where mercy paid for me
Where the wrath I deserve it is gone it has passed
Your blood has hidden me

Chorus 1 Mercy mercy as endless as the sea I'll sing Your hallelujah for all eternity

Verse 2 We will lift up the cup and the bread we will break

Remembering Your love We were fallen from grace but You took all our shame And nailed it to a cross

Chorus 2x
Bridge
May I never lose the wonder
O the wonder of Your mercy
May I sing Your hallelujah hallelujah Amen

Ending

I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross Where mercy paid for mem

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

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Call to Worship ~ Based on Psalm 85:1-2

Peace-loving and peace-giving God, you bless us with your unfailing and unconditional love:

We come to worship and praise our loving God, and rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.

Generous God, you pour blessings and grace upon us, forgiving us for our sin and shame:

We come to worship and honour our merciful God, and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.

Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom, and in the glory of your presence, all barriers are lowered: We come to worship and revere our glorious God, who enriches the lives of God's own people and speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people. Amen.

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Hymn -73 blue There's a wideness in God's mercy

Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea: There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

Verse 2

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the savior; there is healing in His blood.

Verse 3

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Verse 4

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Praying Together ~

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

Song - Majesty

Verse
Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne

Unto His own His anthem raise

Chorus

So exalt lift up on high, The name of Jesus Magnify come glorify, Christ Jesus the King Majesty worship His majesty Jesus who died now glorified King of all kings Verse Chorus 2x

> Jack Hayford CCLI Song #1527 © 1981 New Spring

Intro to Sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - 1 Peter 1:3; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 5:7; Hebrews 4:16; Luke 6:36; James 2:13; Matthew 9:13; Lamentations 3:22-23; Micah 6:8; psalm 23:6

1 Pet 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Matt 5:7

Blessed $\it are$ the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Heb 4:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Luke 6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Jam 2:13

because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Matt 9:13

But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Lam 3:22-23

The Lord's kindness never fails! If he had not been merciful, we would have been destroyed.

The Lord can always be trusted to show mercy each morning.

Mic 6:8

The Lord God has told us what is right and what he demands:

"See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God."

Ps 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will [d]dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Sermon - "So very happy are those who are merciful" -

Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Hymn - 387 Blue Hymnal: Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Verse 1

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

Verse 2

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed, and be thy feast to us the token that by the grace our souls are fed.

Verse 1

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, and mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

Communion



Doxology

Benediction - 2 John 3

Grace, mercy and peace will be with us from God, the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

Purpose:

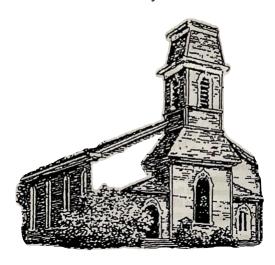
To share the love of Jesus.

Vision:

Beacon of hope, welcoming all.

Mission:

Worship God, Follow Jesus, Rely on the Holy Spirit, and Love Everyone.



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Matt 5:7