

## The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine in the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Offering

**Offertory** (Congregation is invited to sing along)

Come and See  
(Songbook #31)

## Presentation of Gifts with Doxology

Hymnal #94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts:*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts;*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## \*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

## Life and Mission of the Church

### \*Hymn

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”  
(Songbook #2)

### Going Out to Do God's Word

## Benediction

## Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God  
(Arr. By Wilbur Held)

\*Please Stand if you are able

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact [donnafellinger@vt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellinger@vt@gmail.com)  
(802-355-1700)

**NOTE:** The lighted flame entering the sanctuary at the beginning of worship symbolizes the Light of Christ coming into our midst. The pastor follows the Light in this procession, seeking to reflect that Light in leading the worship service.

# Williston Federated Church

*United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ – Federated 1899  
An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation*

## Mission Statement

*Our church is a community which seeks, welcomes and gathers people to share the Gospel of God's love, enables people to find fullness of life through Jesus Christ, goes into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ, and responds actively to human need.*



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*Emeritus Pastor ~ Rev. Charlie Magill*

*Lay Leader ~ Ashley Dubois, Ministers ~ The People of the Church*

*Church Office Administrator ~ Sally Nowotarski*

*Music Director ~ Martin Hain, Organist ~ Carolyn Pillsbury*

*Choir Accompanist ~ Cindy Thurston, Nursery Caregiver ~ Michelle Davis*

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# Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

November 19, 2017 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for young children.

Hearing assistance devices are available – please ask an usher for assistance.

## Centering Words

*“The greatest danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark..”* Michelangelo, 16<sup>th</sup> Century

## Words of Welcome:

Ashley Dubois  
Lay Leader, Williston Federated Church

## Prelude

Faith of Our Fathers  
(arr. by Henri Hemi and James G Walton)

## Introit

Now Thank We All Our God

## Greeting and Announcements

**Sharing the Peace of Christ** (a brief time of greeting other worshipers nearby)

## \*Hymn

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”  
( Songbook #34)

## Lighting the Peace Candle

### \*Call to Worship:

One: This is the Lord’s Day, the day of wonder and grace,

**Many: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.**

One: This is the Lord’s Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

**Many: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.**

One: This is the Lord’s Day, and it has come just in time!

**Many: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, and with love!**

## \*Opening prayer

One: Now, in the silence when we struggle to control our lives,

**Many: May we, once again, empty ourselves of our fear, to be filled with your hope.**

One: Now, in these moments, when we cannot let go of our worries and doubts,

**Many: May we once again open our hearts to be filled with faith.**

One: Now, on this day which is your gift to us,

**Many: May we, once again, live into your kingdom.**

## Anthem

For the Autumn Sky  
(By Ruth Elaine Schram)

## Listening for God’s Word

## Time with Children of All Ages

## Presentation of Bibles to third graders

**David Nesbit and (in absentia) Fay Monaghan**

## Scripture:

Gospel Page 28-29

Matthew 25:14-30

## Sermon

“Hidden Talent”

Pastor Paul Eyer

## \*Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let it Be”  
(Hymnal #399)

## Responding to God’s Word

## Celebrations and Concerns

**Prayers of the People.** Response: **Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

## Pastoral Prayer

## Silent Meditation

### **Friday Morning Men's 7:00am Bible Study**

is looking at the lectionary readings for the week, thinking about them, and discussing their meaning for our lives. After the meetings everyone who has time is invited to go out to breakfast together. All the men associated with the church are encouraged to join the group, for one Friday or for more. For additional information, contact Ken Stone, [kmstonevt@aol.com](mailto:kmstonevt@aol.com)

### **From the Education Committee:**

An important mission of the Church is the religious education of our children. We have wonderful, amazing, kind and loving children. It lifts one's spirit to spend time with them. We need a teacher for the children ages 9 to 13. This class has a potential of about 10 children each week and they are great to work with. We have curriculum which provides many fun activities with which to teach the lessons. The next session is January through March. Someone please volunteer!!! If you prefer to work with the younger children, who are a real delight, there can be an opening there as well. Please contact Susan Lamb or any member of the education committee. **THANKS!**

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### **December Book Club and Pot Luck Dinner**

Thank you to Jane Stickney who hosted our November book club meeting. Our next meeting will be on December 5, 5:30pm at the home of Shirley Rounds at 119 Honeysuckle Ln. We will discuss the book, 'The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper' by Phaedra Patrick. Please RSVP to Shirley at 878-6399 or to [rsrounds1@gmail.com](mailto:rsrounds1@gmail.com). All women are welcome. Please try to join us. Lois Mason

*Liturgical resources: The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are adapted from "Lectionary Liturgies" prepared by by Presbyterian Pastor Thom Shuman and found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/11/liturgy-wcommunion-for-november-16-2014.html>. The Prayer of Dedication comes from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014) at page 246.*

**Greeter:** Jane Stickney

**Ushers:** Nesbit Family ~ Julia, David and Robert

**Scripture Reader:** Joe Maloney

### **Williston Federated Church ~ Week of November 19, 2017**

**Wednesday, Nov 22** ~ 7:30pm AA

**Thursday, Nov 23** ~ Happy Thanksgiving

**Saturday, Nov 25** ~ 9:00am Alanon

**Sunday, Nov 26** ~ 9:30am Worship with Rev. Paul Eyer

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### **Holiday Decorating:**

As you are going through your decorations for the upcoming holidays, please look for "wreath rings" that you might have taken home last year when you degreened. We will be needing them this year !

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### **Hanging of the Greens and Dessert Pot luck.**

Join us for fun in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm December 2nd to make wreaths, green the sanctuary, set up the creche plus setting up other items to prepare for the Christmas season.

Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. Please also bring clippers and gloves for handling the greens.

### **Christmas Giving Tree ~**

Lisa Bellaveau will provide a tree again this year. Ken Stone agreed to put up the tree as soon as it is delivered to the church and gift tags will be hung and available for parishoners to take on 11/26. Gifts should be wrapped and returned with the tag attached no later than 12/17. Bags of gifts for each family will be assembled following the service on 12/17 and delivered on 12/18.

### **Alternative Gift Shop:**

In 2016, \$3186 was donated to approximately 20 non-profit organizations through the Alternative Gift Shop. We will again promote and organize this worthy activity. We will have gift cards available from the following organizations: JUMP (Joint Urban Ministry Project), Heifer International Project, , Hunger Free Vermont, Kids 4 Peace, NAMI, Dismas House, Project Chacocente, COTS, Good News Garage, Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, Warmth Program, STEPS Vermont, Howard Center, Williston Federated Church Community Dinners, Spectrum, King Street Youth Center, Vermont Refugee Resettlement Project, Williston Food Shelf, Vermont Respite House, Camp Agape, Williston Summer Recreation Food Program and Burlington Emergency Shelter. We will accept and process gifts for other organizations as well. More information will be made available in future bulletins.

### **Cushions Available**

If you'd like more comfort for your back or bottom, there are cushions on the chair-rack in the fellowship hall and on the coat-racks in hall behind the sanctuary.

### **Vendor fundraiser and crafter event**

on 11/25/17 from 9:00 am to 3:00pm at Community Center, Holy Family Campus, 4 Prospect St./VT Route 2A Essex Junction, VT to benefit Stephanie Lawe-Roberge double lung transplant. Your support will be greatly appreciated

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**Christmas Bazaar take two** - Following worship today, stop by Fellowship Hall. There will be crafts, plants and baked goods available for purchase as well as a chance for last minute bidding on the Silent Auction items. Bidding ends at 11:00 AM. Proceeds benefit the many missions that the Women of the Church Support. The Silent Auction proceeds benefit the Youth Group.

### **Williston Federated Church Sign Policy**

#### **Adopted by Official Board 11/14/17**

All signs posted outside the Williston Federated Church must be placed on the church property inside the sidewalk and not on the Town of Williston right of way (between the sidewalk and the road). Signs announcing regular church events (i.e. Chicken Pie Supper, Christmas Bazaar, Community Dinners, Rummage Sale, etc) may be placed on the church property leading up to the event. All other signs (i.e. special events, fundraisers, ethical stance, etc) must be approved by the Official Board before being displayed.