

Offering

Offertory

“March in G Major”
(J.S. Bach)

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*)

We respond in faith, O God, with the gift of our lives and our resources. May they be reflections of your love for a world in need. Amen.

Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Songbook #107)

Going Out to Do God’s Word

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude”
(Alexandre Boelby)

*Please Stand if you are able

**Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact 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.



Pastor ~ Reverend Paul Eyer 878-5792, pastoreyer@gmail.com

Emeritus Pastor ~ 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!

January 21, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for young children.

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

Centering Words

"I think that the world will not be converted to the heavenly hope of Christianity if first Christianity does not convert itself to the hope of the world." Teilhard de Chardin, 20th century

Words of Welcome/ Call to Worship

Ashley Dubois

Lay Leader, Williston Federated Church

Leader: The Word of the Lord came,

All: Hope for all people cradled in his arms.

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes,

All: Calling us out of our comfort zones to go where grace is needed most.

Leader: The Word of the Lord will come,

All: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.

Prelude

"God in the Highest Heaven"

(J.S. Bach)

Introit

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Greeting and Announcements

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

*Hymn

"Come and See"

(Songbook #31)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Opening Prayer *(unison)*

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds. Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

"Lord God, We Worship Thee"

(J.S. Bach, arr by Hal Hopson)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Scripture readings

Old Testament: pages 860-861

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Gospel: page 35

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

"Immediately"

Pastor Paul Eyer

*Hymn

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

(Hymnal #344)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations and Concerns

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

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

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.

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

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**Dear Friends:** I have tentatively scheduled a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission trip to Florida for the week of April 15 to 21, 2018. I picked Florida because we haven't worked there before, it is frequently affordable to travel to, and Puerto Rico is not yet organized to receive volunteers. There is much hurricane recovery work to be done throughout the world.

If this fits your calendar and you'd like to go, please let me know. I will know details about where we should fly to, what the costs will be, and how many can be in the group as time goes by. As you know, we probably won't know what the work is until a week or so before we travel, perhaps not until we arrive. My hope is that it will not be ALL ceiling work, as our last New Jersey trip was.

I hope to hear from several of you. Feel free to distribute this note widely.

God's blessing,  
Charlie Magill

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*Liturgical resources: The **Call to Worship** was adapted from Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom Shuman found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2015/01/liturgy-wcommunion-for-january-25-2015.html>. The **Opening Prayer** is adapted from a liturgy found at <http://evangelismconnections.org/weekly-evangelectionary-for-sunday-january-25th-2015/>.*

The Powerpoint presentation of projected images was prepared by our Church Office Administrator, Sally Nowotarski.

Greeters: Jane Stickney **Coffee:**

Ushers: Potter Family ~ Dana, Fran, Jake, Cody

Scripture Readers: Bob Driver

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of January 21, 2018

Monday, Jan 22 ~ 1:00 pm Senior Group

Tuesday, Jan 23 ~ 1:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan 24 ~ 7:30pm AA Meeting

Thursday, Jan 25 ~ 8:00am Centering; 6:00pm Music & Worship; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Jan 26 ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday, Jan 27 ~ 9:00am Alanon; 11:30am Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, Jan 28 ~ 9:30am Worship Service

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**Coffee Hour Hosts & Greeters Are Needed** - Sunday morning coffee hour is a great time to catch up with friends & to welcome visitors. Please consider signing up to provide a snack. Coffee hour snacks do not have to be elaborate. The snack can be as simple as a loaf of sweet bread or some crackers & cheese. If you aren't comfortable making coffee, the Membership Committee person in charge that week, can help. Greeters play an important role for anyone visiting our church for the first time. A greeter provides that first word of welcome and directions to the sanctuary. From Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." If you have questions, speak to a member of the committee: Ruth Magill, Vicki Trueman, Sally Metro or Carol Bouchard.

## Sledding Party

The Education Committee will host a sledding party and hot dog cookout after Church on Sunday, January 28. We will meet at Rossignol Park after Church for sledding, a campfire, hot dogs, hot chocolate, marshmallows, etc. (If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be postponed to February) Hoping for a great turnout of the young and young at heart!

**Habitat Open House** ~ The purpose of Habitat for Humanity is "To Demonstrate the Love and Teachings of Jesus Christ." Habitat for Humanity demonstrates that message through working in partnership with people who have no other way to qualify for home ownership. To see some of what the local affiliate, Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, is doing,

## You're Invited to an Open House at our soon-to-be completed Triplex!

When: Saturday, January 27 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Where: 57 Park Street Essex Junction, VT

I hope you can join us to tour a triplex of homes that local donors, volunteers and businesses have made possible for three low-income working families in Chittenden County.

**“Somber” and “sweet” on the same day:** Call it a quirk of the liturgical calendar. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, meaning that the official start of the Lenten season (often a time of reflection and repentance) coincides with Valentines Day. Indicative of our inclusive spirit, Williston Federated Church will offer opportunities to observe Ash Wednesday (and still allow time for you to celebrate Valentines Day with your loved one.

On Wednesday, February 14, the church sanctuary will be open for anyone who wishes to receive the ashes between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Then at 6:00 p.m., a brief Ash Wednesday service will take place in the sanctuary, during which the ashes will also be offered. Please feel free to join us for this meaningful time.

## Dismas House Dinner Sign Up 2018

Williston Federated Church is a partner with Dismas House, Burlington, a transitional housing facility serving former inmates, as well as college students and international volunteers.

On the third Tuesday of each month, church attendees volunteer to provide dinner and eat with the members of the residence. There are usually 10-12 folks sitting around a large table, sharing their day and enjoying a meal together. Several longtime members of WFC have participated in this worthwhile outreach program for many years.

There is a new sign-up sheet for the coming year on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please consider getting involved with Dismas in 2018. If you have any questions about the program, logistics, or would like to partner with someone, please contact: Carol Wyatt, [brucecarol@gmail.com](mailto:brucecarol@gmail.com), 802-876-7950.

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January Book Club and Pot Luck

This month our book club will meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on January 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The book for January is ‘The Paying Guests’ by Sarah Waters. Susan Lamb and Ann Wadsworth will host the event. Please RSVP to Susan Lamb susanlambvt@gmail.com at 878-1251. Ann Wadsworth ann.wadsworth1@gmail.com at 578-8716.