



# Williston Federated Church

## Open and Affirming, Reconciling Pledge

*We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our 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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Lay Leader – Ashley Dubois

Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne

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## Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

October 17, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

Call to Worship	One: In our gathering together let us ponder and recognize the wonders of God. <b>All: In the amazing autumn colors, in the blowing breeze, in the rising and setting sun,</b> One May we see God's glory, <b>All: And may we offer God our praise.</b>	Ashley Dubois
Prelude	"Sicilinne" by Daniel Gotlob Turk	Carolyn Pillsbury
Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ	Lighting the Peace Candle One: Peace to with you <b>All: And also with you</b>	Pastor Paul Eyer & Congregation
Opening Hymn	"Ye Servants of God" UMC Hymnal #181 (sing verses 1 and 4)	Choral Ensemble
Prayer of the day		
Anthem	"My Lighthouse" by Rend Collective, arr by David Angerman	Choral Ensemble
Front Porch Bible Presentations	Third-graders Lucy McCoy and J.J. Garcia received Bibles delivered to their front door by members of the Christian Education Committee	Video by Heather Lewis

In-Sanctuary Bible Presentations	Third-graders Andy Meisenzahl and Martin Rivera will receive Bibles from the Christian Education Committee	Pastor Paul Eyer		as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."	
Time with Children		Pastor Paul Eyer			
Scripture	Mark 10:35-45 35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize	Rev. Mark Demers			
			Prayer Of Illumination	<b>May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.</b>	Pastor Paul Eyer & Congregation
			Sermon	"Servant"	Pastor Paul Eyer
			Farewell to Friends	We offer a fond farewell to Bill and Elaine Pellechia as they prepare to move south.	Pastor Paul Eyer
			Celebrations/ Prayers	Pastor: Lord of Life and Love Congregation: Hear our prayer Prayer requests may be submitted to: <a href="mailto:WFCPrayer44@gmail.com">WFCPrayer44@gmail.com</a> (public prayer request) <a href="mailto:pastoreyer@gmail.com">pastoreyer@gmail.com</a> (private prayer request)	Pastor Paul Eyer
			Silent Reflection	A time for silent Prayers	

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 is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Pastor Paul Eyer & Congregation

Offering/ Offertory      Mailing: Williston Federated Church  
44 No. Williston Rd  
Williston, VT. 05495

Online:  
<http://onrealm.org/WFC/give/giveonline>  
Churches website: [www.steeple.org](http://www.steeple.org)

Offertory Music      "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"  
Hymn variation by Oliver Holden

Carolyn Pillsbury

Prayer of Dedication      **All: O God, may our gifts lay a foundation of hope for all in despair; may the brighten the shadows of those who wander alone; may they cause the voiceless to join the morning stars in singing your praises. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

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Life and Mission of Church

Closing Hymn      "The Servant Song" Songbook #63  
(sing verses 1 and 2)  
For verse one, the opening line should read: "Won't you let me be your servant..."  
For verse two, the second line should read: ""We are travelers on the road..."

Choral ensemble

Benediction/ Blessing      Pastor Paul Eyer

Postlude      "Processional" by Purcell

Carolyn Pillsbury

Liturgical Resources      *The Call to Worship is adapted from PPinsent/ml from "Liturgy for the Celebration of Life" by Rex A.E. Hunt found at [https://www.rexaehtprogressive.com/liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_pentecostafter/pentecost20b21102012.html](https://www.rexaehtprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_b_liturgy_collection/year_b_pentecostafter/pentecost20b21102012.html). The Prayer of the Day and the Prayer of Dedication were adapted from "Lectionary Liturgies" by Thom Shuman, found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2015/10/liturgy-wcommunion-for-october-18-2015.html>.*

*Ushers: Don Thurston and Gail Butterfield  
Greeters: Polly Malick  
Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach  
Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois*

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### This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church

#### A Note about the Time with Children

We are delighted to welcome children into our worship service! And we have a special time during the service aimed especially at the youngest among us—and the young at heart! We welcome children to participate in the "Time With Children" in any of the following ways: remain seated in the pew with their family; gather on the first pew; or

sit on the chancel steps. Remember that the worship service is being livestreamed to social media. So if you would prefer that your child not appear in this video on our church's Facebook page, you can keep the children with you in the pew or have them sit on the first pew with their back to the camera. If you have no objection to your child appearing in this livestreamed video feed, then all of the options are open to you.

And then following the Time With Children, the younger set can head off to join Susan Lamb and other volunteers to engage with the children (outdoors if the weather permits). And Michelle Davis is offering nursery care for the youngest children in the Sitting Room. It is a joy to welcome children in our midst!

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**Membership Opportunity**

All are welcome here at WFC. Being a full member of the church is not a requirement for participation in all aspects of worship, serving on committees, providing outreach and service to others. It is an opportunity to make a public statement of Christian witness. If you are new to the church community, or have been worshipping with us for years, and are interested in joining the church, please speak to Pastor Paul Eyer or a member of the Membership Committee: Carol Bouchard, Ruth Magill, Sally Metro, Janice Mejia, Carol Burbank or Gary Lewis. New members will be received during worship this fall. The date is to be determined.

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**Need for Ushers**

We are in need of ushers! Please prayerfully consider if this may be a way you could serve at Williston Federated Church. If you are available, please contact Cindy Thurston at [cindythurston57@gmail.com](mailto:cindythurston57@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you so much!

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**Thursday morning Centering Prayer Group**

This Thursday morning, October 21 at 9am the Centering Prayer group will gather in person and via Zoom for silent prayer and Bible discussion. The session begins with a brief reading and then 20 minutes of silence. After 20 minutes a bell will ring 3 times. Then the Bible passage of the day will be read three times. Participants will talk of the part of the passage that touched them or had questions or special meaning. The gathering lasts about one hour, ending with the Lord's Prayer also known as the Our Father. For Zoom code or questions call or text Donna Fellingner 802-355-1700 or by email at [donnafellinger@tvgmail.com](mailto:donnafellinger@tvgmail.com)

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**Dismas House**

Every month, for the third Tuesday, we experience, with appreciation, how volunteer cooks from our community of faith provides a meal to the table of the residents, volunteers and staff at Dismas House in Burlington.

Jane Stickney and Barb Bristol will provide for October's 3rd Tuesday, 10/19/21 and the Meisenzahl Family, Brian, Sarah and sons, Andrew and Charlie, will take on November 16th, 2021. Thank you, Barb & Jane and Meisenzahl family.

The remaining "third Tuesdays" of 2021 are listed within the Dismas House announcement on the virtual bulletin board that can be viewed on the church's website. After November 16th, the remaining "third Tuesday" of 2021 is December 21st. For more detailed information, please contact Peet Grobler at (802) 881-9007 or [peetgrobler@aol.com](mailto:peetgrobler@aol.com).

Thank you for considering to volunteer for the last "Third Tuesday" of the calendar year 2021: December 21, 2021.

Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee.

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**Virtual Bulletin Board**

We are happy to share that we have created a virtual Bulletin Board for announcements and sign ups that will be accessible through our website. We have also created a tutorial video to guide you through using the bulletin board. Both the tutorial and bulletin board can be found on our website.

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**Trunk Or Treat Event October 31st**

The Williston Federated Church and the Williston-Richmond Rotary Club are teaming up to host a Halloween Trunk or Treat event on October 31st from 2:30-4:30PM at the Tennis Courts area of the Williston Central School. The Rotary is looking for 6 volunteers from WFC to help. If you are interested in participating in this community outreach event, speak to [Carol Bouchard](#) More details to follow.

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**Time Together**

Please gather in Fellowship Hall after worship for a time to greet one another. Current recommendations do not allow for coffee or food, but we can still share in a time of conversation.

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### **COVID-safe guidelines for use of church facilities**

The reentry committee met on 10/5. Although the infection rate in Vermont and Chittenden County is finally starting to decrease, it is still higher than it was last spring, and the CDC still recommends wearing masks indoors for everyone. As a result, the committee did not make any changes to the guidelines. We are hopeful that the infection rate will continue to decline and that children under the age of 12 will be eligible for vaccination by early November.

As a reminder, all people are requested to wear masks while inside the church building whether they are vaccinated or not with the following exceptions:

- People presenting worship services may remove their mask while presenting in the chancel area.
- Masks may be removed while receiving communion.
- People working alone in an office may remove their masks if no one else is around.

Indoor food and beverage consumption is not allowed except for communion.

Outside groups are expected to adhere to our guidelines with the exception of the daycare and preschool, who are subject to guidelines set for by the licensing agency for daycare facilities.

Questions and comments may be directed to Martin Hain at [mhainvt@gmail.com](mailto:mhainvt@gmail.com).