

**First Church of Christ, Congregational
United Church of Christ
Baptism of the Lord**



January 12, 2025

CCLI #292978, and #20547245

CHURCH ORGANIZED ON AUGUST 18, 1778

Present building erected in North Conway Village 1884

**"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are
welcome here!"**

"Every moment is a fresh beginning." – T.S. Eliot

***Please stand if you are able**

Prelude

Lighting the Community and Christ Candles
We invite you to use this time for silent prayer
and reflection as we prepare for worship.

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek renewal and purpose.

All: We gather to hear God's call to new beginnings.

One: Come, all who yearn to belong.

All: We gather to find our place in the family of God.

One: In the waters of baptism, we are made new.

All: In the Spirit of love, we are named and claimed as God's beloved.

One: God's Spirit moves among us, stirring our hearts.

All: We are called to listen, to trust, and to follow.

One: The Spirit descends, inviting us into God's embrace.

All: We are held in love and sent forth with purpose.

One: Let us open our hearts to the Spirit that transforms.

All: Let us embrace the community that nurtures and sustains us.

One: Come, beloved of God, and worship the One who makes all things new.

All: We come to worship with joy and thanksgiving!

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

All: God of new beginnings and eternal belonging, we come before You as a people longing to be renewed. You call us into the waters of transformation, inviting us to leave behind what no longer serves and to embrace the life You offer. In Your love, we find our truest identity, and in this community, we discover our

place of belonging. As we worship, fill us with Your Spirit, that we may live as Your beloved children, sharing Your grace and love with the world. Amen.

*Hymn NCH #459 Come, O Font of Every Blessing

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Proclamation

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7 (Hebrew Bible p. 672)
 Acts 8:14-17 (NT p. 126)
 Luke 3:15-22 (NT p. 60)

Children's Message Becoming Family Jennifer Terry

Word In Music You Raise Me Up
 arr. by Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland
 Soloist Richard Goss III

Message Renewing God's Subscription Jennifer Terry

Response

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

One: Now as our Savior Jesus taught us, let us pray together:
All: 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.

Offertory

Doxology NCH #780

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out

*Hymn NCH #82 Go, My Children with My Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

(Stay and enjoy OR head right on over for coffee and treats!)

Thanks to Laurie Turley for her beautiful piano music. And gratitude for our soloist Richard Goss III.

The altar flowers are given by Richard & Helen Goss in celebration of all those having a January birthday. This church has quite an assemblage of God's handiwork this month!

Greeters: Don & Laurel Ekberg

Ushers: Fred Starkey and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Lee Coffield

Lay Leader: Jennifer Terry

Welcome to First Church of Christ! If you are visiting with us today, please note that there are two fire exits at the rear of the sanctuary and one at the back of the church through the kitchen. Additionally, there are two unisex bathrooms; one downstairs off the front entrance and one off the kitchen at the rear of the building.

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and conversation!

Mission Corner:

- **The Noisy Offering for January/February will go to the Way Station.** This program is designed to provide safe, welcoming, non-judgmental space and supportive services for homeless & housing insecure residents of Mt Washington Valley.
- The 1st Quarter **Mission collection is for the End 68 Hours of Hunger Program.** This program confronts the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive at school on Friday afternoon and the free breakfast they receive at school on Monday morning.
- **The Food Pantry welcomes non-perishable food and monetary gifts are most appreciated as they can be stretched further.** The pantry hours are shown in our *Week of Activities*. Checks can be made payable to: *Vaughan Community Service, Inc.* and placed in the collection plate.

Evelyn Porter is designated as The Coordinator of the Diaconates' Ministry of Greeting. If you would like her to send a card from the church to someone who is ill, grieving, celebrating or who just needs a "pick-me-up" note. Please call her at (603) 356-2881 or send her an email at hambru35@yahoo.com.

Week of Activities:

Today: Worship – Jennifer Terry, Lay Leader

Monday: **Annual Reports are due!**

AA Noon-1pm;

Scouts of America Troop 150 and Pack 150 6:30-8:00pm

Tuesday: Food Pantry 11:30am-1:45pm

Thursday: Food Pantry Open 12:30-2:45pm;

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:00pm;

Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:00-5:00pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: **BREAKFAST CHURCH!!! At 8:30am!**

(NO 10am Worship Service)

Revolving Closet-Teens 2:00-5:00pm

Reminder: Your Annual Reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 13, 2025.

Our January Newsletter is chock full of good stuff and important dates! You'll definitely want to check it out. You'll find it online by going to our website at:

<https://firstchurchnc.com/Newsletters/January2025.pdf>

(And let us know if you don't have online access - we can still mail a physical copy to you!)

Church Address and Information

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Pastor: Reverend Walt Hampton, J.D., CFC

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!



To make giving even easier for those who don't carry cash or use checks, we've started using QR Code, in the bulletin. Just scan the code with your phone like you would in a restaurant!