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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

*Declaring, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today,
and forever." Hebrews 13:8*

June 12th, 2022

The Order of Morning Worship

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Nine-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Pastor

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

❖ Invocation

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Exultation #363

We Gather Together

Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance

based on Romans 8:39

Pastor

Collective Confession

Congregation

Holy Father, we long to have You change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We don't think Your thoughts, speak Your truth, or do the good that You command. We do not love our neighbors as You have loved us. We bend the truth to our own purposes. We harbor bitterness when we don't get our own way. We neglect and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

Pastor

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

- ❖ Affirmation of Faith *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*¹ Congregation
 Pastor: What is the chief end of man?
Congregation: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
 Pastor: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?
Congregation: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

❖ Creedal Song #735 *Gloria Patri* Congregation

❖ Scripture Reading Matthew 6:31-33 Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection #644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* Congregation

Deacons' Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation

The Sermon Philippians 2:19-24 Pastor
"The Godly Example of Timothy"

❖ Hymn of Response #358 *For All the Saints* Congregation

Benediction 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Pastor

Pastor: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.

Postlude

~~ Organist: Anne Hablitzel ~~
 ~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

¹ A catechism is a question and answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

Deacons' Offering – Today, June 12th

Our church receives many requests for help from not just within our church body but the community at large. The deacons have a great many opportunities to share God's love with folks in need, whether it is paying a bill for them or buying them a pair of glasses. This is a vital ministry that our church has to reach into our communities and share the gospel in a loving, gracious way. If you are in need or know someone who is, please contact Dan Bruce, the Deacons' Mercy Minister at home (802) 457-3975, at his cell number (802) 345-8870, or email him at rhondan08@myfairpoint.net.

Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight
at 6 pm in the church library.

Market on the Green

FCCW Community Outreach Team is excited for our annual face painting booth at Market on The Green in Woodstock, VT. The event takes place each Wednesday, June 1-Oct 12 from 3-6pm. We will offer free face painting for all ages, coloring books, and story time. Please come by to say hello; we will be under the purple FCCW tent, rain or shine. There are 30+ vendors at this year's market on the green which includes live music, food, and drinks. If you would like to help in any way with this amazing outreach opportunity please contact Hayley Bauer at hayleylgriffith@gmail.com

The June Prayer Letter is available in the narthex.

Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at rbrissonwccc@gmail.com or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.



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Sermon Notes and Daily Devotional
First Congregational Church of Woodstock

Pastor Doug Warren
June 12, 2022

Morning Worship Service:

Philippians 2:19-24

The Godly Example of Timothy

1. God Calls Us to Work Together to Further His Interests.

2. Timothy Is an Example of Care for Others in Christ.

3. We Find Freedom in Christ to Truly Love Others.

CONCLUSION: Christ does not call us to be doormats whom other people can walk all over. But He does call us to abandon our selfish ambition that both traps us and keeps us from truly loving others. Only through serving Him whole-heartedly are we free to love and be loved as we truly are in Christ—Children of God.

Matthew 6:31-33

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But *seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*”

First Corinthians 4:14-21

I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, *be imitators of me*. That is why I sent you *Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church*. Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

First Corinthians 10:31-11:1

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Second Timothy 2:1-6

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, *since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him*. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Matthew 16:24-28

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Taking Gathered Worship Home

We are often bound to seeking our own welfare above all else. Sometimes that is expressed through seeking others' interests but not joyfully. We can be compelled to do so for any number of reasons. But Christ calls us to allegiance to Him and His interests. In promoting His priorities we find freedom both from our selfish ambition and from slavishly serving others.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Philippians 2:19-24; Matthew 6:31-33; First Corinthians 4:14-21; 10:31-11:1; Second Timothy 2:1-6; Matthew 16:24-28.** **DISCUSS** How do examples help us to better follow Christ? What are the dangers of following models of godly behavior? What are the benefits? **PRAY** "Jesus, help us to be more like Timothy in caring for others in Your name."

Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* meets tonight at **6pm** in FCCW's library.

Monday

READ **Philippians 2:19-24; First Corinthians 4:14-21; 12:12-26.** **DISCUSS** How did Paul encourage those in Corinth to imitate him and Timothy? Why? How did their example help them to see Christ? **SERVE** by putting someone else's interest *above your own!* **MEDITATE** on **Revelation 1:4b-6.** **PRAY**, "Jesus, thank You for providing godly examples like Paul and Timothy."

Tuesday

READ **Philippians 2:19-24; First Corinthians 10:31-11:1.** **DISCUSS** What did Paul seek instead of His own advantage/interests? How are you doing that? Of what do you (we) need to repent? **MEDITATE** on **Revelation 1:4b-6.** **PRAY**, "Lord, enable us to serve Your interests above our own or even others'."

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 2:19-24**; **Second Timothy 2:1-6**; **Ephesians 1:3-10**. DISCUSS The Holy Spirit points us to the example of Timothy. What examples did He provide Timothy? SERVE Feed, clothe, or care for someone today in Christ's name. MEDITATE on **Revelation 1:4b-6**. PRAY, "Lord, *make us faithful* to You & Your Kingdom."

Thursday

READ **Philippians 2:19-24**; **Matthew 16:24-28**. DISCUSS How does taking up our cross involve dying to our interests? How does it help us serve others in Christ's name? MEDITATE on **Revelation 1:4b-6**. PRAY, "Lord, thank You for dying for us."

Friday

READ **Philippians 2:19-24**; **Matthew 6:31-33**; **First Corinthians 4:14-21**; **10:31-11:1**; **Second Timothy 2:1-6**; **Matthew 16:24-28**. DISCUSS, How has God been encouraging you from these passages this week? DELIGHT in Christ, knowing that we will be like Him one day! MEDITATE on **Revelation 1:4b-6**. PRAY for one another at FCCW that we would understand our identity in Christ.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Philippians 2:12-30**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

Revelation 1:4b-6

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who *loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*