



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Order of Service February 1, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 96:1-4

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Unison: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

* **Hymn:** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* **Invocation**

* **Song of Response:** Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth

Throughout the endless ages

From the depths of the sea

You will be crowned with praises

From the heights of the heavens

Lord Most High

Your name be praised

Exalted in every nation

From the hearts of the weak

Sovereign of all creation

From the shouts of the strong

Lord Most High be magnified

From the lips of all people

This song we raise Lord

Children’s Message Lauren Sager

Scripture Reading Luke 10:1-12

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Prayer For Our Church Family

Offertory: *Here I Am, Lord* Choir

* **Doxology**

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
Amen

Sermon: *“Following Jesus: On Mission”*..... Oli van Ruth

Luke 10:1-24

- **Hymn:** Take my Life and Let It Be

- **Apostles' Creed**

Prayer of Renewal

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

- **Hymn:** O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (verse 2, repeat last two lines)

- **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

90 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

My tongue shall speak of Thy . . . praise all the day long. Psa. 35:28

Charles Wesley, 1739

AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, He sets the pris - oner free;
4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;
5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,



The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace.
'Tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
To spread thro' all the earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name. A - men.



Offertory
Here I Am, Lord
by Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
 My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus
I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus

385 Take My Life and Let It Be

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body . . . I Cor. 6:20

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 7 7 7 7 7

Henri A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
3. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sa - ges for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4. Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas - ure store; Take my - self and

let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love, At the im - pulse of Thy love.
let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold, Not a mite would I with - hold.
I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead:
he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy catholic* Church;
the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins:
the resurrection of the body: and the life everlasting. Amen

*Here the word means universal, such as the universal bond of genuine believers across the world.

Sing verse 2 and then repeat last two lines

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus 229

Having loved His own . . . He loved them unto the end. John 13:1

S. Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

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Thomas J. Williams, 1890

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - meas-ured, bound-less, free!
* 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me,
* How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang-eth nev - er, nev - er - more;
"Tis an o - cean vast of bless-ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest,

Un - der -neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;
* How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a Heav'n of Heav'n's to me;

Lead - ing on-ward, lead-ing home-ward To my glo-ri-ous rest a-bove.
* How for them He in - ter - ced-eth, Watch-eth o'er them from the throne.
And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee. A-men.

- SERMON TEXT & NOTES

Luke 10:1-24 (verses 1-12 on pg. 2)

13 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. **14** But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. **15** And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. **16** “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.” **17** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

18 He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **19** I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. **20** However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

22 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. **24** For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 1, 2026

Our mission is to rejoice in God, grow in the gospel, and point people to Jesus.

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 8 - Children's Ministry Parents Council, 9:45 am
- February 10 - Seiberts Road to Wisdom Book discussion, 7:00 pm
- February 12 - Rendalls Road to Wisdom Book discussion, 7:00 pm
- February 13-15 - Middle School Winter Retreat, 3:45 pm
- February 15 - Winter/Spring Adult Sunday School Classes begin, 9:45 am
- February 15 - Welcome Milestone Class, 9:45 am

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome! We are glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions please ask an usher.

For families we provide children's church. During our 8:30 am service, our supervised Nursery is for infants through age 3, and our Little People's Church (LPC) program is for children age 4 through 1st grade. LPC meets following the Children's Message. During the 11:00 am service, the Nursery room is staffed as a combined space for infants and toddlers.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am

- Infants, preschool and kindergarten age children gather in the Meetinghouse
- Elementary age children meet in the lower level of the Ministry Center
- Middle schoolers meet in the Ministry Center, Room 11
- High schoolers meet in the Barn
- Adult classes
 - *Getting Along God's Way* with Dr. Katherine Horvath, Chapel
 - *Christians and Immigration: The Bible, Ethics, and Ministry to Immigrants* with Dr. Glenn Butner, Barn

Download our app



Additional resources: We have the Deacons fund, prayer chain, helping hands ministry, meals ministry, pastoral counseling, and other resources to help. Contact us at info@fcchamilton.org.

Hearing-Assist Devices and Large-Print Bibles: We have hearing-assist devices that help reduce ambient noise when listening to the sermon in the sanctuary; we also have large-print bibles. Please see an usher for assistance.

ALL-CHURCH SURVEY

As we enter a new and exciting season of ministry at FCCH, we would love to hear from you as members and regular attenders of our church. The first way you can provide your input is by completing our all-church online survey. Use the QR code to the right to access the survey. A web address is also displayed in Fellowship Foyer and the Ministry Center.



TIS THE SEASON FOR SNOW

Is church cancelled? In case of inclement weather, you'll receive a notification about whether church is cancelled through the Church Center app. You can also check our website at www.fcchamilton.org.

COMMUNITY READ - THE ROAD TO WISDOM

If you've joined our community read, The Road to Wisdom, by Francis Collins, you're invited to meet Dr. Collins over Zoom for the second Q&A session on Monday, February 17, at 8:00 pm. A Zoom link will be emailed to those participating. Contact Vicki Best with any questions at vlbest@verizon.net.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING FEBRUARY 15

We hope you've grown in the past six weeks during our Winter Adult Sunday School classes. Beginning Sunday, February 15, we'll start all-new Sunday School classes with different topics and teachers. The new class titles are listed below. Look for class descriptions and locations in next week's worship folder.

- **Understanding 1 & 2nd Corinthians** with Dr. Eckhardt Schnabel
- **Becoming a Sanctuary: Mental Health Care and the Church** with Yuka Langlais and Lisa Clay
- **So Great a Salvation: Growing Deeper into the Gospel in a Smartphone World** with Dr. Jack Davis
- **Loving God with Head, Heart, and Hands** with Dr. Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger

PILGRIM'S PINT PUB THEOLOGY

Prove It: The Historical Roots of Modern Skepticism

Monday, February 23 (7:00 to 8:00 pm; Post Restaurant, 16 Bay Road, Hamilton)

Throughout much of human history the way that people understood their world was through a frame of reference that was inherently supernatural and transcendent. However, today it is not uncommon to hear claims that science and reason will soon replace religious belief entirely. Is this the natural outcome of scientific achievement? Or has another, entirely separate frame of reference covertly crept in, replacing the way we moderns fundamentally think about the nature of our world? Join us on Monday, February 23 as we dive into the relatively recent phenomenon of modern skepticism. Register using the QR code on the front page.

SUPPORT OTHERS WHILE GROWING DEEPER IN CHRIST!

Our Stephen Ministry training has been postponed in hopes of having more participants. Please sign up for our new dates if you're interested. As a Stephen Minister, you'll be able to support and care for your fellow Christians going through a difficult time, such as loneliness, relocation, divorce, grief, hospitalization, or unemployment. The 20 training sessions will be held every other Tuesday at 7:00 pm, beginning in late February. To learn more, please email info@fcchamilton.org, or to register, use the QR code on the front page.

FRIDAY MORNING MOMS GROUP

Moms with little ones are invited to join us for an informal play date in the church Nursery on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Drop-ins and invited friends are always welcome. Contact Janelle Deddo, janelle.deddo@gmail.com, for more details.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **FCCH Parents Council:** Parents, teachers, and volunteers passionate about seeing our children, families, and Children's Ministry flourish are invited to join our FCCH Parents Council. This group meets quarterly throughout the year. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 8, at 9:45 am in the lower level of the Ministry Center, room L7. We will have special guests, Lillian Wong (*Choosing Church and Faith as a Family*) and Hana Lee (*Forming Worshipful Hearts*). We hope to see you there!
- **Welcome Milestone Class:** Parents with babies are invited to this class on Sunday, February 15, during the Sunday School hour in the Meetinghouse first-floor classroom, to learn about our Milestones program. The Welcome Milestone provides resources and support, as well as information about baptism/dedication, to new parents. Register on the Church Center app via the QR code on the front page.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **High School Youth Group** meets Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:45 pm.
- **Middle School Youth Group** meets Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
- **Whiteout! Winter Retreat:** High school students and leaders are headed home from their winter retreat at Camp Spofford today. We trust they had a wonderful weekend of being together and enjoying the snow! Please pray for a safe trip home.

COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY

Our College-Age Group meets tonight and regularly on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Barn for a topical study or special event.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adults Group meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm. To receive more information, contact Pastor Matt at mschuberth@fcchamilton.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Night to Shine:** North Shore Community Baptist Church is hosting a Night to Shine event on Friday, February 13, and is looking for volunteers. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom-night-like experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. Register to be a volunteer at nscbc.org/night-to-shine/.
- **Joni & Friends:** Joni & Friends in Lawrence offers summer camp for people with special needs. They are looking for volunteers for June 7–11, August 9–13, and August 17–21. To learn more about volunteering, contact newengland@joniandfriends.org.
- **Campus Monitors:** We are looking for volunteers to serve as Campus Monitors, an important ministry that helps provide safety and peace of mind during worship. Monitors play a vital role in caring for the well-being of our congregation by keeping watch over the church building and surrounding campus. Please prayerfully consider serving in this valuable role. To volunteer, please contact Campus Monitor Volunteer Coordinator, Bonnie Mower, at bonnie_mower@yahoo.com.
- **Easter Yarn Donation Drive:** Women in Transition is looking for yarn donations for inmates. These incarcerated women seek to give to others through knitting and crocheting, but are running out of yarn. Please drop your leftover/new yarn in one of our bins by Sunday, March 29. Donation baskets are in Fellowship Foyer and the Ministry Center hallway.

If you would like to receive our weekly email, sign up at fcchamilton.org, or the church office, info@fcchamilton.org.

If you signed up and are not receiving them, check your spam folder and add info@fcchamilton.org to your address book.

All submissions for the announcements must be received in the church office by Wednesdays at noon. Thank you!