



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Order of Service

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

- Ephesians 3:20-21

* Call to Worship: Psalm 72:11-12, 18-19

Leader: May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

People: For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

Leader: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

Unison: Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

* Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

* Invocation

* Song of Response: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah
Hallelu, Hallelujah

Children's Message Mary Bigus

Scripture Reading Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.""

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- **Hymn:** Cornerstone

Prayer For Our Church Family

Offertory Yuka Langlais

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

- Psalm 27:4

- **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: The Father's Good Gifts"* Kevin Baird
Luke 11:1-13

- **Hymn:** The Lord's Prayer

- **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

555 Jesus Shall Reign

Psalm 72



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys
 2. Bless - ings a-bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - ner leaps to loose his
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweet - est
 4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring bless - ing and hon - or to our



run; his king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till sun shall rise and
 chains; the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all the sons of
 song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings
 King; an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the



set no more.

want are blest. To our King be high - est praise, ris - ing through e -
 on his name. loud a - men!



ter - nal days. Just and faith - ful he shall reign: Je - sus shall reign!



Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 317

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Psa. 146:2

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

ASSURANCE 9 10 9 9 Ref.

Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O, what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,
this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Cornerstone

by Hillsong Worship

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Refrain

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Refrain

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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By ALBERT H. MALOTTE

Flowing

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name. Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread and for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - - er. men.

Winter/Spring Adult Sunday School Classes Begin Today

Becoming a Sanctuary: Mental Health Care and the Church – One in four people will be affected by a mental health challenge at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding these experiences often prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. Join us as we learn together how to become a sanctuary and haven where individuals with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging.

Yuka Langlais, Lisa Clay, and guest presenters

Meetinghouse Chapel

So Great a Salvation: Growing Deeper into the Gospel in a Smartphone World – For many Christians, the gospel is limited to forgiveness of sins and a way to heaven, but while the Good News begins with forgiveness of sins it includes so much more: the fullness of the Holy Spirit; union with Christ; adoption; sanctification; predestination; the gifts of the Spirit, eternal security; experiencing Christ's presence in worship, sacrament, and daily life; and glorification. We will focus on these biblical doctrines and their applications in spiritual disciplines—such as meditating on scripture—so we do not stagnate in our Christian life, but grow deeper into the “unsearchable riches” of Christ and the gospel.

Dr. Jack Davis

Ministry Center Room 21

Loving God with Head, Heart, and Hands – Jesus commands us to love God with our "heart, soul, mind, and strength." Each week's, class will introduce a new spiritual discipline or activity that explores these different aspects of our worship. During heart weeks, we will practice affective and imaginative ways of connecting with God, through activities like visio divina (seeing God in a work of art) or marveling at the beauty of God seen in the creation. For soul weeks, we will try out contemplative prayer or practices of attention and openness to the Holy Spirit. In our mind sessions, we will sharpen our intellect through inductive Bible study and thoughtful dialogue. Finally, we will put our faith into motion through our strength, exploring how hospitality, service, and even physical activity can be acts of worship. We often find that we naturally gravitate toward one of these four areas to connect with God; this course invites us to strengthen all four. Let's learn together that loving the Lord is something we can practice in all areas of life.

Dr. Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger

Ministry Center Room 23/24

Understanding 1st & 2nd Corinthians (begins March 22) – Join this Bible class to look deeply at the teachings for the church and Christians from 1 & 2 Corinthians. So many of the themes could be taken from our newsfeeds, and the Apostle Paul gives guidance, correction, and instruction for Christians to help them remain faithful to Jesus.

Dr. Eckhardt Schnabel

Ministry Center Room 22



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - Winter/Spring Adult Sunday School classes begin, 9:45 am
- Today - Welcome Milestone class, 9:45 am
- February 16 - Presidents' Day, office closed
- February 17 - Women's Gathering at the Post, 7:00 pm
- February 17 - Francis Collins book group discussion on Zoom, 8:00 pm
- February 18 - Ash Wednesday service, 7:00 pm
- February 21 - Family Board Game Night, 5:00 pm

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 (see insert)

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. Later this afternoon, you'll receive an email with the survey link. We look forward to hearing from all of you!



- Following the excellent survey responses to date, we're continuing our endeavors to better understand our church community by hosting in-person listening sessions for groups of 10-15 people. If you're interested in hosting a listening session, please contact the office, info@fcchamilton.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm, as we begin the season of Lent. We invite you for an evening of scripture, confession, song, prayer, and reflection on God's Word. As a sign of our repentance and the reality of our mortal nature, ashes will be offered. As always, all are welcome, and we encourage you to invite friends and neighbors.

SNOW DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

If you were disappointed to miss the last session of our winter Sunday School classes, you're not alone! Dr. Katherine Horvath and Dr. Glenn Butner are returning for a final class on Sunday, February 22, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. *Getting Along God's Way* will meet in the Chapel, and *Christians and Immigration* will meet in the Ministry Center, room 23/24. All are welcome to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING AT THE POST RESCHEDULED

Come connect and enjoy a night out with the women of our church. Share a beverage and a bite at Post Restaurant (16 Bay Road, Hamilton) on Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 pm. Hosted by the Women's Ministry team, we hope to see you there. Sign up by using the QR code on the front. Registration is encouraged so we can send you any necessary updates.

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

The Children's Ministry is hosting an evening of fun with board games and pizza on Saturday, February 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Families and individuals of all ages are welcome to this cross generational evening of playing games! \$15 suggested donation at the door. Please register using the QR code on the front page, so we know how many to expect for dinner.

FRONT PORCH STORIES

Join us for Season 6, Episode 2 of Front Porch Stories! It's a night of live and true stories from people like you, on Saturday, March 7, at 7:00 pm in the Barn. Enjoy coffee, dessert, and connecting with friends. \$5 suggested donation at the door. Intended for adults and children 13+. RSVP using the QR code on the front page.

MEN'S RETREAT

Men are invited to the FCCH Men's Retreat on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The retreat location is the Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur Motherhouse in Ipswich (30 Jeffreys Neck Road). Pastor Dan Szatkowski will speak on *Help from on High: Forgiveness 2.0*. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served. The cost is \$22.00 (scholarships available upon request at info@fcchamilton.org). Register by Monday, February 23, at 5:00 pm, using the QR code on the front page.

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 most of human history, people viewed the world through a frame of reference that was inherently transcendent and metaphysical. The heavens weren't that far off. However, today it is not uncommon to hear claims that science and reason will soon replace this frame of reference in the modern mind entirely. Will this be the natural outcome of scientific advancement? Or could it be that this naturalistic frame of reference actually shrinks what we can understand as opposed to enhancing it? Or perhaps modern skeptics have more in common with their religious forebears than you might think. Join us on Monday, February 23, as Rev. Chip Copp dives into the relatively recent phenomenon of modern skepticism and examines the scaffolding that supports it. 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. For info, email info@fcchamilton.org, or to register, use the QR code on the front page.

CLIMATE CHANGE ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Heritage Hall

The First Congregational Church of Hamilton (FCCH) and the American Scientific Affiliation (ASA) are co-sponsoring this roundtable discussion featuring Jessica Moerman, President/CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network. The evening will include Jessica's presentation on *Climate Change: What God's Creation Is Telling Us and What We Can Do*, followed by a light dinner and facilitated table discussions on the topic. The event is open to the general public. Sign up using 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

- **Welcome Milestone Class:** Parents with babies are invited to learn about our Milestones program today during the Sunday School hour in the Meetinghouse first-floor classroom. The Welcome Milestone provides new parents with resources, support, and information about baptism/dedication.
- **FCCH Parents Council:** Last week's Parents Council meeting is rescheduled for Sunday, February 22. Parents, teachers, and volunteers passionate about seeing our children, families, and Children's Ministry flourish are invited to join us during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 am, in the lower level of the Ministry Center, room L7. We'll have special guests, Lillian Wong (*Choosing Church and Faith as a Family*) and Hana Lee (*Forming Worshipful Hearts*). We hope to see you there!
- **Vacation Bible School** is back this summer, July 13–17, from 9:00 am to noon, for children from preschool through entering grade 5. Registration is now open! We're also looking for volunteers to help make VBS a great experience. Use the QR code on the front page to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Schools are on winter break this week, so the high school and middle school youth groups will not meet on February 17 and 18.

COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY

Our College-Age Group meets tonight at 6:00 pm in the Barn for a topical study.

- Hey college students! You're invited to lunch after the 11:00 am service on Sunday, February 22, in the Ministry Center Café. We'll bring the food—you bring the good times! See you there. Sign up using the QR code on the front page.

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

- **Children's Ministry:** Our Children's Ministry needs volunteers to staff our Nursery during the 11:00 am worship service. We also need one adult helper to work alongside the lead teacher during the Preschool Sunday School class. Contact Chrysa Bliati at cblati@fcchamilton.org to help.
- **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 bins are in Fellowship Foyer and the Ministry Center hallway.