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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ FEBRUARY 8, 2026 ~
~ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~



SALT & LIGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“Many of us are acting like following God means we live a life of misery and saying no to all of the ‘fun’ things in life. Perhaps we haven’t yet realized that following Christ is the way to an abundant life—it’s the way to true joy and a great adventure! If we walk around acting as though living in a relationship with Jesus is boring and miserable, no one would want to join the migration to Him. But if we go to the world as the salt and light as Jesus calls us to, with celebration of what He has done in our lives, others will want to be part of it too.”* Sadie Robertson *Live Fearless: A Call to Power, Passion and Purpose*



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PRELUDE *Shout to the North*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL

One: What is our church's mission?

Many: To embody God's powerful love...

- **welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,**
- **weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,**
- **working, praising and playing in our towns and world.**

OPENING HYMN (CH) # 668 *For the Healing of the Nations*

*For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons will meet today after worship

Trustees will meet on February 15th after worship

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH. 11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, February 11th Want to play a board game, do a jigsaw puzzle, sew something new, knit, crochet, play a game of card and of course, enjoy a **FREE LUNCH**. Come anytime from **ALL WELCOME!**

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18, 2026. We will have “**Ashes to Go**” from **12:00 Noon—1:00 PM** and then again from **4:00 PM—5:00 PM** You don't even have to get out of your car. Just pull in front of the church and someone will come to you.

SIX WEEK LENTEN BOOK STUDY ON ZOOM We have purchased 12 copies of *Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale* by Ian Morgan Cron. We plan on having a ZOOM study on **Tuesday evenings, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 7:00 –8:00 PM.** Used Books are \$6.50 each.

If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at janechurchlady@gmail.com

Prayer Circle: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call anyone of the following:

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*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*

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL BENEDICTION *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jane

POSTLUDE *I'll Fly Away*

Joanie Brown

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER LIST : Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J.,
Connie Munukka, Carlene Kasuba, Dorothy Stack, Jessica Smith, David
Stack, Joe Verga, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole, Erik Van Scoy, Vance, Mary Ann
Charron, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so
loves the world.

People: ***We are the salt of the earth.***

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope to God: that God gives us
new life.

People: ***We are the light of the world.***

Leader: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

People: ***The law of God is to love God and to love one another.***

Leader: Come let us love one another with the love of God.

People: ***Let us join together in love to worship and follow Jesus.***

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: ***Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the
world. We admit that our witness is often bland and gloomy. We ask
that you excuse us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when
we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavor the earth
with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world;
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

INVOCATION

Ron Stack

PRaise & WORSHIP *(Calice Praise) #39 Shine Jesus Shine*

*Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me*

REFRAIN *Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light*

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me* **REFRAIN**

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me* **REFRAIN**

THE 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG—A MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 112:1-9, Gospel of Matthew 5:13-20 Kate Hill

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 705 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.*

Refrain *Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out all human hearts before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on* **Refrain**

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,
while God is marching on* **Refrain**

SERMON What Church Members Strive to Be—Salt and Light Pastor Jane

OFFERING

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.*

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 452 Here I Am Lord

*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,*

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