

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council will meet on February 1st after worship

Deacons will meet on February 8th after worship

Trustees will meet on February 15th after worship

CHOSEN watch gathering will be on **Friday, February 6th beginning at 3:00 PM.** Pizza and salad on the menu.

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!**

HOLD THE DATE!!!! ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18, 2026. Watch bulletin for updates!

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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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ JANUARY 25, 2026 ~
~ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"Discipleship is not a sprint. It's a marathon. Perseverance is an essential element."* – Francis Chan



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PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Steve Fredette

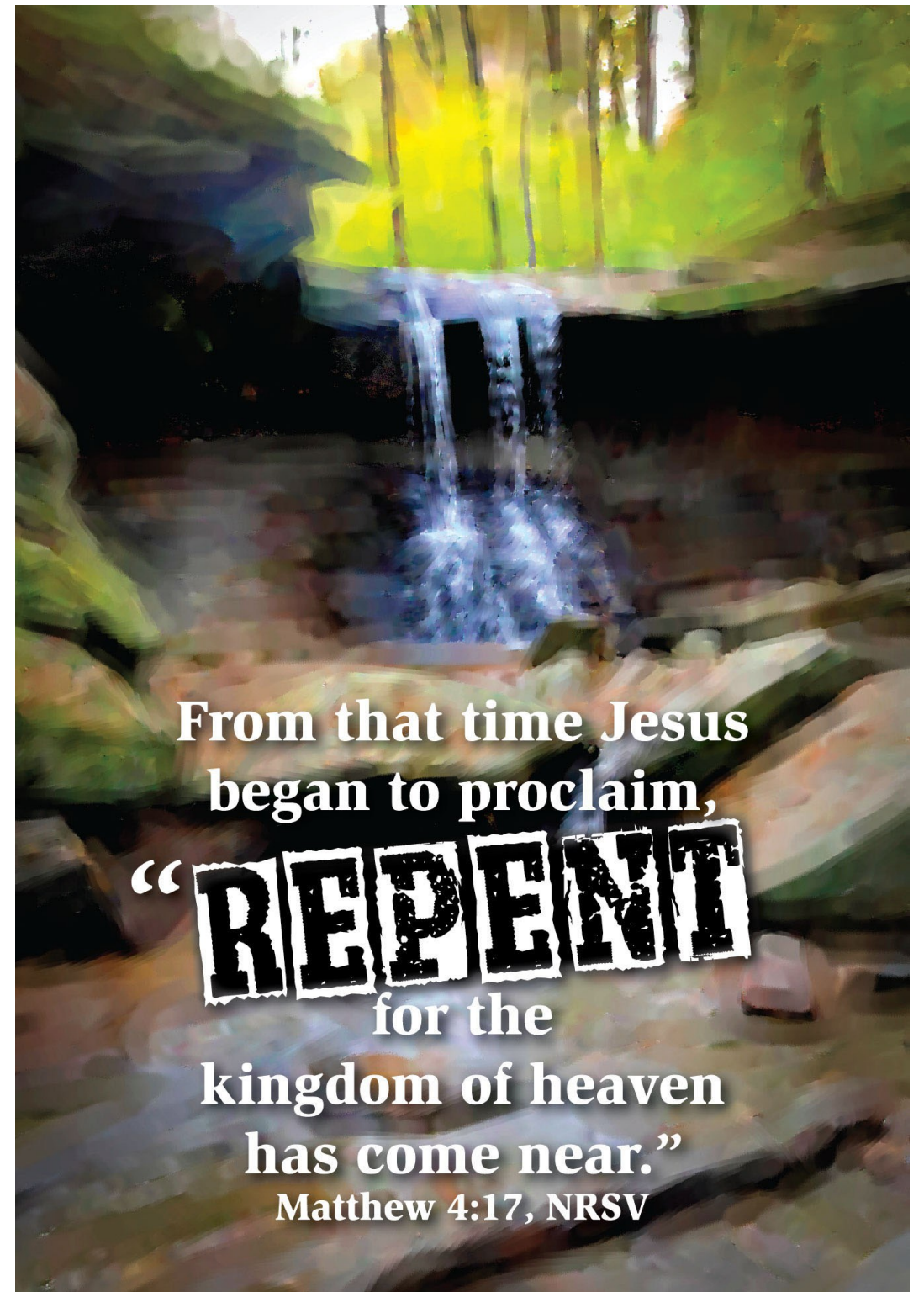
One: What is our church's mission?

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) # 272 vs. 1, 2, & 3 *The Church's One Foundation*

*The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us,
and for our life he died.
Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.
Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.*



From that time Jesus
began to proclaim,
“**REPENT**
for the
kingdom of heaven
has come near.”
Matthew 4:17, NRSV

*to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.*

*4 Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!*

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 *Make Me a Blessing*

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, Shawn and Becky;
Jessica Smith, David Stack, Joe Verga, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole, Erik
Van Scoy, Vance, Mary Ann Charron, Michelle Grenier, Chris, Joe and
Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: *We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.*

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: *We accept the invitation to discipleship.*

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: *As his disciples, we worship and praise God.*

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole people,

People: *We proclaim the God of love.*

Leader: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

INVOCATION

Steve Fredette

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: *Merciful God, as we seek your love and light, there are times when darkness invades our lives. Forgive us when we hide our true selves from you. Excuse us when we quarrel with one another, allowing our pride to overcome our commitment to the community. Pardon us when we give life's activities priority over following the ways of Christ. O God, open our hearts to your grace, as you once again fill us with your love and light. Amen.*

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO *Waymaker*

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 Gospel of Matthew 4:12-23 Matthew Pratt

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 340 *Softly and Tenderly*

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

Refrain

*Come home, (Come home,) come home, (come home,)
ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? Refrain*

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. Refrain*

SERMON Listening!

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) # 487 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.*

*3 Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love,*

Donate
Here

