



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Order of Service May 3, 2026

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

*“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”
- 1 Corinthians 11:26*

* **Call to Worship:** Revelation 1:5b-8 Pastor Matt Schubert

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—

People: to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Leader: “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.

Unison: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

* **Hymn:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* **Invocation** Pastor Matt Schubert

* **Song of Response:** Above All

Above all powers

Above all kings

Above all nature and all created things

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man

You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms

Above all thrones

Above all wonders the world has ever known

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth

There's no way to measure what you're worth

Crucified

Laid behind the stone

You lived to die

Rejected and alone

Like a rose trampled on the ground

You took the fall

And thought of me

Above all

Children’s Message Cec Horn

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:41-48 Sue Gross

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Prayer for Our Church Family Sue Gross

Musical Offering: *Count Your Blessings* Choir

"Count your blessings, name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

* **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: *"Jesus, Jerusalem, Judgement"* Dr. Sean McDonough
Luke 19:41-48

• **Song of Worship** Behold the Lamb

• **Apostles Creed** Pastor Matt Schuberth

Prayer of Renewal

Celebrating the Lords Supper Pastor Oli van Ruth

• **Song of Response:** The Blessing

• **Call to Prayer and Benediction** Pastor Oli van Ruth

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 26

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Psal. 103:2

Psalm 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1834

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John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To His feet your
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4. An - gels in the height, a - dore Him, You be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows, In His hands He gen - tly bears us,
face to face; Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him;

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
Re - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
Gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.

Behold the Lamb

by Keith & Kristyn Getty

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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.

The Blessing

by Cody Carnes, Elevation Worship, and Kari Jobe

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, he is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, he is for you
He is for you, he is for you

Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026

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

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - New Members Class · Session 1, 9:45 am
- Today - Parenting Class for Word/Bridge Milestone, 9:45 am
- May 6 - New Members Class · Session 2, 6:30 pm
- May 6 - Women's Ministry Gathering at the Post, 7:00 pm
- May 7 - Community Conversation, 7:00 pm
- May 10 - Word/Bridge Milestone, 8:45 am & 11:00 am services
- May 10 - LifeShare Baby Bottle Fundraiser begins!

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
 - *Becoming a Sanctuary* with Yuka Langlais and Lisa Clay, Meetinghouse Chapel
 - *So Great a Salvation* with Dr. Jack Davis, MC Room 21
 - *Loving God with Head, Heart, and Hands* with Dr. Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger, MC Room 23/24
 - *Understanding 1st & 2nd Corinthians* with Dr. Eckhardt Schnabel, MC Room 22

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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We invite you to join our New Members class, held in two sessions: today, from 9:45 to 10:45 am, and Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Wigglesworth-Cutler House. Come and find out what it means to be a member of our FCCH community.

MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

Thank you all who attended Monday's Mid-Year Meeting! We are delighted to inform you that the votes on each article were unanimous. Lisa Clay will begin serving as our new Women's Ministry Director on May 4. We thank God for his guidance through the search process and for all who were involved. Pray with us that the Lord will bless Lisa in her calling.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING AT THE POST

Connect and enjoy a night out with the women of our church. Have a beverage and a bite at the Post (16 Bay Road, Hamilton) on Wednesday, May 6, at 7:00 pm. The evening is hosted by the Women's Ministry team, who hope to see you there. Sign up by using the QR code above. Registration is encouraged so you can receive any updates if needed.

DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THE PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE

Join us from 9:00 am to noon on Saturday, May 16, in the Meetinghouse Chapel for an engaging program on reading scripture in public. Dr. Jeff Arthurs will teach us how to prepare spiritually, mentally, and emotionally for public reading while sharing biblical insights and best practices. Sign up using the QR code above.

PRAYER CONNECTION GROUPS

Last year, we established several Prayer Connection groups and assigned all members and regular attenders of our church family to a group. Our Elders and Deacons serve as shepherds for the different groups and have been faithfully praying for them. If you haven't been placed in a Prayer Connection group, contact the church office at fcchamilton.org.

LIFESHARE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The LifeShare group at FCCH is sponsoring their annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit Your Options Medical! This ministry provides free life-affirming pregnancy confirmation services and ongoing help and support to women and couples facing an unplanned pregnancy. Beginning Mother's Day, May 10, take home a baby bottle or donation envelope from Fellowship Foyer to fill with coins, cash, or checks made out to YOUR OPTIONS MEDICAL. To donate online, use the QR code provided. Return your baby bottle by Father's Day, June 21.



PILGRIM'S PINT

Prove It: A History of Modern Skepticism & the World It Assumes

Throughout most of human history, people viewed the world through a frame of reference that was inherently transcendent and metaphysical. The heavens weren't ever 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. Could this be an inevitable outcome of scientific advancement? Or could it be that this naturalistic frame of reference actually shrinks what we can understand about the reality of our world? Or, better yet, perhaps modern skeptics have more in common with their religious forebears than one might think. Join us on Monday, May 11, at the Post (16 Bay Road, Hamilton), as Rev. Chip Copp dives into the relatively recent phenomenon of modern skepticism and examines the scaffolding that supports it. Sign up using the QR code on the front page.

SPIRITUAL HERITAGE TOUR MAY RETURN

Several people have asked if we might offer another Spiritual Heritage Tour, similar to the one held last fall. We are considering hosting this tour on Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The tour would begin at our church, visit several historic sites in Ipswich and Newburyport, and conclude at Pulpit Rock in Rowley. You may have seen the recent film *A Great Awakening*, which highlights the lives of George Whitefield and Benjamin Franklin. This tour would explore themes from that era, colonial congregational life, and Puritanism—with even a brief “visit” from Whitefield himself! At this point, we are simply gauging interest. If you would like to attend, please contact David Horn at dhorn@gcts.edu this week.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare meets on Mondays at 7:30 pm on Zoom. The group is still accepting members for this session. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are welcome. The GriefShare group provides a safe, confidential, and Christ-centered place to share and to listen. For further information, please contact John Clark at (978) 375-6329. To register for the group, visit GriefShare.org and search for First Congregational Church of Hamilton.

WATCH THE CHOSEN WITH US!

You're invited to gather and watch the film series *The Chosen* on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, at the home of Jack and Robin Davis (57 Lois Street, Hamilton). David Horn leads the discussion of this historical drama about the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Contact Robin Davis with questions, redrobindavis@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **AV Team:** Want to help our church with technology? We're looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday Service sound and livestream. No experience needed—training provided! If interested, contact Jay Foss, Director of Sound and Technology, at av@fcchamilton.org.
- **Children's Ministry:** We need 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 cbliati@fcchamilton.org to help.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Parents of first- and fifth-grade children are invited to attend the Parenting Milestone class today at 9:45 am in the café. Learn more about the upcoming *Word/Bridge* Milestone and workshop practical ways to help children engage with God's Word. You'll also be able to inscribe your child's Bible, which will be presented on Sunday, May 10.
 - **Word Milestone:** First-graders will receive a Bible on Sunday, May 10, during our 8:30 am service.
 - **Bridge Milestone:** Fifth-graders will receive a new, age-appropriate Bible on Sunday, May 10, during our 11:00 am service.
- **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 open! We're also looking for volunteers to help make VBS a great experience. Use the QR code on the front page to register a child or sign up to volunteer.

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.
 - Explore registration is open! Students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join us as we explore the North Shore and our faith this July 13–17, from 9:00 am to noon. Register using the QR code on the front page.

COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY

Our College-Age Group meets on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the van Ruths' home in Hamilton. Use the QR code on the front page to access the college WhatsApp.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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

If you signed up and are not receiving it, 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 Wednesday at noon. Thank you!