

Worship Service for February 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements.....Jim West

Upcoming Events

Monday 9-1Pastor Theresa's office hours

2pm.....Uplift Cancer Support Group at Linda H house

Tuesday 6pm.....AMHS International Culturs night: International cuisine, live show, dancing, crafts, and more! Experience a world of fun, culture, and flavors all in one place!! Adults \$15, Children \$10, Families (4 people) \$35. Questions?

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7pm. Prayer group/book study: They are studying "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado ch 5&6.

Wednesday 5pm at FBC & Zoom..... Church Leadership Counsel meeting

SaturdayHAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Saturday 2/21 9am: Men's FOCUS group breakfast and devotional.

4-7pm: Potluck/Game night- sign up sheet in the fellowship room.

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Notice of Special Meeting

The members of The First Baptist Church of Manchester Center, VT are hereby notified to meet in person at their house of worship in Manchester Center, VT or by Zoom or phone following workshop on February 22, 2026 for the following purposes:

1. To accept the nomination of Alvie McKinstry to the Church Leadership Council (CLC).
2. To hear, discuss, and act upon any other business proper to come before the congregation.

Church Clerk
Dottie Sundquist

Thank you to Paul Bauers for the flowers In loving memory of Susan Bauers

Word of Preparation - Jim West

Prelude ~ #477 Blue Hymnal - Pass It On

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it;
You spread God's love to ev'ryone,
You want to pass it on.

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing,
The flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

Verse 3

I wish for you, my friend,

This happiness that I've found-
On God you can depend,
It matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain-top,
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

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Call to Worship ~

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song. We come to worship
God.**

For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
**In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

We come to worship God.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God**

and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

**God, our creator and sustainer. We are yours and
we worship you.**

Hymn: #586 Blue Hymnal - Open My Eyes That I May See

Verse 1

Open my eyes, that I may see

Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine.

Verse 2

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. Refrain (ears)

Verse 3

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly - the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share. Refrain (heart)

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Praying Together ~

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever, Amen**

Hymn - 595 Blue Hymnal - Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought By day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom, And Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee And Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my Redeemer, My love thou hast won,
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not, Nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, My treasure Thou art.

Verse 4

Great God of heaven, My victory won,
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Intro to sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - Ruth 4:1-22

Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and sit down." So he went over and sat down.

²Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. ³Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. ⁴I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you ^[b] will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line."

"I will redeem it," he said.

⁵Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the ^[c] dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property."

⁶At this, the guardian-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it."

⁷(Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.)

⁸So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal.

⁹Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the

name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!"

¹¹Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. ¹²Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

Naomi Gains a Son

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

¹⁶Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Genealogy of David

¹⁸This, then, is the family line of Perez:
Perez was the father of Hezron,
¹⁹Hezron the father of Ram,
Ram the father of Amminadab,

²⁰Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon, [d]

²¹Salmon the father of Boaz,
Boaz the father of Obed,

²²Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of David.

Sermon - "Bitter—————>Sweet" Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Song - The Power of Your Love

Verse 1

Lord I come to You. Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace, That I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know, The weaknesses I see in me,
Will be stripped away, By the pow'r of Your love.

Chorus

Hold me close. Let Your love surround me;
Bring me near; Draw me to Your side,
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle;
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on,
In the pow'r of Your love.

Verse 2

Lord unveil my eyes. Let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love, As You live in me.
Lord renew my mind, As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living ev'ry day, By the pow'r of Your love.

Chorus 2x

Ending

And I will soar with you, Your Spirit leads me on,
In the pow'r of Your love.

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Benediction - based on Ephesians 2:10.

Remember my brothers and sisters that we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus, to do good works that God prepared in advance for us. Remember and live confident in God's promises. Amen.

Purpose:

To share the love of Jesus

Vision:

Beacon of hope, welcoming all

Mission:

Worship God, Follow Jesus, Rely on the Holy Spirit, and Love Everyone.



February 8, 2026

Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!

Ruth 4:14