

Worship Service for February 1, 2026

Welcome and Announcements Sarah Hager

Upcoming Events

Today after service..... Annual meeting

Monday 7pm via zoom..... Building Preservation meeting

Tuesday 1:30 at church Deacon meeting

Thursday 11:45 at FBC..... InterFaith of the Northshire

Sunday 8:30..... Mary & Martha breakfast meeting

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Notice of

First Baptist Church Annual 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 by phone following workshop and lunch on February 1, 2026 for the following purposes:

1. To determine the leadership direction to maintain the structure of the past or to embrace the new Church Leadership Council pathway into the future.
2. To elect officers and committee members for the coming year or members of the Church Leadership Council.
3. To hear the reports of the officers and committees for the past year and act thereon.
4. To hear, discuss, and act upon any other business

proper to come before the congregation.

Church Clerk

Dottie Sundquist

Happy Birthday to:

Belated birthday to: Jeremy Crumb on 1/27; Anna Ennis on 1/28; Rosemary Hall on Tuesday; Lisa Towslee on Wednesday; Dottie Sundquist on Thursday; Martha Bowen on Saturday.

Thank you to Dottie Sundquist in memory of Jennica Junnila

Word of Preparation – Sarah Heger

Prelude ~ Kindness

Verse 1

What do You require, But a broken, open heart.
Come and purify, All that we are.
You do not delight, In an offering, we could bring.
It's Your righteousness, That's making us clean.

Chorus

It's Your kindness, That leads us
To repentance, That frees us.
It's Your mercy, Unending.
You're calling us back, Back to Your heart.
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

Oh Lord hear our cry, Though our hearts have wandered far.
Come and sanctify, Set us apart.
Fix our eyes on You, And away from earthly things.
Spirit make us new, Restore us to sing.

Chorus

Bridge

We return to You, We return to You our God
(REPEAT) 4x

Chorus

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Call to Worship:

Please join in reading the **bold** print

What gifts do we have to bring to the Lord?

First, come into God's presence with humility and peace.

What service can we bring to God?

**Come rejoicing and praising God for all that God has done
for you.**

How shall we witness to these mighty acts of God?

**Let your love, that abides deep in your heart, the love that
God has placed there, be a beacon for others who feel as
though darkness has engulfed them.**

How shall I praise my God?

With all that you have and all that you are.

Praise be to God who has blessed me and all of us in such
mighty ways!

**Praise be to God who continually blesses our lives and
calls to each of us to be a blessing for others. AMEN.**

Hymn: #578 Blue Hymnal - I Need Thee Every Hour

Verse 1

I need Thee every hour; Most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like Thine, Can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee; O I need Thee.
Every hour I need Thee.

O bless me now my Savior. I come to Thee.

Verse 2

I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou near by.
Temptations lose their pow'r, When Thou art nigh. Refrain

Verse 3

I need Thee every hour; In joy or pain
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain. Refrain

Verse 4

I need Thee every hour; teach me thy will,
And thy rich promises, in me fulfill. Refrain

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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**

Song - In thy loving kindness, Lord

Verse 1

In Thy loving kindness, Lord, be merciful to me;
In compassion great, blot out all iniquity.
Wash me thoroughly from sin; from all guilt cleanse Thou me.
For transgressions I confess; sins I ever see.

Verse 2

'Gainst Thee only have I sinned, done evil in Thy sight,

That Thou speaking may be just, and in judging right.
My iniquities blot out, my sin hide from Thy view;
And in me, a clean heart make, spirit right renew.

Verse 3

From Thy gracious presence, Lord, O cast me not away;
And Thy Holy Spirit, take not from me, I pray.
Joy which Thy salvation brings, again to me restore;
With Thy spirit free; do Thou keep me evermore.

Verse 4

Sacrifice dost Thou not want, else would I give it Thee;
And with offering shalt, Thou not delighted be.
For a broken spirit is to God a sacrifice;
And a broken, contrite heart, Thou wilt not despise.

Intro to Sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text : Ruth 3:1-18

One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. ²Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. ³Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do."

⁵"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. ⁶So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.

⁷When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet! ⁹"Who are you?" he asked.

"I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family."

¹⁰"The Lord bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. ¹¹And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character. ¹²Although it is true that I am a guardian-redeemer of our family, there is another who is more closely related than I. ¹³Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to do his duty as your guardian-redeemer, good; let him redeem you. But if he is not willing, as surely as the Lord lives I will do it. Lie here until morning."

¹⁴So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "No one must know that a woman came to the threshing floor."

¹⁵He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out." When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and placed the bundle on her. Then he went back to town.

¹⁶When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "How did it go, my daughter?"

Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her ¹⁷and added, "He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"

¹⁸Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."

Sermon "Pressing On and Trusting in Jesus." -
Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Song: #289 Red Hymnal – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Verse 1
'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise; Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

Verse 2
O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! Refrain

Verse 3
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Verse 4
I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end. Refrain

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Communion

Doxology



Benediction -

The pathway is open before you this day. It is a path of peace and hope, brought to others by God's mighty love and wondrous blessings. Go in peace, bringing hope to all that you meet. Go, blessed ones, to serve God all your days. AMEN.

Purpose:

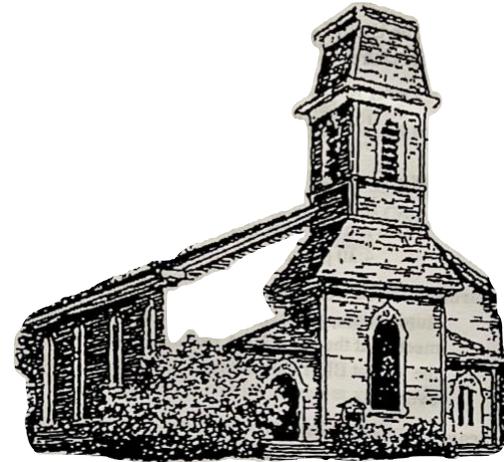
To share the love of Jesus

Vision:

Beacon of hope, welcoming all

Mission:

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



January 25, 2026

^s"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. Ruth 3:5