

Worship Service for February 22, 2026

Welcome and Announcements.....Lisa Towslee

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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

Upcoming Events

Monday 9-1Pastor Theresa's Office hours

2pm .Uplift Cancer Support Group @ Linda H house

Tuesday 7pmPrayer group/ book study: This week we are studying ch 7 & 8 of "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado

A Benefit Concert
For
First Baptist Church's
Building Preservation Fund
Saturday, March 7th at 7pm

Hosted by
The United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

Come hear the music of Billy Joel performed by a combined choir of Dorset Church and First Baptist Church. Invite your family and friends.

Please check the back table for signup for the following:

Worship assistant

Fellowship hour host

Communion

No experience needed. Just a willing heart. Any questions please contact Pastor Theresa.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

Jae Vickery on Friday

Happy Anniversary to:

Marc & Carol Squires on Thursday

Than you to Lindy Mylot for the flowers in loving memory of Ruby & Wayne Norse.

Word of Preparation - Lisa Towslee

Prelude ~ You Are Welcome Here

Verse 1

Come all you wounded and weary.
Come all you heavy of heart.
Come with your fear and your burden.
Come with your pain and your scars.

Verse 2

Come to the ocean of mercy.
Be revived, renewed and refreshed;
Wherever you are, no matter how far,
Come find your peace and your rest.

Refrain

You are welcome here; Come as you are.
You are welcome here; With open arms.
Bring your burdens; Bring your pain;
Bring your sorrow and shame.
You are welcome here; Come as you are.

Verse 3

Come all you tired and lonely.
All you anxious who long for your place.
Bring your addictions and battles;
Find your forgiveness and strength. Refrain

Bridge

Open your heart.
Discover your place and your purpose.
Open your eyes.
See the new life that awaits you here.

Refrain

You are welcome here; Come as you are.
You are welcome here; With open arms.
Bring your burdens; Bring your pain;
Bring your sorrow and shame.
You are welcome here; Come as you are.3x

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Call to Worship ~

God rejoices at our presence here today

and welcomes us home with a celebration.

We come from different places bringing different needs

and God's love accepts and provides for us all.

God, help us extend your extravagant welcome

and share the gift of true Christian hospitality.

From Get Lit Worship Resources

Hymn - #266 Blue hymnal: Gracious Spirit, dwell with me

Verse 1

Gracious spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be,
and, with words that help and heal,
would thy life in mine reveal,
and, with actions, bold and meek,
would for Christ my savior speak.

Verse 2

Truthful spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be,
And, with wisdom, kind and clear,
Let thy life in mine appear,
And, with actions, lovingly,
Mirror Christ's sincerity.

Verse 3

Silent spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would silent be,

Quiet as the growing blade,
Which through earth its way has made,
Silently like morning light,
Putting mists and chills to flight.

Verse 4

Mighty spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be,
Mighty, so as to prevail, where unaided, I would fail,
Ever by a mighty hope,
Pressing on and bearing up.

Verse 5

Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would holy be,
Break from sin and choose the good,
Cherish what my savior would,
And whatever I can be,
Give to God who gave me thee.

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 - #188 Red Hymnal: Tell Me The Old Old Story

Verse 1

Tell me the old, old story, Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply, As to a little child,
For I am weak and weary, And helpless and defiled.

Refrain

Tell me the old, old story, 3x
Of Jesus and His love.

Verse 2

Tell me the story slowly, That I may take it in-
That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often, For I forget so soon;
The "early dew" of morning, Has passed away at noon.

Refrain

Verse 3

Tell me the story softly, With earnest tones and grave;
Remember, I'm the sinner Whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me the story always, If you would really be,
In any time of trouble, A comforter to me. Refrain

Verse 4

Tell me the same old story,
When you have cause to fear,
That this world's empty glory, Is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory,
Is dawning on my soul,

Tell me the old, old story-, Christ Jesus makes thee whole. Refrain

Arabella Katherine Hankey, Lani Smith,
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Intro to sermon - 8Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - Romans 15:4-14

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Paul the Minister to the Gentiles

¹⁴ I, myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Sermon - “Hope leads us home” - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Song - Here for You

Verse 1

Let our praise be Your welcome.

Let our songs be a sign.

We are here for You. We are here for You.

Let Your breath come from heaven.

Fill our hearts with Your life.

We are here for You. We are here for You.

Chorus

To You our hearts are open. Nothing here is hidden.

You are our one desire.

You alone are holy, Only You are worthy,

God let Your fire fall down.

Verse 2

Let our shout be Your anthem.

Your renown fill the sky.

We are here for You. We are here for You.

Let Your Word move in power.

Let what's dead come to life.

We are here for You. We are here for You.

Bridge

We welcome You with praise. We welcome You with praise.
Almighty God of love, Be welcome in this place. (REPEAT)

Let ev'ry heart adore, Let ev'ry soul awake.
Almighty God of love, Be welcome in this place.
We welcome You with praise. We welcome You with praise.
Almighty God of love, Be welcome in this place.

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Benediction - j2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 ESV

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope
through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in
every good work and word.

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.**



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Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we
hope in you.

Psalm 33:22