

We welcome you to the Village Congregational Church as we gather for this time of reflection on God's love for his people. May God inspire and bless our hearts and lives today.

Nursery care is offered during the service.

***All who are able please stand.**

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "In His Time" Ball

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we come before the Lord in worship, let us come in faith, confident that Jesus will hear and the Holy Spirit will bless; let us come in awe, for our God is majestic and powerful; let us come in celebration, for through Jesus we have life and light.

***HYMN-** "All Creatures of Our God and King" #33

***INVOCATION** (In Unison)

O Lord, we ask that you will work with us this hour. Revive our enthusiasm; renew our trust; bring our lives back into focus; forgive our sins; broaden our vision; then send us on our way to change the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PRAISE-** "Gloria Patri"

THE BAPTISM OF Mason James Cotter

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Romans 8:28-33

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" Kaiser
"Lord, The Light of Your Love" Kendrick

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Robert Garabedian, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Billy Hindes, Maggie Jaffarian, Kristen Kent, Barb Knight, Ken & Lois Macomber, Brian Tetreault, Kristine Thompson, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER** (In Unison)

We bring our gifts, O God, in imitation of your many gifts to us, of life and food and shelter and friendship, and worship you for the unspeakable goodness of your spirit. Through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***HYMN-**"Love Was When God Became A Man" #249

TEXT- Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

MESSAGE

***HYMN-** "God Will Take Care of You" #485

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

Announcements

The Chancel Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of

We are honored this morning to witness the baptism of Mason James Cotter, the son of Jacquelyn and Bryan. Mason was born on October 31, 2009 in Worcester.

The Village Church will be receiving new members on Sunday March 7 during the morning worship. If you would like to become a member of the church please speak to the pastor or a deacon.

A Special Congregational Meeting of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, Massachusetts will be held next Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 11:15 am in Mason Hall. The meeting has been requested by the Finance Committee to take a Congregational vote to authorize a financial transaction.
Laura Newhall - Clerk

The Annual Birthday Bash will be held on Sunday February 28th from 5pm-7pm. Both children and adults alike always enjoy this event. There is a yellow pad in Mason Hall to sign up for contributions for the potluck supper & also cake/cupcake makers as well as number of attendees from your family. We have a few surprises in store, one of which will be "name that baby", a game of matching a baby picture to the person you have grown up to be! Start looking for your baby picture now and plan to join us as we celebrate all of our birthdays together! Speak to JoAnne Guyette if you have any questions.

The next VCC book discussion will be held on March 21st, shortly after worship. We will be discussing the book The Year of Living Biblically by A. J. Jacobs. All are welcome to join in. If you are interested please sign the yellow pad in Mason Hall & read the book prior to attending. We'd love to have you join us Please contact JoAnne Guyette with any questions.

The 7th-12th grade youth group will be meeting tonight from 6pm-8pm. The 4th-6th grade youth group will be meeting next Sunday, February 21st, from 6pm-8pm. Please join us!

The Naming Wall will be updated soon. For those of you have placed an order since its last edit, your wording will appear on the wall shortly. If you would like to reserve a spot on the naming wall, please fill out and return an order form to the church office as soon as possible. Remember, ordering a space on the naming wall is a great way to honor or remember a loved one.

"Talking about Domestic Violence in Our Churches": a panel presentation focusing on the role of the police and courts, the option of a restraining order, and safety planning in cases of domestic violence. Learn how the faith community can help to meet the needs of families dealing with domestic violence. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7:00pm at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church. Email for more information: faithdvpanel@gmail.com.

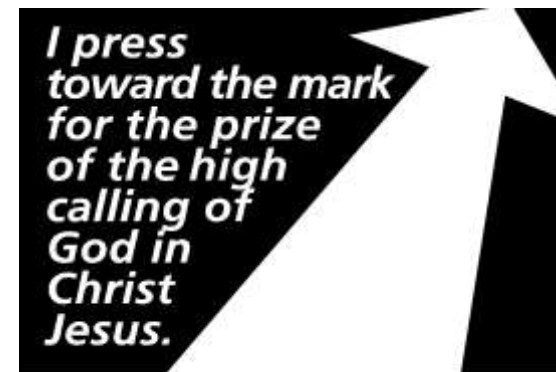
Whitinsville Christian School is excited to offer a significant reduction in tuition from the 2009-2010 rates for incoming Kindergarten students. WCS has an outstanding Kindergarten curriculum and program with a teacher and a teacher aide to meet the individual needs of students. In a distinctively Christian, actively engaged, and student-focused environment, the following subjects are taught: Art, Bible, Language Arts, Library, Math, Music, Open Circle, and Physical Education. To encourage an increasing number of Kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year, the Board of Trustees has approved a Kindergarten tuition rate reduction of over 42% as compared to the standard 2009-2010 school year rate. Please call the Elementary and Admissions office for more information—508-234-8211, x 11.

This Week In Our Church

7th-12th Grade Youth Group - Tonight 6pm
A Cappella - Monday 7pm
Village Bells - Tuesday 6:45pm
CE Committee - Tuesday 7:30pm
Chancel Choir - Wednesday 7pm

The Village Congregational Church

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10 AM Service

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