

# WORSHIP SERVICE

May 7, 2023

Prelude  
Sam Taber

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymns  
*Higher Ground* (#549)  
*Be Thou My Vision* (#562)

## Opening Prayer

Special Music  
Noelle Dearborn

## Communion Service

Worship Songs  
*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*  
*Cornerstone*  
*King of My Heart*

Message  
Pastor Thom Christian

Closing Song  
*As the Deer* (#548)

## Benediction

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## OUR VISION AND MISSION

To be a biblically mature, grace-based church.

We will accomplish our vision by:

### Reaching Up

through worship, exaltation, and prayer;

### Reaching In

through preaching, teaching, and fellowship;

### Reaching Out

through evangelism, missions, and social outreach,  
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

## ALWAYS HAS, ALWAYS WILL

Thanks so much for worshipping with us today. As you leave, please go with the knowledge that God loves you! He always has; He always will. No matter what's gone wrong in your life, He'll accept you just as you are—no questions asked. He loves you, period! All He asks is your love in return. So today—right now—why not tell Jesus in your own words that you love Him. When you do, He promises to give you His peace, begin a beautiful change in you, and that He'll always be there for you—always has, always will!

## CHURCH PERSONNEL

AV .. Ben Shaner, Sam Frazier, Sam Taber,  
Beverly Funk, Kat Kennedy, Bernie Anderson  
Council .... Richard Frazier, Jan Hawes, Susan Kifer,  
Bob Kline, Bruce MacGregor, Ben Shaner,  
Pastor Thom, Pastor Dave  
Auditor..... Len Peterson  
Benevolence Fund..... Bruce MacGregor  
Communion Preparation..... Nancy Watkins  
Compassion Ministry ..... Jerri Dempster  
Facilities ..... Richard Frazier, Bob Kline  
Kitchen Ministry..... Phyllis Forsythe, Sue Bennett,  
Cynthia Torosian, Brenda Berube  
Library .. Sarah Charles (Adults), Bev Funk (Children)  
Missions ..... Shirley Lymburner  
Offering Table/Prayer Chain ..... Church Office  
Operation Christmas Child ..... Sam Frazier  
Photographer..... Genie Bennett  
Secretary/Clerk ..... Karen Heidebrink  
Sew Blessed..... Bette Frazier  
Sexton..... Dale Mundo  
Treasurer..... John Kifer  
Trustees of Trust Funds.. Bruce MacGregor, Mal Cook  
Usher/Greeter Ministry ... Jane Cook, Heidi Peterson  
Worship ..... Karen Heidebrink and Worship Team

# THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WOLFEBORO



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Office Hours: Mon-Thur, 9 AM to 12 Noon

**“A Passion for God,  
Compassion for People”**

## A WORD TO OUR VISITORS

*We are so happy you have joined us this morning. Our hope and prayer is that you will feel welcomed and encouraged as we worship our God, learn from His Word, and experience His love to begin a wonderful week.*

*If we can help you in any way, please let us know. We are here to serve you.*

*If you fill out an Information Card, located in the pew holders or on the chairs, and drop it in the offering plate, we can send you additional information of our church.*

*Thank you so much for being our guest!*

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM	Worship Service Live Streaming Kidz' Zone Nursery (ages 0-3)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
<b>Mon</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
<b>Tues</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
<b>Wed</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
	6:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal
<b>Thurs</b>	10 AM	In the Round
	12-1:00 PM	AA
	7 PM	Sermon Discussion Group ( <i>Camp Brookwoods</i> )
<b>Fri</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 AM	Spring Clean-Up

## SERMON NOTES

**“THE SECRET OF GROWTH”  
(Colossians 2:1-8)  
Pastor Thom Christian**

Here's a principle that is true not only for trees, but for Christians: **“Branches are for showing—roots are for growing!”** Let's look together at the roots of the Christian life.

### ■THE ROOT OF GOD'S WORD

### ■THE ROOT OF PRAYER

### ■THE ROOT OF FELLOWSHIP

### ■THE ROOT OF WITNESSING (SHARING GOD'S MESSAGE)

--Obeying

--Ownership

### ■THE TAP ROOT= ABIDING IN CHRIST

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*NEXT WEEK: “The Hands That Shape the World”  
(various related Scriptures)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED** on May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and you are interested in joining with this church in membership, please see one of our Pastors.

**OFFERINGS WILL NO LONGER BE RECEIVED DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.** There are drop boxes in the foyer and fellowship hall in which to place your tithes and offerings. Thank you so much!

**FLIP TABS** are being collected now through mid-June, when they will be delivered to David's House in Lebanon, New Hampshire. A jar is available on the table in the fellowship hall in which to place your tabs. Thank you for helping this worthwhile cause!

**THERE WILL BE A CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY** on Saturday, May 13, at 9 AM. We're looking forward to many volunteers showing up to help clean up the grounds and prepare the church for summer. Questions? Contact Richard Frazier.

**NEEDED:** Someone who would be able to take a Lego table home and sand down the legs and then polyurethane it, and also clean the Lego top. If interested, please see or call Sue Christian.

**SAM FRAZIER** is participating in a soft goods (sheets, pillows, towels, clothes, purses, etc) fundraiser with Savers for the Boy Scouts, from now through June 2. Please place your items in white trash bags, but DON'T carry them into the church. Just simply inform the Fraziers, and they will come to your car to retrieve your bags. Sam receives a portion of the revenue from Savers to help fund his trip to canoe the Minnesota Boundary Waters, July 3-17. Thank you for your help!