



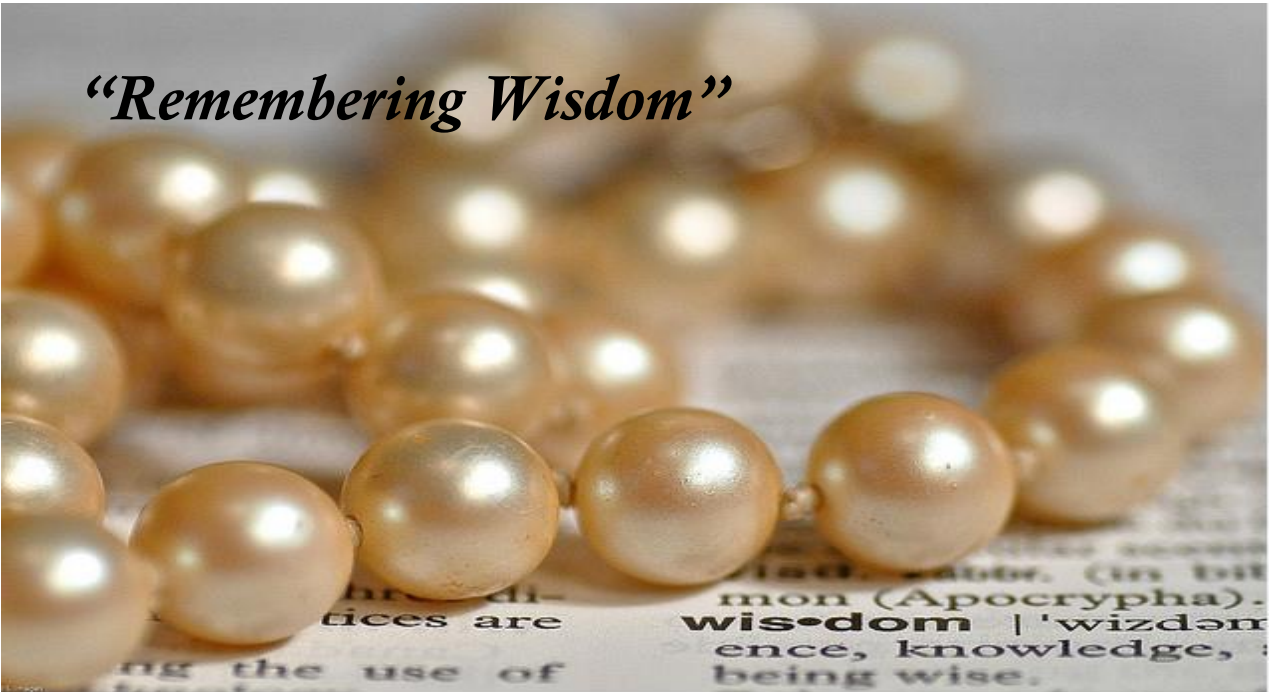
Williston Federated Church

November 12, 2023

Open and Affirming, Reconciling Pledge

We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation (adopted by the Williston Federated Church congregation in 2006).

“Remembering Wisdom”



Pastor – Reverend Paul Eyer phone: 802-878-5792 email: pastoreyer@gmail.com

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Lay Leader – Ashley Dubois

Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne

Music Director – Adam Hall

Organist – Carolyn Pillsbury

Choir Accompanist – Carol Schein

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

November 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Baptism Sunday

Childcare is available downstairs for our youngest children.

Hearing assistance devices are available—please ask an usher for assistance.

A Fellowship time follows worship—please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Mission Statement

Our church is a community which seeks, welcomes and gathers people to share the Gospel of God's love, enables people to find fullness of life through Jesus Christ, goes into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ, and responds actively to human need.

Call to Worship	One: If we will but listen, All: God will speak to us in parables, God will tell us stories lived out by our grandparents. One: If we will but remember, All: we will discover all we have heard and known, all the wonders God has in store for us. One: If we will but share, All: we can tell our children and grandchildren the glorious stories of our God.	Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader and Congregation
Prelude	“Prelude” (J.S. Bach)	Carolyn Pillsbury
Welcome/ Lighting the Peace Candle	Sharing the Peace of Christ: One: The peace of Christ be with you All: And also with you.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Opening Hymn	“Give Praise to God” Songbook #199 (sing verses 1 and 4) (Reprinted with permission under	Carol Schein, piano

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Prayer for the Day

One: We stand at the crossing, Holy God, arms, hearts, and souls full of the burdens that the challenges of this world have placed on us.

All: You remove them, throw them to one side, taking us by the hand to lead us into your kingdom.

One: Holy Wisdom, you would not leave us uninformed of God's love for us, so you whisper in our ears of wonders beyond imagination;

All: you remove the blindfolds from our eyes so we may behold the grace flowing all around us; you open our hearts to the family God has given us. Amen.

Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation

Anthem

“My God is a Rock”
(Alice Parker & Robert Shaw)

Senior Choir
Adam Hall, Choir Director
Pastor Paul Eyer, soloist
Carol Schein, piano

Time with Children of All Ages

Pastor Paul Eyer

Baptism (see insert)	Baptism of Phoebe Faith Lucia Mother: Kate Lucia Sponsors/Godmothers: Hannah Bonneau Kimberly Lucia Grandmother: Priscilla Bowen	Pastor Paul Eyer
Baptismal Hymn	“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” Songbook #127 (sing all verses)	Carol Schein, piano
Call to Prayer	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	Adam Hall Carol Schein, piano Carolyn Pillsbury, organ
Scripture	Proverbs 4:5-8, 20-22a	Gayle Goodwin
Prayer of Illumination (from Psalm 19:14)	May the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Sermon	“Remembering Wisdom”	Pastor Paul Eyer
Celebrations/ Prayer Requests/ Prayers of the People	Prayer requests may be sent to: WFCPrayer44@gmail.com Private prayer requests may be sent to: pastoreyer@gmail.com	Pastor Paul Eyer
Silent Reflection		
Lord’s Prayer	All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation

come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering/
Offertory

“Andante” (A. Hesse)

Carolyn Pillsbury

Doxology

UMC Hymnal #94
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Carolyn Pillsbury

Prayer of
Dedication
(unison)

We can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world. Or we can take that step of committing our lives as well as our gifts working with you in this ministry of grace so profoundly needed in our world. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. Amen.

Pastor Paul Eyer
and Congregation

Life/Mission of
the Church

Pastor Paul Eyer

Closing Hymn

“Go Forth for God”
UMC Hymnal #670 (sing verses 1 and 4)

Carolyn Pillsbury

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Benediction/
Blessing

Pastor Paul Eyer

Postlude

“Sortie”
(Leon Boellmann)

Carolyn Pillsbury

Liturgical
Resources:

*The **Call to Worship, Prayer for the Day, and Prayer of Dedication** are adapted from “Liturgy w/communion for November 9, 2014” from Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Shuman found at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/11/liturgy-wcommunion-for-november-9-2014.html>*

Ushers: Lois Mason & Dean Lewis

Greeters: Jan and Mark Demers

Coffee Hour: Mary Lue Rodes

Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach

Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois

This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church

Christmas Bazaar November 18th 9-2

The bazaar features: crafts, a bake sale, plants, attic treasures & soups to go. Nancy Stone will be selling her new book: [Indigo Hours: Healing Kaiku](#) and Tashia Pashby-Rockwood will be selling her knit hats. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help with various tasks, to bake something or to make soup. [Follow this link to sign up online.](#) Questions, speak to [Carol Bouchard.](#)

Youth Sponsored Silent Auction - November 18th in conjunction with the Christmas Bazaar.

Donations of goods and services are needed. In previous years folks have generously donated: computer technical advice, sweet pies for Thanksgiving or Christmas, use of a truck for a trip to the dump, chainsaw work, babysitting, tickets to a sporting event, use of a vacation home. Be creative. Donation forms are available on the bulletin board or [follow this link to an online form.](#) Questions, speak to [Ashley Dubois](#)

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#### **It's Turkey Time Again!**

The Williston Community Food Shelf is hoping to collect 150 turkeys for our clients for Thanksgiving. The number of clients that the Williston Community Food Shelf is serving has risen

dramatically this year. For the calendar year that ended December 31, 2022, we saw 2,364 families or 6,503 individuals. From January-August of 2023, we have already served 2,260 families, representing 6,011 individuals. In August alone, we saw 343 families which represents 907 individuals served. We have seen 159 new families come to our Food Shelf already this year. The Williston Community Food Shelf will be hosting our annual "Turkey Drive" this year on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 8:00-11:00 am at the Food Shelf, for the collection and distribution of turkeys. We are asking interested groups, and citizens, to drop off a turkey to the Food Shelf. The Williston Community Food Shelf is located at 400 Cornerstone Drive, Suite 130 (down behind the Williston Coffee Shop) in Williston. Alternately feel free to donate gift cards (\$15 are best) from the local grocery stores, which we will give our clients to purchase their own turkeys. Gift cards can be dropped off, or mailed to the Williston Community Food Shelf at P.O. Box 1605, Williston, VT 05495.

Please help us to reach our goal of having a turkey for each one of our less fortunate neighbors. If you have any questions, or need more information, please feel free call me. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ginger Morton, President Williston Community Food Shelf  
info@willistonfoodshelf.com, (802)578-0586

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Williston Community Tree Lighting, December 3 at 4:30pm

Would you like to help with the Community Tree Lighting? We are looking for help with decorating, baking cookies and setting up/cleaning up at the event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or you can sign up

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BA5AA29A5F58-town>. This event is sponsored by the Vitality Committee.

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### **Sunday School Volunteers**

The Education Committee needs a few ANGELS! It is wonderful to have more children in Sunday School, and so we need another adult to help from time to time. You could be asked to help on a certain Sunday, or just volunteer on the spot when we have more children than usual. (What a great opportunity!) Please let us know if you can help. Thanks, Susan Lamb 802-922-6670

[susanlambvt@gmail.com](mailto:susanlambvt@gmail.com)

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye

For those who would like to hear the worship service better, we encourage you to sit in one of the first four pews. You are not alone!

There are also two hearing devices to use. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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**Prayer cards**

Prayer Cards are available to write prayer requests. (You may find them in the pew rack in front of you.) You are invited to place your completed prayer cards in the Prayer Box (crafted by Chris Stewart) that is now positioned on a table in the Gallery area (the space between the stairs and the hallway to the sanctuary. Additional prayer cards can be found on that table as well.) Written prayers entered in the Prayer Box will be lifted to God in prayer by Pastor Paul throughout the week.

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A Note about the Time with Children

We are delighted to welcome children into our worship service! And we have a special time during the service aimed especially at the youngest among us—and the young at heart! We welcome children to participate in the “Time with Children ” in any of the following ways: remain seated in the pew with their family; gather on the first pew; or sit on the chancel steps. Remember that the worship service is being live streamed to social media. So if you would prefer that your child not appear in this video on our church’s Facebook page, you can keep the children with you in the pew or have them sit on the first pew with their back to the camera. If you have no objection to your child appearing in this live streamed video feed, then all of the options are open to you.

And then following the Time with Children, the younger set can head off to join members of the Education Committee who will engage with the children for a time of crafts and learning. It is a joy to welcome children in our midst!

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**The New Church Directory Is Now Available**

If you haven’t picked up your copy of the new church directory, contact the church office or see Carol Bouchard any Sunday.

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Thursday morning Centering Prayer Group

Thursday mornings at 8:30am, the Centering Prayer group gathers via Zoom ONLY for silent prayer and Bible discussion. This gathering lasts about one hour. For Zoom code or questions call/text Donna Fellingner 802-355-1700 or email at donnafellnergervt@gmail.com

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**Women’s Bible Study**

The women's Bible study will meet both in person in the Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM on Mondays from 1:30-2:30pm. If you are interested please contact Sally Metro at [ssmetro9@gmail.com](mailto:ssmetro9@gmail.com).



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Dismas House

For information about the mission, or to offer to volunteer, please contact Lizzy Pope at lizzypope@gmail.com.

We continue to welcome offers. One volunteer does not have to be responsible for the entire meal, teamwork is always a possibility.

The residents and staff at Dismas House always appreciate and enjoy when volunteers join them at the table. Sharing the meal is deeply meaningful for all, although delivering the meal is always an option as well.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church to facilitate offering to volunteer. The sign-up sheet for **2024** is on the on the board as well.

The next two “Third Tuesdays” fall on 11/21/23 and 12/19/23; we welcome offers.

The volunteer team for the Third Tuesday of November, 11/21/2023, will be Cindy & Don Thurston, Sara & Mike Moran and Susan Lamb. Thank you, team!

There is more information about this mission on the bulletin board.

Thank you for all the support and enthusiasm for this very meaningful outreach.

Thank you for considering to participate.

The coordinating team, Lizzy Pope and Peet Grobler.

Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee.