

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Nun danket alle Gott (BWV 657)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Ode to Joy

arr. Maurizio Machella

Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: We gather once again to worship God by lifting our voices in song, by listening carefully to the sacred words of scripture, and by offering faithful prayers.

All: Through this ancient practice, we root ourselves into our tradition which is rooted in the heart of God.

One: May the worship we offer draw nutrients from the soil of the Spirit so that new shoots of service and faithfulness will sprout forth in our lives.

All: We worship together remembering where our true devotion and allegiance lies - to God be all the glory,

One: To Christ be all honor

All: And to the Holy Spirit be all the praise, Amen!

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

NCH #4

*Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (adapted from Mark Nepo)

Kathleen Zagata

O God, the Great Whisper That Calms, whisper in our distracted ears when all we can hear are the demands of our overbooked calendars. Whisper in our worried hearts when a loved one's pain fills our own lives. Whisper in our addled minds when we lose our way to love by criticism, blame and resentment. Whisper loud enough for us to hear and we will listen attentively to You, O God, the Great Whisper That Calms. In Jesus' name...

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*An Act of Praise

Gloria Patri

PH #513

Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end, amen, amen.

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

NCH #425

Scripture

Daniel 7

Liturgist: Rob Skinner
OT pg. 828, LP OT pg. 782

Sermon

"Ancient of Days"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Anthem

What a Wonderful World [1967]

Words & Music by George David Weiss/Bob Thiele
Arranged by René Clausen, 2004

Bruce Lauterwasser, Karen Lauterwasser, Steven Lauterwasser, Tony McPherson, Jeffrey Mead, Susan K Navien, Elizabeth Page, Rob Skinner, Marcie Troisi, Cindy Wankowicz, Carol Weir

*Doxology

NCH #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

NCH #419

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

(Please offer "peace" or "The peace of Christ" to your neighbor as you depart)

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Monica Sullivan Mahon and James J. Mahon, by the Mahon-Hayden family.

Meet Our Church

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community: growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.

The Congregation, Ministers To The World

Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor

Rev. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness

Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

Mr. Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Mr. Bill Lewis, Custodian

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

November 25, 2018

Reign of Christ

10:00 Worship Service

Welcome!

We are happy you have joined us today for worship. We hope that in the coming hour of quiet, song, prayer, sacred scripture, and communal gathering, you will awaken more fully to God's presence in your life and the world around us.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs as you first enter the front doors of the church.

Accessibility

We now have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil (ask your audiologist). Listening devices are also available in the back. For our coffee hour in Chidley Hall, an elevator is located out the doors to the right of the front chancel area and down the hall. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary! We appreciate the sounds of little ones among us. If you'd prefer, there are trained caregivers in our nursery on the floor beneath the sanctuary. Ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

Family Room

There is also a comfortable room with water, sofas, chairs, carpet and a video link to the service for when you need more room to attend to your family. It is located just outside the doors to the right of the front chancel area.

Children (Stepping Stones) and Youth Church School

Classes for children and youth in pre-k through 12th grade are taught during worship. Families begin the worship service together in the sanctuary. Children are then invited to join us at the front (if they are comfortable) for the Time for the Young. Afterwards, their teachers lead them and the youth to their classrooms.

Get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate when it passes. We look forward to getting to know you at Coffee Hour, held downstairs immediately following the service.

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Family and friends of Donna Goodman | As they mourn her death |
| Jodie Mullane and family | For the loss of her Step-father George Swartz |
| Candace Mullane | During her rehabilitation from CFS/ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) |
| Family of Althea Shirley | In their grief |
| Family of Anna LaViolette | In their grief |
| Alice, friend of John Keeley | For strength |
| Barbara Hoekelman | Healing and comfort |
| Rachel, friend of Mike Redding | For healing from cancer |

*Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know
if you have someone to add or remove from this list.*

ENSEMBLE NOEL: SUNDAY, December 9, 2018, 7:00 PM

Please join us for an intimate and unique program of seasonal music, featuring Ensemble Noel, a quartet comprised of some of Vermont's most cherished musicians: soprano, Julie Ness; pianist, Annemieke Spoelstra McLane; accordionist, Jeremiah McLane; piper/whistler, Timothy Cummings. Ensemble Noel will present a unique and delightful program, called "Noël," filled with music from Medieval chant to the Pifa (or Pastoral) from Handel's "Messiah," from French carols to Poulenc, from Celtic melodies to fresh settings of traditional carols - all arranged by the creative "Ensemble Noel," with their roots in traditional, classical, world and improvisational music. Although based in Vermont, the performers of Ensemble Noel are world class, with ranging talents and vast resumes. You will remember Annemieke and Tim, both of whom played beautifully at Reverend Will's installation, April of 2016. The concert is free and open to the public and will be followed by a warm reception and an opportunity to greet our performers!

FCCW is looking for a grant writer to help fund the dynamic work of our church!

We believe there are many opportunities 'out there' for funding some aspects of our church life. Whether it's grants for infrastructure, for programs or ministries, for mission opportunities or for innovative new ideas. But we really need someone who is willing to do the work of finding the grant opportunities and spearheading the grant writing. Perhaps this is something you could do, that you have some experience with. Maybe you could find someone to share the job with. We'd love to hear from you. Please contact any of the following: Rev Will Burhans, william.burhans@gmail.com, Rev Judy Arnold, jarnoldfccw@verizon.net, Penny Sparrow (moderator), pjsparrow2@gmail.com Sarah Gallop (vice moderator), seg@mit.edu

**FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday December 2, 7-9 PM,
4 Heritage Drive, Woburn (Paul and Lynne Rahmeier's house).**

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

Women's Advent Gathering: Monday, Dec 3rd from 7PM to 8:30 PM:

Join us for our Advent Tradition of reflection, inspiration and fellowship. This year the theme is Hospitality and the Radical Notion of Welcoming the Stranger. Open to the women of the church, their teen daughters, mothers, and friends. For questions, contact Branda Wilhoite at brandawilhoite@gmail.com or click on the church calendar date for details.



Hanging of the Greens

Next Sunday, December 2, is the First Sunday of Advent and our annual Hanging of the Greens during worship when St. Nick helps us don the sanctuary in Christmas symbols. Also, we'll have a special "setting dance" for the communion table and we'll share the Lord's Supper together as one big church family. There will be no Stepping Stones classes as children will be encouraged to join us throughout the service.



**Bean Soup Community Supper
Thursday, December 6, 5:00-7:00**

It's healthy and simple and a completely free gift from us to the wider community. We'll welcome folks into Chidley Hall on the town Tree Lighting Night and offer three delicious soups (meat, vegan, gluten-free), bread, cider and cookies. We hope you will bring your families and tell your friends that "soups on!" at First Congregational on December 6. We have an energetic organizing crew and soon to come (of course) will be sign-up opportunities for those of you who are able and available to help. Join us!

Please consider joining us to help purchase food, make the soups and prepare Chidley Hall for the Bean Soup Supper. We already have the youth signing up to serve the soups. It'll be a lot of fun to do this together and offer our free and healthy dinner to the community. You can sign-up on-line at <https://bit.ly/2AapzGB>. Thanks so much for participating!