

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Variations on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (vs. 1-4) Albert L. Travis

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Gathering Chant

"Moved By Love"

"In all I do may I act freely and simply from the depths of my heart
moved by love, moved by love"

A Time of Silence

Call to Worship (adapted from Lancelot Andrews (1555-1626))

Ben Pulaski

One: Essence beyond essence, Nature uncreate, Framer of the world,
We set you, Lord God, before our faces,
And we lift our souls this morning to you.

**All: We worship You with humble hearts, open minds, eager spirits,
understanding that homage paid to You is where homage is due.**

One: Let us worship in God's church this morning as children of Divine Light.

*Processional Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine PH #239

*Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer (by Anne Rowthorn)

Kathleen Zagata

Blessed are you God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Guide us in your holy creation to walk through this world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, humble and open until the coming of your reign. 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

Spirit of the Living God (2X) NCH # 572

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-22

OT pg. 672, LP OT pg. 631

NT pg. 60, LP NT pg. 52

Sermon

"Blessed Descent"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem *My Eyes for Beauty Pine* [1928]

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)/Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddès grace:
No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

*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.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Closing Hymn

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing NCH #459

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Variations on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (vs. 5) Travis

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of deceased members and friends of this congregation.

Meet Our Church

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

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www.fcc-winchester.org

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Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

<https://venmo.com/fccwinchester>

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)

January 13, 2019

First Sunday after Epiphany

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 for the first week of the month is a combined worship service specifically made for them. We will meet in the Chapel before the start of the service and will return to the sanctuary to take communion with the congregation.

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 of Isabel Hart	In their grief
The Zimber and Moorman Families	For healing and peace
Bruce Lauterwasser	For strength and healing during this current course of chemotherapy
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.*

News & Upcoming Events

Special Congregational Meeting - Ripley Chapel Renovations

Today there will be a Special Congregational Meeting immediately after worship. Following the organ postlude the meeting will be convened in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the recommendation of the Ripley Chapel Working Group and the Leadership Team regarding the authorization to begin and complete the construction phase of the renovation of the Chapel. All church members are urged to attend, participate and cast your vote. Non-members are welcome to attend and participate but to refrain from voting.

FCC Monthly Men's Group Tonight, 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. Potluck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

Ruth Group

Tonight, 7-9 PM at Susan Sawyer's Home - 15 Sheffield West (note corrected address)

This month Ruth Group is reading *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron. Decaf coffee & tea and simple desserts are offered by the host. You are welcome whether or not you have read the book. New participants are always welcome to join in the fellowship and discussion. Susan Sawyer is hosting and facilitating at 15 Sheffield West, Winchester.

Start the New Year Right

FCC is hosting Financial Peace University (FPU) for church members and the broader community beginning in January 2019. FPU is a 9-week personal finance class that shows you how to take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a wealth-building plan for your future. Based on common sense and biblical teachings, FPU is taught at churches around the country and more than 5 million people have attended the program.

This class is for anyone interested in learning a new way to manage their household finances. Invite your friends and family to join FCC this New Year!

FCC's class will begin on Wednesday, January 16 (7-8:30pm) and run for 9 weeks. Class registration (\$109 per couple or individual) is available at: <http://www.fpu.com/1075860>

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Saturday, Feb 2

There will be a Habitat for Humanity workday Saturday, February 2. Interested adults and youth 16 and up please contact Andrew Beltz andrewjbeltz@gmail.com or Doug Taylor mccall.taylor@verizon.net (781-729-6258).

The Dwelling Place needs Volunteers on Saturday, January 19th

We are looking for 4 – 5 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 30 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, January 19th. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month.

Can you and your family or friends help?

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours 5pm – 7pm.
- The food is simple and easy to prepare.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that. We also can provide gift cards to help with food expense.

To sign up, please contact one of your FCC Dwelling Place Coordinators:

Cindy Mahoney cindy33733@aol.com
Louise Ritenhouse lritenhouse@comcast.net
Lisa Loughlin lisa3abp@aol.com

Thinking about joining a ministry?

Maybe the Adult Faith Exploration Ministry is the one for you!

Here's what we do: we seek to provide meaningful opportunities for our congregation and the public to increase understanding and foster dialogue around topics related to faith, religion, spiritual development, culture, community, and self-awareness. The Ministry uses a variety of approaches to convey content that promotes individual reflection and community discussion. Through small group experiences, workshops, films, books, presentations, and even shared meals, participants explore the meaning and role of faith in the context of current societal issues and personal growth. Recent topics have included death and dying, civility, exploring the Bible, and transgender awareness. Future topics under consideration: Islam, Judaism, racial bias, talking with God (discernment), and the Enneagram personality types. What topics are you interested in?

We welcome new ministry members with joy. Our goal is to enhance the educational and spiritual life of adults in our congregation and community. Come explore with us! No particular experience or knowledge is required.

Interested? Please talk with any current member of the ministry: Sarah Gallop, Co-Chair (seg@mit.edu), Laurie Roby, Co-Chair (lauriefroby@gmail.com), Judy Arnold, Ministry Team Liaison (jarnoldfccw@verizon.net), Anne Hoenicke (alhoenicke@yahoo.com), Andy McKinley (amckinley@hrblock.com), and Karen Roberts (kerob@comcast.net).