

Order of Worship: Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

Little Partita for Advent

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Advent Wreath: Candle of Peace

the Rahmeier family

*Processional Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PH #110

Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

O God, be our Light when it is dark, our Way when we are lost, our Hope when we despair, our Purpose when we feel useless, our Strength when we are weak. We await you this Advent, Jesus Christ, preparing ourselves so there is room in our inn, space in our hearts, when you arrive. Receive our love and devotion in this season and make of us instruments of your tender mercies. In Jesus' name we pray...

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

*Gloria In Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the Highest!)

PH #116

Third Grade Bibles

Faith Moment

Karen Bellacosa

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PH #103

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3: 1-10

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Sermon

"Back to the Future"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

arr. Donald Cashmore (1926-2013)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath spring!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung,
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love a right,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

*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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PH #114

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele (vs. 11)

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

*You are invited to join together for coffee hour down in Chidley Hall.
Just head downstairs and towards the back of the church facility until you find the large hall.
In December, Coffee Hour is being hosted by the Leadership Team.*

Meet Our Church

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December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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 have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil. 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 outfitted with a changing table, toys, rocking chairs, couches, a water bubbler 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 8th 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, the children and youth are led to their classrooms by their teachers.

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. Just head downstairs and towards the back of the church facility until you find the large hall, or follow the signs or pick up a laminated map to help guide you.

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

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Jane Ring Frank	For healing.
Suzanne White	For courage and comfort in her struggle with cancer.
Barbara, Bruce and the rest of the Lauterwasser family.	In their grief at the loss of Herb - beloved husband, father and grandfather.
Don Martin, brother in law of Becky & Trent Parkhill	For healing and strength during chemotherapy.
Eli Paxinos, 16-month-old great nephew of Tony & Pam McPherson	For comfort and care in his hospitalization while doctors seek a diagnosis.
Mimi Steffen, friend of Mike Redding	Healing as she recovers from a brain hemorrhage.
Bruce Lauterwasser	As he starts the next round of chemotherapy.
Lucy Sanders	For healing.
Sarah Hebb Carpenter	For strength and healing from surgery on 9/9.
Olivia	For support in finding her way back.
Janet Snover	For strength in rehab to recover fully from her stairs fall.
Patricia, friend of the Dwelling Place	For strength & comfort in learning her cancer has spread to her liver.
Jessica Brand	For healing.
Janet Brewer	For healing.
Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother	For stabilization & relief from pain; and comfort for her family.

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

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Caroline Sullivan Sheehy and Ruth Payne Marotta, by the Marotta family.

Deacons

The deacons serving today are: Aaron Kneiss, Megan Scipione, Jenny Splaine, and Nick Troisi.

News & Upcoming Events

NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session

Sunday, December 8 immediately after worship in Rev. Will's Office

Join us in Rev. Will's office immediately following worship for a 45 minute session on First Congregational Church and our denomination - the United Church of Christ. If you're interested in becoming a member or just interested in learning more about the church, you are WELCOME! Brii will be down in the nursery for childcare for all-ages.

December 8th-Unite with Light Winchester Luminaries

After the service grab a cup of coffee, then join the youth in an all church activity of assembling luminaries for the evening's town wide event: Unite with Light Winchester.

Unite with Light-Winchester is a town-wide Luminaria Night event organized by the children of Winchester to celebrate the beginning of the winter season with beautiful light and raise money for a child-charity that will strengthen our community and our world. This year, proceeds from the sales of the UWL-W luminaria kits will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, MA & RI chapter.

Youth Outreach Opportunities!

December 13/14th- Outdoor Church

The second Friday of every month the youth gather after school to make 50-75 sandwiches for the Outdoor church, which they as well as Temple Shir Tikvah delivery to the people of Cambridge. To sign up, email Ben Pulaski (ben.pulaski@gmail.com).



December 22nd-Cookie Walk

Each year the youth hosts a Cookie Walk during Advent. We would love to have you donate your favorite cookies (NUT FREE). Bring them to church with you on December 22nd with the list of ingredients. After church, everyone is encouraged to grab a dozen cookies with a donation to the youth mission trips this year.

Faith Formation

Children Check In

Please scan this code to check in your children (pre-k through 8th grade) if they will be going off to their classrooms.



FCC Monthly Men's Group,

Sunday, December 15, 7-9 PM, (date was wrong in the weekly email)

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.

Ruth Group will meet Tonight

7 to 9 PM at the home of Regina Campbell, 2 Mayflower Road

Rather than our usual book discussion we will be sharing favorite poems or other short pieces. Please feel free to contact Maryann McCall-Taylor or Kaye Nash with any questions or ride requests.

Stepping Stones

This week our children are reading 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17. They are learning how God works through us and uses us to do his wonderful works and to change people's hearts. Talk with your children this week about how you can celebrate God's love and care as a family. Here is a prayer to say together: *Thank you, God, for brave heroes like Esther. Help us learn to stand up and speak our faith where needed. AMEN.*

Middle School

In our class this week, our lesson comes from 2 Corinthians 4:1-12. It teaches us how God uses ordinary, fragile, often broken people like us to reveal Jesus to the world. The youth will be challenged to examine how they are like jars of clay that hold a great treasure. They'll also look at how their choices can help or hinder their ability to shine the light of God. Be sure to ask your youth how they see or don't see God in others or themselves.

Forum

This week's story is the story of a poor woman who gave all she had from Mark 12:41-44. It's not the face value of what we do or offer Jesus that matters most. It's the sacrifice/heart behind it. Students will be challenged to consider that the state of their hearts toward God can be seen in what they do with the ordinary—do they love sacrificially? I encourage you to ask them what kind of things they find difficult to hand over to God.

Second Wednesday Bible Study

The second Wednesday this month is the 11th. Since we are in the season of Advent, we will look at the nine "lessons" traditionally read on Christmas Eve:

1. Genesis 3:8-19
2. Genesis 22:15-18
3. Isaiah 9:2; 6-7
4. Isaiah 11:1-3a; 6-9
5. Luke 1:26-35; 38
6. Luke 2:1; 3-7
7. Luke 2:8-16
8. Matthew 2:1-12
9. John 1:1-14

By themselves they tell the progression of the nativity. We are going to be looking and listening for the questions, and the answers each reading offers. They are not long - and we might add a little music. As always, each session is entire unto itself which means you can join us when it suits your schedule and not worry about not knowing what everyone else knows. We all know that God loves us and that God desires our love. We try to discern the ways we can do that. We meet in the Health Ministry Office at 7:00 p.m. and end promptly at 8:30.



Advent Women's Gathering,

All women of the church are invited to an evening of fellowship and centering as we embrace the tastes, textures, and tones of the season. Join us THIS Monday, December 9th from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Tucker-Palmer Rooms. An Advent Tradition sure to warm the heart!

Poinsettia Orders:

You are invited to donate a chancel Christmas plant as a memorial or as a gift. This year plants will cost \$20.00. **All orders are due by Wednesday, December 11**

I wish to purchase _____ plant(s), which will be

In ___ memory / ___ honor (please check one) of

Donor _____

Please return this form with a check payable to First Congregational Church, to the church office, or place it in an offering plate in an envelope marked "Christmas plants".

A Christmas Tradition of Joy!

Spread Christmas Joy by delivering a poinsettia to a member of our faith community at home and in a local care center. Plants will be available on Sunday, December 22nd after worship in the front of the sanctuary. Deliveries can be made on Sunday or during the first few days of the week.

RIPLEY  PRESENTS



Dominique Dodge

Celtic Harper

December 13, 2019, 7:30 PM

Ripley Chapel, First Congregational Church
21 Church Street, Winchester

Join us for an inspiring and family-friendly evening of seasonal Celtic music as well as material from Dominique's new album, featuring Gaelic songs, 18th Century Irish harp tunes, lively jigs and reels—a unique combination of harp, song, and story for all who enjoy traditional music!

Tickets: \$10 Adults, 18 & under are free

Tickets + More Info at fcc-winchester.org/ripleychapel