



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2020

Prelude	<i>Little Partita for Advent, vs. 2</i>	James Woodman (b. 1957)
Welcome		Rev. Will Burhans
Advent Wreath: Candle of Peace		The Wilson Family
Opening Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #110

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one hearts and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Call to Confession Karen Bellacosa

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord's Prayer

A Time for the Young

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12 Liturgist: Bill McCarter

Sermon "John Right, John Wrong" Rev. Will Burhans

Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Will Burhans and Rev. Judy Arnold

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Gathered Community

Hymn

Now Bless the God of Israel
(vv. 1 & 3)

New Century Hymnal, #110

Now bless the God of Israel, who comes in love and power,
Who raises from the royal house deliverance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,
To save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,
Our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One! O worship and adore!

Benediction

Jane Ring Frank

Postlude

Nun komm, der heiden Heiland (BWV 599)
(Now comes the Savior of the heathen)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

You are invited to fellowship with one another through Zoom Breakout Rooms. Our host, Bruce Alexander, will initiate the breakout rooms and participants will be randomly selected to join one another. Just click on the bottom right hand corner of your screen which will say "Join Breakout Room"

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Rev. Judy Arnold, Associate Pastor,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards
Jacob Greenberg, Interim Director of Faith Formation for Children and Youth
Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness

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Please keep these people in your prayers:

Pam McPherson and the whole McPherson family, in their grief at the death of Pam's brother, Trip.

Bruce Lauterwasser, for healing as he recovers from a recent round of radiation treatment.
A prayer for comfort in grief for Dave Weir and family, on the passing of his mother, Adalain (Taffy) Weir.

John Giblin, Deirdre's father, for continued recovery.

For strength of body and resilience of spirit of Lisa Loughlin's friend, Marie, as she begins chemo for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Reynolds Wilson Burns, Laurie Roby's nephew's wife. Prayers for healing for her and for Laurie's nephew, Bryant.

Elizabeth Thompson and her friends and family. Elizabeth had a stroke in June and has been declining. She is in the nursing facility at Brookhaven.

Glenn McPherson, Tony McPherson's brother, for healing as he awaits a kidney transplant.

Jane Ring Frank and Stephen Cole, for healing.

Sarah Hebb Carpenter, for successful surgery and healing.

A prayer of mourning for all those who have died of COVID19, as Renée Graham described them in The Globe on 5/12/2020 they are: "...health care workers, military veterans, doting grandparents, church folk, Holocaust survivors, a man who helped liberate a concentration camp, cancer survivors, bikers, lawmakers, grocery store workers, neurobiologists, barbers, meat plant workers, accountants, truck and bus drivers, security guards and educators."

For all the Black Lives that have been extra-judicially and violently extinguished.

Olivia, for healing and help finding her way back to recovery.

All of the front line healthcare workers and first responders, for their safety.

Rev. Lucy Sanders, for healing.

Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother, For stabilization & relief from pain; and comfort for her family.