



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2020

Prelude	<i>Creator of the Stars of Night/Of the Father's Love Begotten</i> arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)
Welcome	Rev. Will Burhans
Advent Wreath: Candle of Joy	The McCall-Taylors
Opening Hymn	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i> (vv. 1, 2, 4) Pilgrim Hymnal, #107
	Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.
	King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.
	At his feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!
A Time for the Young	"3rd Grade Bibles"
Anthem	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> Susan K. Navien, soprano John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)
Scripture	Jenny and Maggie Splaine
Sermon	Rev. Judy Arnold
Offertory	<i>Noël Anglais</i> James Woodman (b. 1957)
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Will Burhans

Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn King!
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled.”
 Joyful, all ye nations rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies,
 With th’angelic host proclaim:
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ by highest heav’n adored,
 Christ the everlasting Lord!
 Late in time behold Him come,
 Offspring of a Virgin’s womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail the incarnate Deity,
 Pleased as man with man to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings,
 Ris’n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn King!”

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

Postlude

Freu’ dich sehr, o meine Seele

J.C.H Rinck (1770-1846)

Blessing of the Steeple Cross

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:

Family of Maureen, Peter Rosenberger's secretary of 30 years, in their grief.

Family of Michael Dinsmore, Sarah Marino's uncle, in their grief.

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.