



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship -Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022 A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Prelude	<i>Creator of the Stars of Night/Of the Father's Love Begotten</i> arr. Thomas Keesecker (b.1956)
Welcome	Rev. Will Burhans
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Mortensen-Morris family
	Candle of Joy
Processional Hymn	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i> New Century Hymnal, #140
Invocation	Maeve Hammond
Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis Deo	
Time for the Young	Maggie Keeler

The Word in Lessons and Carols

Lesson	Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7	Jeffrey Mead
Carol	<i>Cold, the Winter</i> Music: Mark Schweizer (1956-2019) Text: Beverly Easterling (b. 1949)	
Lesson	Isaiah 11: 1-2, 6-7, 9	Robert Skinner
Congregational Carol	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i> (vv. 1, 2, 4)	Pilgrim Hymnal, #107
Lesson	Isaiah 35:1-10	William McCarter
Sermon	"Exiled from Earth and Home"	Rev. William Burhans
Carol	<i>Huron Carol</i> Trad. Canadian/Jean de Brébeuf, c. 1643 Matt. 1:23; Luke 2:11/trans. Middleton, 1926	
Lesson	Luke 1: 31-35, 38	Kathleen Zagata
Congregational Carol	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #131
Lesson	<i>Gabriel's Annunciation</i> (Jan Richardson)	Julianne Zimmerman
Carol	<i>O Come, Emmanuel</i> trad./arr. Arnold B. Sherman (b. 1948) The Carilloneers, Jeffrey Mead, Director	
Lesson	Luke 2: 1, 3-7	Christopher French
Offertory		
Carol	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Music: Ian Higginson (b. 1959) Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-94)	
Lesson	Luke 2: 8-16	Jim Stansfield
Congregational Carol	<i>The First Nowell</i> (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)	Pilgrim Hymnal #141

Lesson	<i>Christmas Is the Season of Affirmation</i> (Howard Thurman)	Maeve Hammond
Carol	<i>Lux Beata Trinitas</i> Peter Owens, aeropphone	Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)/Anon. Text
Lesson	John 1: 1-14	Rev. Will Burhans
Moment of Silence		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Will Burhans
Closing Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> (verses 1 & 3)	PH # 120
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Will Burhans, Maeve Hammond
Postlude	<i>Nun komm, der heiden Heiland</i> (BWV 661)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Maeve Hammond, Pastoral Resident,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Maggie Keeler, Interim Children's Program Director
Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness, Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards
Thanks to Brian McArdle who is our Livestream Technician & Leslie French for slide advancement.
Deacons serving Today are: Laura Bailey, Kate Carpini, Mabs Harris, and John Keeley.

Visitors, 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.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Jessica Brand, for peace and healing.

Darrell, Sarah Marino's uncle, for healing.

Family and friends of Marsha Lamson, in their grief.

Alexis, for recovery from trauma and returning to health and for her caregivers and those who surround her.

Family of Michael Cantella, Regina Campbell's father, in their grief.

Jody Mullane requests prayers for: her brother Jim, who is healing from surgery, Bucky and family, for her sister Lillian's final days, and Denis's brother Mike Mullane, as he finds peace in his final months with us.

Prayers for Laura, in her lengthy battle with breast cancer.

Diana Atkins, Christine Atkin's mom, prayers for healing following a recent fall, illness and hospitalization.

Pamela Willwerth, Frank Willwerth's mother, recent serious illness and dementia and hospitalization.

Frank and Christine, prayers of strength.

Dennis Brand, Jessica Brand's father, for healing.

Becky, Tony McPherson's eldest sister, for healing.

Matthew, for courage and healing on his path to regaining mental stability.

Elizabeth Thompson, who is in hospice, and her family and friends.

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.

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