



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship - Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

|   |  |                               |
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| Prelude   | <i>Away in a Manger</i>                                      | arr. Dave Brubeck (1920-2012) |
| Welcome   |  | Maeve Hammond                 |
| Lighting of the Advent Wreath   | Candle of Love   | Howland family                |
| Opening Hymn  | <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i><br>(vv. 1, 2 and 4)           | Pilgrim Hymnal #132           |
| Gathering Prayer<br>Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis Deo  |  | Rev. Will Burhans             |
| The Christmas Story   |  |                               |
| (The congregation is encouraged to join the children and sing the carols throughout the pageant;<br>the words will appear on screens in front.) |  |                               |
| Luke 1:26-33  | <i>What Child is This?</i>                                   |                               |
| Luke 2:1-5  | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>                            |                               |
| Luke 2:6-7  | <i>The Friendly Beasts</i><br><i>Away In a Manger</i>        |                               |
| Luke 2:8-14   | <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i><br><i>The First Noel</i> |                               |
| Matthew 2:1-11  | <i>We Three Kings</i><br><i>Hark! The Herald Angel Sings</i> |                               |
| Offertory   |  |                               |
| Pastoral Prayer   |  | Maeve Hammond                 |
| Closing Hymn  | <i>Joy to the World</i> (v. 1 & 3)                           | Pilgrim Hymnal, #130          |
| Announcements/Benediction   |  | Rev. Will Burhans             |
| Postlude  | <i>Good Christians All Rejoice</i>                           | arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951) |

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 & Rev. Jessica McArdle for slide advancement.  
Deacons serving Today are: Andy Gallop, Liz Sayre, Megan Scipione, and Janet Vaughn.

## 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

**Nancy Alleyn**, friend of **Nick Wankowicz's** sister, **Nina**, for healing.

Prayers for healing for **Mike Redding**.

**Jessica Brand**, for peace and healing.

**Darrell**, **Sarah Marino's** uncle, for healing.

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

**Family and friends of Marsha Lamson**, in their grief.

**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.

**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.

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

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

## Flowers

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



## Pledge & Offering

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