



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Baptism of Christ- January 08, 2023

Prelude	<i>Brightest and Best are the Stars of the Morning</i>	arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)
Opening Hymn	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #143
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Morning Prayer		Maeve Hammond
The Lord's Prayer		
Act of Praise - Gloria Patri		
Time for the Young		Maggie Keeler
Hymn	<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #145
Scripture	Psalm 148 Matthew 2:1-12	Liturgist: Joani Valeriano/Liz Sayre
Sermon	"5 Lessons from the Magi for Our Journey to God"	Rev. Will Burhans
Musical Reflection	Melodi from <i>Lyric Pieces</i> , Op. 47 Nancy Kneiss, piano	Edvard Grieg
Prayers of the People		
Offertory	<i>A Prayer of St. Benedict</i> [2010] Susan K. Navien, soprano; Elizabeth Page, alto; Peter Owens, tenor; Tony McPherson, bass.	Mark D. Templeton
Closing Hymn	<i>What Star is This, With Beams So Bright</i> vv. 1, 3, & 4	Pilgrim Hymnal, #144
Benediction		Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	<i>Puer nobis nascitur</i>	Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Maeve Hammond, Pastoral Resident,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness
Maggie Keeler, Interim Children's Program Coordinator,
Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards, Sarah Marino, Office Administrator
Thanks to Brian McArdle, our Live Stream Technician
Deacons serving today are: Kate Carpini, Mabs Harris, and Joan Valeriano.

Visitors, get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in the pews.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Prayers of comfort for the YU-Zagata family and all families grieving the death of their beloved ones during the current Humanitarian Covid Crisis in China. Pray our World Leaders risk wisdom, love and international cooperation.

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

Meg, friend of Maggie, for strength and healing.

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

Prayers for healing for Mike Redding.

Jessica Brand, for peace and healing.

Jody Mullane requests prayers for: 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 Aaron's aunt, Sally Soltis, given by Aaron and Nancy Kneiss.



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