



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - November 19, 2023 - Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude	<i>Nun danket alle Gott</i> (BWV 657)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Processional Hymn	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #461
Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer Act of Praise - Gloria Patri		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Presentation of Bibles		Maggie Keeler
Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	
Scripture	Genesis 12:1-9 I Peter 3:8-12	Liturgist: Branda Wilhoite
Sermon	"Blessed to be a Blessing"	Rev. Will Burhans
Anthem	<i>I Will Give Thanks</i>	Music: Craig Courtney, b. 1948 Text: Based on Psalms 9, 30, 57
Offertory	<i>Qui tollis peccata mundi</i>	François Couperin (1668-1733)
Prayers of the People		
Closing Hymn	<i>We Gather Together</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #21
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	<i>Variations on "Kremser,"</i> vs. 6 [2008]	Daniel Berghout (b. 1967)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Rev. Maeve Hammond, Associate Pastor,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Worship & the Arts, Maggie Keeler, Minister of Children & Families,
Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards, Sarah Marino, Office Administrator
Thanks to Brian McArdle, our Live Stream Technician and Julia Daggett for Slide Advancement
Deacons serving today are: Andy Gallop, Ted Lamson, 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 the pews.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Prayers of healing for **Cooper Sayre**, Liz and Dick Sayre's grandson, who is recovering after a serious car accident.

Prayers of peace for Sarah Gallop's long time MIT colleague **Paul Parravano**, who has entered hospice care. **Erin, Nanci Church's niece**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, for healing.

Jodie Mullane's sister-in law and my family as we go through holidays and my brother's birthday without him.

Prayers of joy, **Marcia's throat cancer has been treated.**

Sue Matinski, friend of Jody Mullane, for her treatment and diagnosis of breast cancer.

Family and friends of John Giblin, Deirdre Giblin's father, in their grief.

For Carrie Ehrbar's parents, Tom and Kathy, who are losing their ability to live independently.

For families and friends impacted by the mass shooting in Maine and continued prayer for sensible gun laws to help curb the violence.

Laurie Roby's friend Laurel and her family. Her sister, **Amy**, was recently diagnosed with cancer. Amy's husband, **Cliff**, had been diagnosed with cancer as well earlier in the year. And Laurel's **mother** was recently hospitalized with pneumonia.

Prayers for healing and recuperation for **Russell Carter** as he continues to recover abroad from surgeries to his collarbone.

Shelly Griffiths, Tomye Little's cousin, for healing, comfort and peace for her and her family.

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

Prayers for peace for **Mike Redding** and her loved ones.

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.

Roots and Branches group Sunday after church THIS Sunday

Did the Roots and Branches sign-up catch your interest, but you didn't feel ready to commit to regular meetings? Do you need childcare to attend? This year, we have added a group held immediately after 10 o'clock worship, for which there is no need to sign up, and childcare is provided. We will meet this Sunday, Nov 19, and then take a break until January. Please join Elizabeth Page, this week's group leader, at Reverend Will's office. Children will gather with Maggie for refreshments in Chidley and then go to the playground.

Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Court Crandall, given by his family.

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