



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2023

Prelude *Away in a Manger* arr. Dave Brubeck (1920-2012)

Welcome Rev. Maeve Hammond

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Chidsey family

Candle of Joy

Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Pilgrim Hymnal #132
(vv. 1, 2 and 4)

Gathering Prayer Rev. Will Burhans
Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis Deo

Special Carol *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam/Placide Cappeau
Sarah DuBard, soloist

The Christmas Story

(The congregation is encouraged to join the children and sing the carols throughout the pageant;
the words will appear on screens in front.)

Luke 1:26-33 *What Child is This?*

Luke 2:1-5 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Luke 2:6-7 *The Friendly Beasts*
Away in a Manger

Luke 2:8-14 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Luke 2:15-20 *The First Noel*

Matthew 2:1-11 *We Three Kings*
Hark! The Herald Angel Sings

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Maeve Hammond

Closing Hymn *Joy to the World!* (vv. 1 & 3) Pilgrim Hymnal, #130

Announcements/Benediction Rev. Will Burhans/Rev. Maeve Hammond

Postlude *Good Christians All Rejoice* arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)

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 Jane Ring Frank for Slide Advancement
Deacons serving today are: Tony McPherson, Liz Sayre, Jenny Splain, and Branda Wilhoite

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.

Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in Honor of our 65th Wedding anniversary, by Connie and Peter Rosenberger.



Epiphany Celebration

Join us on January 7th 5:00 PM for a family-friendly Epiphany celebration. We will begin with a potluck dinner and traditional king cake and then journey through the church to find the final resting place of the star. Once there, we will share a blessing for Epiphany.



Pledge & Offering

Scan QR codes below, or visit the offering plate for cash or check.
The QR code in the middle is the Pledge Form.



venmo



Scan. Pay. Go.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Werner Jansen and Petra Sansom and family at the death of Petra's mother.

Prayers of peace for the family of **Sarah Gallop's longtime MIT colleague Paul Parravano**, who died from pancreatic cancer.

Continued prayers for **Laurie Roby's friend Laurel and her sister, Amy** in her ongoing treatment for cancer.

Carol Andrus's friend, Barbara, who is facing multiple surgeries for cancer.

John Keeley, for healing and recovery.

For those missing loved ones this holiday season - due to death or distance.

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

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.

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

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

Christmas Plants which glorify our sanctuary in the coming weeks are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Ruth and Leslie Coldsnow, by Connie and Peter Rosenberger

The life of Stephen Cole, by Jane Ring Frank

Evander French & Peter French, by the French family

Joe Harris, by the Carpini family

Dear friends Piper and Sandy Hawes, by Kris and John Montgomery

Ingrid Jansen, by the Sansom family

Marsha Haley Lamson, by Susan and Skip Lane

My dear friend Marsha Lamson, by Kris and John Montgomery

Our Parents, by Kris and John Montgomery

Steve and Marjorie Moore, by Martha Moore and Bruce Mackenzie

Beloved Family Members and Colleagues, by Susan K. Navien

Virginia and Bill Ritchie, by Emily Richardson

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lyman Ripley
and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Snow Parsons, M.D., D.M.D.,
by Malcolm Parsons Bennett, Brian Ripley Bennett,
Julianne Marie Bennett and Kimberly Ann Bennett**

Ruth and Ross Rosenberger, by Connie and Peter Rosenberger

Thomas C. and Virginia N. Sanders, by Lucy Sanders & Arthur Cobb

Our parents, by Susan Sawyer and Andy Spiegel

**William F Skinner II and our loved ones who are no longer with us,
by Rob and Jody Collins Skinner**

Elizabeth Thompson, by Martha Thompson

Christmas Plants which glorify our sanctuary in the coming weeks are given to the Glory of God and in honor of:

Mabs Harris, by the Carpini family