



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship - Hanging of the Greens - December 3, 2023

Prelude	<i>Meditation on "The Holly and the Ivy"</i>	David Lasky (b. 1957)
Welcome		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Candle of Hope	Van Rensburg family
Processional Hymn	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal #104
Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis Deo		Rev. Jonathan Goodell

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Sanctuary Evergreens		reader: Julia G.
Carol	<i>The Holly and the Ivy (2 verses)</i>	Traditional Carol
The Christmas Poinsettia		reader: Jane Ring Frank
Carol	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night (1 verse)</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #138
The Christmas Tree		reader: Katherine P.
Carol	<i>O Christmas Tree</i>	Traditional German Folk Song
<i>As we sing, you are invited to come forward and place an ornament on the sanctuary tree. The Deacons have extra ornaments in the back of the sanctuary if you need one.</i>		
The Crèche		reader: Michaela S.
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (1 verse)</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #134
Offertory: The Gifts of Christmas		Reader: Maggie Keeler
Carol: <i>The Song of Saint Nicholas</i> to the tune of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"		
Scripture	Psalm 43:3-4 John 8:12	Marc P.
Sermon	"Candles"	Rev. Maeve Hammond
Anthem	<i>O Come, Emmanuel</i> Text: Latin, trans. John M. Neale (vv. 1-2); Henry S. Coffin (v. 3) Sandi-Jo Malmon, cello	Music: Elaine Hagenberg

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

*Wait With Us*

To the tune "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Written by members of this congregation, the writing of this hymn was made possible by Judith Arnold's sabbatical grant, 2012.

Announcements/Benediction

Rev. Maeve Hammond

Postlude

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, 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 who is our Livestream Technician & Leslie French for slide advancement

## 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 memory of Osmon and Helen Tilton and Robert and Mabel McIndoe by the Robert McIndoe family.

## P&D Fund

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