



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - December 31, 2023 - Morning Service in Ripley Chapel

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| Prelude | <i>Rise Up Shepherd and Follow</i> | arr. James Pethel (b. 1936) |
| Welcome & Call to Worship | “‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers” by Emily Dickinson | Rev. Maeve Hammond |
| Opening Carol | <i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i> | New Century Hymnal, #154 |
| Morning Prayer The Lord’s Prayer Gloria in excelsis | | Rev. Will Burhans |
| Time for the Young | | Maggie Keeler |
| Carol | <i>Deck The Halls</i> (Christian style!) | text by Robert Gardiner |
| Scripture | Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-5, 7-14 (<i>The Inclusive Bible</i>) | Liturgist |
| Reflection | “Hope with a future in it” | Rev. Maeve Hammond |
| Quiet Time for Contemplation | | |
| Offertory | <i>Away in a Manger</i> Susan K. Navien, <i>soprano</i> | arr. Larry R. Beebe |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Rev. Will Burhans |
| Closing Carol | <i>The First Nowell</i> (vv. 1, 2, 5) | Pilgrim Hymnal, #141 |
| Announcements/Benediction | | Rev. Will Burhans/Rev. Maeve Hammond |
| Postlude | “Auld Lang Syne” Chorus: For auld lang syne, my dear for auld lang syne we’ll take a cup of kindness yet for days of old auld lang syne. | |

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 Chris French, our Live Stream Technician and Leslie French for Slide Advancement
Deacons serving today are: Carol Andrus, Dick Sayre, Liz Sayre, 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 the pews.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Gledis, health for her heart.

Kathy Mortensen, for recovery and healing from surgery.

Prayers of comfort for **Bill McCarter** and his family at the death of his older sister, Joanna Cowperthwaite who died on December 18th.

Family and friends of Karen Larochelle, Sarah Marino's aunt, in their grief.

Prayers of gratitude for the meaningful life of **Sonia Kinkhabwala**, beloved friend of **Flo Glynn**, and prayers of peace and wellness for her loved ones. May Sonia's memory be a blessing of wisdom, compassion, joy, and connection.

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

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.

Erin, Nanci Church's niece, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, for healing.

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.

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.

Flowers

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

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