



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Epiphany Sunday - January 07, 2024

Prelude	<i>Brightest and Best are the Stars of the Morning</i>	arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Opening Carol	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #143
Morning Prayer	Epiphany Prayer by Walter Brueggemann	Rev. Maeve Hammond
	The Lord's Prayer	
	Act of Praise - Gloria in excelsis Deo	
Carol	<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #145
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-18	Liturgist: Carol Andrus
Sermon	"Love Requires a Star"	Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory	<i>What Child is This?</i> Peter Owens, aerophone	arr. Bryan Stanley (b. 1972)
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
	Invitation	
	Prayer of Consecration	
	Words of Institution	
	Sharing of Bread and Cup	
	Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Closing Carol	<i>What Star is This, With Beams so Bright</i> (vv. 1, 3, 4)	Pilgrim Hymnal, #144
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Maeve Hammond/Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	<i>Puer nobis nascitur</i>	Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Rev. Maeve Hammond, Associate Pastor,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Worship & the Arts,

Maggie Keeler, Minister of Children & Families, Sarah Marino, Office Administrator, Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards,
Thanks to: Chris French, Livestream Technician, and Leslie French for Slide Advancement.

Deacons serving today are: Carol Andrus, Andy Gallop, Anne Hoenicke, Tony McPherson, 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 on the table in the back of the chapel.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Prayers of peace and strength for **Joanie Goodale**, Rev. Maeve's great-aunt.

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 Aaron's aunt, Sally Soltis, given by Aaron and Nancy Kneiss.

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