

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
5:00 PM - December 24, 2025

Prelude	<i>Noël étranger</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Lighting of the Christ Candle		The Plosky Family
Opening Hymn	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> (vv. 1, 2 and 4)	Pilgrim Hymnal #132
Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Time for the Young		Maggie Keeler
Scripture	Luke 2:1-7	Haliana Burhans Khudyak
Carol	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal #137
Scripture	Luke 2:8-14	Naomi Burhans
Carol	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i> (vv. 1 & 3)	Pilgrim Hymnal #120
Scripture	Luke 2:15-20	Augusta Claire Burhans
Special Carol	<i>The First Noel</i> Nathan M., soloist	Traditional
Christmas Offering	<i>Silent Night</i>	arr. Dave Brubeck (1920-2012)
Reflection	"What Strangers are These?"	Rev. Will Burhans

Sharing the Christ Light

(The Deacons will move through the sanctuary to share the candlelight.
Please light candles by tilting the unlit candle toward the lighted one.)

Carol	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #138
	Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.	
	Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born. Christ, the Savior, is born!	
	Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.	
Closing Prayer		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Closing Hymn	<i>Joy to the World!</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal #130
Benediction		Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	<i>Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750) (BWV 700)

Accessibility & Navigation
We have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil.
Listening devices are also available in the back.

Special Christmas Offering

This year's Christmas special offering recipient is the **Re-Member Seasonal Fund**. Your donations will help families and individuals living on Pine Ridge Reservation, who do not have reliable access to heat during the cold South Dakota winter, source, cut, split, and deliver firewood and provide emergency electric and propane assistance and expand their garden program during the growing season. **Can you help us meet our goal of \$10,000 to keep our neighbors warm this winter?** Donate via Venmo, PayPal, check ("Re-Member Seasonal Fund" in the memo), or cash. Learn more about Re-Member: re-member.org

Deacons serving today are: **Carol Andrus, Richard Carbone, Julia Daggett, Andy Gallop, Sarah Gallop, and Betsy Goodell**. Special Thanks to **Brian McArdle**, our Livestream Technician, and **Jane Ring Frank** for Slide Advancement



First Congregational Church in Winchester is proud to be Open & Affirming.

For decades, we have celebrated our LGBTQIA+ siblings and their inclusion in all parts of our worship and congregational life. In 2001, we became Open & Affirming through the UCC, meaning we are liturgically and theologically committed to a public covenant of welcome.

Pledge & Offering

Scan QR codes below, or visit the offering plate for cash or check.



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Cuetlaxochitl/Poinsettia Deliveries 2025

Share the love and light of the Christmas season! Deliver a Christmas flower (cuetlaxochitl/poinsettia) to a sibling of Christ in our church community. It's a fun and sweet way for families, parents and children, and all ages to spread Christmas cheer and get to know our community better. Sign up here (Scan LinkTree QR code to the right) to deliver poinsettias/cuetlaxochitl between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.



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An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Congregation, Ministers to The World

Rev. William 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

Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Dave Fay, Building Superintendent

Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Luke Vaughn, Youth Ministry Associate

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Christmas Eve



Family Candlelight Service 2025