



**Order of Worship - Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025**

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1951)

Welcome Rev. Maeve Hammond

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Candle of Love* Orsenigo/Cerami Family

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

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

The Christmas Story

*The congregation is encouraged to join the children and youth by singing 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 Angels Sing*

Offertory  
Anthem *Siyahamba* arr. Ruth Morris Gray  
Rick Forzese, drum & shaker

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Will Burhans

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

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

Postlude *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* 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 **Leslie French** for Slide Advancement  
Deacons serving today are: **Carol Andrus**, **Richard Carbone**, **Robin Delurey**, and **Andy McKinley**.



**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.

**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 loving memory of Marsha H. Lamson, by Susan and Skip Lane.

**Christmas Eve Worship**

5 PM Family Candlelight Service

9 PM Traditional Candlelight Service

**Epiphany Celebration**

Join us on January 4th at 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.

**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.



**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.



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## Please keep these people in your prayers

Healing and strength for **Kim Farina's mother**, as she battles cancer.

**Ellie Chita's son-in-law, Miguel**, as he undergoes chemotherapy.

**The Lauretano family**, for the loss of Leo.

**Peggy Wargelin**, for peace amidst family chaos.

**PJ Dodge**, for healing after surgery.

**Friends and family of Nancy Bohne, mother of Paul Bohne**, in their grief.

**Family and friends of Keith Russell**, in their grief.

Healing and strength for **Ron Taylor**, who has been recovering from a stroke.

**Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism.**

**Don, Drew Holman's step-father**, for healing

**Julia's sister, Anne** as she battles Stage 4 cancer.

Strength for and protection over **John Keeley's friend, Anthony.**

**Kelsey, goddaughter of Frank Willwerth**, for strength in uncertainty.

**Karen Roberts**, for healing after surgery.

**Kevin Kattwinkel, Susan K. Navien's brother**, for healing from oral cancer.

**Pat Fazekas, Larisa Lindsey's aunt**, for healing from a broken hip.

**Pat and his family, friends of the Keelers**, for comfort and healing.

**Arthur Cobb** for living with Parkinson's and **Lucy Sanders** for bipolar management.

**Vanessa**, newly diagnosed with previously unrecognized MS, for healing.

**Tricia Marino**, Pam McPherson's cousin, recovering from back surgery.

**Claire Joyce** for healing.

Healing and recovery for **Michelle Millben's mother.**

**Jennifer, daughter of Barbara and Bob Davis**, in her cancer treatments.

**Becky**-domestic difficulty.

**Olivia**, to hold on to recovery and the self-love to move forward with her life.

**Cooper Sayre**, for continued recovery, in walking and vision, left arm function.

**Kathy Ciolino**, friend of Linda Alexander, in recovery from an aneurysm bleed.

Healing and comfort for **Bruce Lauterwasser's Aunt Joan and her daughter Babs.**

**Glenn McPherson, Tony McPherson's brother**, as he awaits a kidney transplant.

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

**Angela Charland**, by Laurie Galica

**Loved Ones that have Passed On.**

**Anita, Clifford Jr, Clifford III, Bradford, Victoria, Richard Sr., Jackson,**  
by the Carbone family.

**Stephen W. Cole**, by Jane Ring Frank

**Joan and Chuck Coyne**, by Jeff and Megan Scipione

**In memory of beloved friend, Sarah deLima**, by Jane Ring Frank

**Peter French and Vandy French**, by the French family

**Teddi Galica**, by Laurie Galica

**Ingrid Jansen**, by the Sansom family

**Ruth Beckley McDowell**, by Nancy Beckley

**In memory of my parents, Barb Lenihan and  
Ed Orsenigo**, by Amy Orsenigo

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lyman Ripley  
and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Snow Parsons, M.D., D.M.D.,**  
by Mr. Malcolm P. Bennett and Family

**Robert Royes**, by the Splaine family

**Lois and Richard Scipione**, Jeff and Megan Scipione

**Our parents and grandparents**, by Branda and Randy Wilhoite

