



First Congregational Church
IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Epiphany Sunday - January 04, 2026

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| Prelude | <i>Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern</i> (How brightly shines the morning star) | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) |
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Rev. Will Burhans |
| Opening Hymn | <i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i> | Pilgrim Hymnal #143 |
| Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer Act of Praise - <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo</i> | | Rev. Maeve Hammond |
| Scripture | Jeremiah 37:7-9 John 1:1-18 | |
| Sermon | "The Conversation in God" | Rev. Will Burhans |
| Offertory Special Music | <i>Die Könige</i> ("The Kings") from <i>Christmas Songs</i> (1856) Opus 8, No. 3 Susan K. Navien, soprano & Peter Owens, tenor and aerophone | Peter Cornelius (1824-74) |
| Sacrament of Holy Communion Invitation Prayer of Consecration Words of Institution Sharing of Bread and Cup Litany Prayer of Thanksgiving (see screens) | | |
| Closing Hymn | <i>What Child is This?</i> | Pilgrim Hymnal, #140 |
| Announcements/Benediction | | Rev. Maeve Hammond & Rev. Will Burhans |
| Postlude | <i>Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning</i> 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 Manager
Thanks to Brian McArdle, our Live Stream Technician. Deacons serving today are: **Richard Carbone**,
Julia Daggett, **Robin Delurey**, **Betsy Goodell**, and **Andy McKinley**

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

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.

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.

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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