



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Baptism of Christ - January 11, 2026

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| Prelude | <i>Mary Had a Baby</i> | arr. James Pethel (b. 1936) |
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Rev. Maeve Hammond |
| Opening Hymn | <i>This Is a Day of New Beginnings</i> | NCH #417 |
| Morning Prayer | | Rev. Will Burhans |
| The Lord's Prayer | | |
| Act of Praise - Gloria Patri | | |
| Time for the Young | | Maggie Keeler |
| Hymn | <i>How Firm a Foundation</i> (vv. 1-3) | NCH #407 |
| Scripture | Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17 | Liturgist: Julianne Zimmerman |
| Sermon | "The Baptist" | Rev. Maeve Hammond |
| Offertory | <i>At the River</i> Susan K. Navien, <i>soprano</i> | arr. Aaron Copland (1900-90) |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Rev. Will Burhans |
| Closing Hymn | <i>God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale</i> (vv. 1-3 & 6) | NCH #32 |
| Announcements/Benediction | | Rev. Will Burhans & Rev. Maeve Hammond |
| Postlude | <i>Festivo</i> | J.C.H. Rinck (1770-1846) |

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Maeve Hammond**, Associate Pastor,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, **Maggie Keeler**, Minister of Children & Families,
Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards, **Sarah Marino**, Office Manager.
Thanks to Brian McArdle, our Live Stream Technician and **Chris French** for Slide Advancement.
Deacons serving today are: **Carol Andrus**, **Richard Carbone**, **Robin Delurey**, and **Branda Wilhoite**.



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 the pews.

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 deceased members and friends of this congregation.

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