



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - February 1, 2026

Prelude		Scott Nicholas, <i>piano</i>
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Processional Hymn	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	New Century Hymnal, #8
Responsive Prayer of Confession		Rev. Maeve Kieran Hammond
Assurance of Forgiveness		
The Lord's Prayer		
Act of Praise - Gloria Patri		
Scripture	I Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Liturgist: Christian Ehrbar
Sermon	"The Wisdom of the Cross"	Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory	<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i> arr. Dan Forrest/RESIGNATION Janet Vaughn, <i>flute</i> and Scott Nicholas, <i>piano</i>	
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken</i>	NCH, #346
Invitation		
Prayer of Consecration		
Words of Institution		
Sharing of Bread and Cup		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Closing Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	NCH, #76
Announcements/Benediction		
Postlude		Scott Nicholas, <i>piano</i>

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, **Ed Chidsey** for Slide Advancement,
and **Maria Fernando**, Communion Bread Baker. Deacons serving today are: **Kate Carpini**, **Rich Crawford**,
Betsy Goodell, **Petra Sansom**, and **Branda Wilhoite**.

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

Katie Shanahan's father, for strength and healing through cancer treatment.

Ana, who is suffering emotional and economic distress, for comfort and sustenance.

Patti Lindsay, Larisa's mother, for healing after surgery.

Gratitude for the rich life of **William "Bill" McCarter**, a beloved member of our congregation for decades. May his memory be a comfort to all who knew him.

The families and elders displaced by the Pine Ridge fire, for safety in the cold, and for care as the community responds.

Driscoll family, as well as those who knew and loved **Matthew** in this unimaginable loss.

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

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

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.

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

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

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 Lindsay'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.

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to members and participants in the congregation and those in the community who are experiencing an urgent need for financial assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today. Scan this QR Code to donate through Pledgeling.



Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth & Ross Rosenberger, Ruth & Leslie Coldsnow and Grandparents Eva & Ara Coldsnow, by their children Constance & Peter Rosenberger.

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