First Congregational Church
IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Hanging of the Greens - November 29, 2026

Prelude	*Meditation on "The Holly and the Ivy"*	David Lasky (b. 1957)
Welcome		Rev. Will Burhans
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Candle of Hope	Farina Family
Processional Hymn	*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*	Pilgrim Hymnal #104
Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis Deo		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Sanctuary Evergreens		reader: Oona Isley-Vaughn
Carol	*The Holly and the Ivy* (2 verses)	Traditional Carol
The Christmas Poinsettia		reader: Luke Vaughn
Carol	*Silent Night, Holy Night* (1 verse)	Pilgrim Hymnal, #138
The Christmas Tree		reader: Olivia Riley
Carol	*O Christmas Tree*	Traditional German Folk Song

As we sing, you are invited to come forward and place an ornament on the sanctuary tree. The Deacons have extra ornaments in the back of the sanctuary if you need one.

The Crèche		reader: Nathan Keeler
Carol	*O Little Town of Bethlehem* (1 verse)	Pilgrim Hymnal, #134
Offertory: The Gifts of Christmas		Maggie Keeler

Carol: *The Song of Saint Nicholas* to the tune of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"

Scripture	Micah 5:2-4 Revelation 22 (selected verses)	Liturgist: Jane Ring Frank
Sermon	"Look to My Coming at First Light"	Rev. Will Burhans
Anthem	*We Are*	Words and Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond

Closing Hymn *Wait With Us*

To the tune "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus." Written by members of this congregation, the writing of this hymn was made possible by Rev. Judith Arnold's sabbatical grant, 2012.

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

Postlude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Maeve Kieran 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 **Drew Chase,** our Live Stream Technician, and **Judy Arnold** for Slide Advancement.
Deacons serving today are**: Richard Carbone, Julia Daggett, PJ Dodge**, and **Betsy Goodell.**

Visitors, get connected!

Tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer. Fill out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card in the pews.

Please keep these people in your prayers

For the Ehrbar Family, as they grieve the death of Carrie's father, Thomas Campbell.
Sophia Procops and her family, in navigating a chronic illness diagnosis.
Phoebe Goodwin, **and her family**, in her cancer journey.
Kendra, Julianne Zimmerman's friend, in the midst of caregiving**.**
Chandra, Shashi Narayan Uhlmann's mother, as she settles in long term care.
Jake Jaquith, Nancy Kneiss's father, for healing from a stroke.
Tricia Marino, Pam McPherson's cousin, recovering from another back surgery.
The Shanahan family (Katie, Alec, Liam, and Logan).
Andrea, friend of Karen Roberts, that her cancer treatment will be successful.
Karen, Caroline Lafferty's aunt, for strength and healing in the face of a cancer diagnosis.
Ama, who is suffering emotional and economic distress, for comfort and sustenance.
Healing and strength for **Kim Farina's mother**, as she battles cancer.
Ellie Chita's son-in-law, Miguel, as he undergoes chemotherapy.
Kevin Kattwinkel, Susan K. Navien's brother, for healing from oral cancer.
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, diagnosed with previously unrecognized MS, for healing.
Healing and recovery for **Michelle Millben's mother**.
Jennifer, daughter of Barbara and Bob Davis, in her cancer treatments.
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 Marsha Lamson by the Lamson family.

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