

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude

Little Partita for Epiphany (vs. 1)

James Woodman (b. 1957)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: The poet William Blake wrote "To see a World in a grain of sand, and heaven in a wild flower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour."

All: We see eternity in this hour of worship as we open ourselves to God's eternal presence here in the eternal now.

One: Let us sing, pray, listen, and reflect together as one community of faith this morning, remembering that we live, move and have our being in God.

All: Yes! Let us worship together...

*Processional Hymn

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

NCH #476

*Gathering Prayer from Isidore of Seville (c. 560-636)

Kathleen Zagata

O God, great and wonderful, who has created the heavens, dwelling in their light and beauty; who has made the earth, revealing Yourself in every flower that opens.

Let not our eyes be blind to You, neither let our hearts be dead, but teach us to praise you, even as the lark offers her song at daybreak.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

*An Act of Praise

Gloria Patri

PH #513

Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end, amen, amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Avery Montgomery Lewis, daughter of Sarah & Tyler Lewis

*Hymn

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

NCH #325

Scripture

Psalms 29

Matthew 3:13-17

Liturgist: Jon Lawton
OT p. 504, LP OT p. 467
NT p.3, LP NT p. 3

Sermon

"Yogi Jesus"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Born on a New Day

You are the new day.

Meekness, love, humility, come down to us this day:

Christ, Your birth has proved to me You are the new day.

Quiet in a stall you lie.

Angels watching in the sky whisper to you from on high:

"You are the new day."

When our life is darkest night, hope has burned away,

Love, your ray of guiding light, show us the new day.

Love of all things great and small, leaving none, embracing all,

Fold around me where I fall, bring in the new day.

This new day will be a turning point for everyone,

If we let the Christ-child in, and reach for the new day.

Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life,

Healing sadness, ending strife,

You are welcome, Lord of Life.

Born on a new day, You are the new day.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

NCH #780

*Closing Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

NCH #394

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold & Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Please offer "peace" or "The peace of Christ" to your neighbor as you depart)

Postlude

Little Partita for Epiphany (vs. 4)

Woodman

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of deceased members and friends of this church.

Meet Our Church

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, *An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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www.fcc-winchester.org

We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community: growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.

The Congregation, Ministers To The World

Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor

Rev. Ms. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness

Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Mr. Bradley Ross, Sexton

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Assistant Sexton

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

January 8, 2017

The First Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 Worship Service

Welcome!

We are happy you have joined us today for worship. We hope that in the coming hour of quiet, song, prayer, sacred scripture, and communal gathering, you will awaken more fully to God's presence in your life and the world around us.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs as you first enter the front doors of the church.

Accessibility

Listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary for the hearing impaired. An after-worship coffee hour is held in Chidley Hall on the bottom floor of the church building. An elevator is located out the doors to the right of the front chancel area and down the hall. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary! We appreciate the sounds of little ones among us. If you'd prefer, there is a professionally staffed nursery on the floor beneath the sanctuary. Ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

Family Room

There is also a comfortable room with sofas, chairs, carpet and an audio link to the service for when you need more room to attend to your family. It is located just outside the doors to the right of the front chancel area.

Children (Stepping Stones) and Youth Church School

Classes for children and youth in pre-k through 12th grade are taught during worship. Families begin the worship service together in the sanctuary. Children are then invited to join us at the front (if they are comfortable) for the Time for the Young. Afterwards, the children and youth are led to their classrooms by their teachers.

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. We look forward to getting to know you at Coffee Hour, held downstairs immediately following the service. You can also learn more about our community through our website and Facebook page:

www.fcc-winchester.org

[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://www.facebook.com/fccwucc)

Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

People We Are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Robin, Christopher and Emily Smith	In their grief at the death of Tom Smith, husband and father
Daniel Lillie, great-nephew of Mike Redding	For healing
Family of Mary Elizabeth Barger	In their grief
The Mullane family	For the loss of their dog, Cocoa
Lynda Koser	For healing and courage as she fights kidney disease
Michael Caine	Healing from cancer
Maggie Keeler's family	For the death of her aunt, Veronica Nicholas
Family of Jack Pemberton, Nanci Church's father	In their grief
Mary Lynn Bukey, Michelle Stewart's mother	For healing
Bob Shirley	For strength and healing
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Martha George	For healing and courage
Lucy Sanders	In her job search
Jessica Brand	For healing
Bruce Lauterwasser	For healing

Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone to add or remove from this list.

Upcoming Events

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship today to enable the renovation of the organ to proceed and to authorize the use of the funds from the gift of Jena Roy, which were received by the Church at its 2016 Annual Meeting, for the purposes of the Fisk Organ and Ripley Chapel Project. A hearing was held on December 18th for us to hear about the status of these projects and the current plans for the use of the money. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary for the meeting.

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Tonight January 8th, 7:30-9 PM, Palmer Room.

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

Second Wednesday Bible Study

We are reading through some of the letters of Paul. We started with Galatians and are now on Ephesians. This is new territory for most of us and at a level everyone would be able to participate in. Each month's gathering is self-contained so come when you can. Come join us. We meet in the Health Ministry office from 7:00 to 8:30. This month the Second Wednesday is January 11.

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, January 21st!

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 20 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, January 21st. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month.

Can you and your family or friends help?

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours -- from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The food is simple and easy to prepare.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that.

To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators:

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