

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Little Partita for Epiphany (vs. 1-3)

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Call to Worship (adapted from Glen Rainsley)

Rev. Judy Arnold

One: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

All: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

One: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

All: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

One: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh,

All: The story continues. The good news abounds.

There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

One: May this hour of worship lead us closer to that wondrous light.

*Processional Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

PH #143

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (by Joyce Rupp)

Kathleen Zagata

O Dreamer who quietly enters our lives with Your basketful of transforming symbols, You come sailing the inaudible night skies within the silent corridors of sleep, bringing the needed truths that we rarely perceive in the bold glaring light of our active days. Hearken to us with your messengers. Gift us, please, with dreams of revelation so the uncertain path we trod to our true selves and a truer world becomes ever clearer and ready to be walked. It is in Jesus' name we pray...

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.

Scripture

Matthew 2

Liturgist: Malcolm Sparrow
NT pg.2, LP NT pg. 1

Sermon

"In The Christmas Spirit"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Lully, Lulla, Lullay [2011]

Traditional Carol Text/Music by Philip WJ Stopford (b. 1977)

Lully, lulla, Thou little, tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay.

O sister too how may we do for to preserve this day?

This poor youngling, for whom we sing, by, by, lully, lullay.

Herod, the King, in his raging, charged he hath this day.

His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day.

For Thy parting neither say nor sing, by, by lully, lullay.

Susan K. Navien, soloist

*Doxology

NCH #780

**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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

PH #145

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The Deacons will distribute the bread and cup in the pews this morning. Everyone is welcome to partake but if you choose not to please pass the plate to the person beside you. All the bread is gluten free and the cups are filled with grape juice.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence and we have received all of Christ's gifts, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and help us to proclaim our love for you in the way we live our lives. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Closing Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come

NCH #164

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

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 Joyce S. Mills, given by her family.

Meet Our Church

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

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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

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

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

January 7, 2018

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

We now have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil (ask your audiologist). Listening devices are also available in the back. For our coffee hour in Chidley Hall, 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 are trained caregivers in our a 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 water, sofas, chairs, carpet and a video 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 for the first week of the month is a combined worship service specifically made for them. We will meet in the Chapel before the start of the service and will return to the sanctuary to take communion with the congregation.

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.

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

Gino, Laura, and Alyson Mauriello (friends of Jodie Mullane)	In their grief for the loss of their mother, Rose
Lucy Sanders	Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future
Martha George	For courage and healing
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Jessica Brand	For healing

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

News & Upcoming Events

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

FCC Monthly Men's Group

Tonight from 7-9 PM,

4 Heritage Drive, Woburn (Paul and Lynne Rahmeier's house).

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 1st Corinthians. 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. Last month we discovered some things about Paul that we found upsetting. It's part of the balance between strengthening our faith and maintaining our authentic selves. Come join us. We meet in the Health Ministry office from 7:00 to 8:30. This month the Second Wednesday is January 10th.

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

Our Outreach Ministry is inviting our church community to consider a mission trip to Puerto Rico (largely funded by Outreach) this summer to help in the rebuilding effort. We need to know if there is a critical mass of people interested and then we will begin to secure a date that works best. Please speak with Rev. Judy or Rev. Will if you are interested and willing to serve in this meaningful way.



ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION MINISTRY **Save the Date: Introduction to the Bible** **Monday Evenings, January 22 - February 26**



The Bible. Just hearing the word makes some people sing and other people cringe. Perhaps you feel you don't know enough about the Bible to attend a Bible study. Well, this Introduction to the Bible series is made exactly for you. This small group study series will help you explore some of the best-known Bible passages, discover some of the many ways that they can be interpreted, and learn your way around the wonderful, baffling, beautiful, unsettling book called the Bible.

- Session 1: Orientation to the Bible
- Session 2: Choosing a Bible
- Session 3: Overview of the Old testament
- Session 4: Overview of the New Testament
- Session 5: The Bible and It's Authority
- Session 6: Archaeology and the Bible

There are many places to start a faith journey - an introduction to the Bible, in community with other curious novices, can be one of them. Save the dates!

The signup link is in the weekly email, the Winer Spire, and our website.