

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (BWV 614)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Moment of Silence

Prelude

Little Partita for Christmas (vs. 3)

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: We gather together in this new year to worship

All: In the name of the God who creates life,

One: In the name of the Savior who loves life,

All: In the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

One: Come, Let us worship.

*Processional Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

PH #143

*Prayer of Confession

Ben Pulaski

There are times when our hearts are closed in anger or hurt to those whom You've called us to love. God, open our hearts. There are times when we turn a blind eye to those who are in need. God open our eyes. There are times when we choose not to hear the difficult things we need to hear in order to change and grow. God, open our ears. There are times when we despair because we forget that your love and your power are real and active in this world. God open our imaginations. Forgive us when we close the door of ourselves out of fear and inspire us to be open conduits of your love and grace for this world.

*Assurance of Forgiveness and The Lord's Prayer

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 in Excelsis Deo

PH #116

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

Readings

Psalm 67 (read responsively)

Matthew 2:1-12

OT p. 529, LP OT p. 492

NT p. 2, LP NT p. 1

Sermon

"Praise to the Ends of the Earth"

Rev. Will Burhans

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offering our Gifts

Noel

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

*Christmas Doxology

*To God, all glorious heavenly light
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful song and thankful praise. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

PH# 283

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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

*Closing Hymn

As With Gladness Those of Old

NCH #159

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Sortie

Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-69)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

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

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' and 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.

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 1, 2017

New Year's Day

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>
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	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.

A Prayer for the New Year

“O God, you crown the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with abundance!” (Psalm 65:11) Hear our New Year prayer:

We praise and thank You for your faithfulness and presence in the year that has gone by. We particularly offer gratitude for....

Upcoming Events

Special Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, January 8th there will be a congregational meeting 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 immediately following worship.

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday 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.

SAVE THE DATE – Friday January 6.

That's Epiphany and we're celebrating it with a meal, an adventure, a couple of hymns and a chance to help children in Massachusetts find a place at the Inn – with the Bed for Every Child project. Details are in the all church email and will be in the Spire and on the Website.

Worship in January

In January 2017, we will worship in the Sanctuary with regular services – meaning the style of worship we celebrate the rest of the year. For four of those January Sundays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, we will offer Bible Study before the service. Laurie Roby will lead the sessions which will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 9:45. Details about the theme will be available as they develop. We'll gather in the Henry Room. Bring your own coffee and enjoy it with a light breakfast snack.

You are all good and merciful, O God, and we too often fail to live like we know you would have us live. In considering the year that has gone by we ask forgiveness for these particular ways that we have missed the mark and fallen short...

As we step into this New Year on this new day in the congregation of your people and as we consider the year to come, we offer these petitions for ourselves and others....