



*Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ
Open and Affirming*

PRAYER

(Unison)

O God, as the light of these candles grows, so let the love of Christmas, the joy of giving, and the happiness of hoping spread through our homes, our families, our churches, our own lives, that we might come at last to kneel before the manger and know the child of Christmas born within our hearts. Amen.

HYMN “Joy to The World! The Lord Is Come” (seated)

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.**

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass 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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

INVITATION TO SHARE OFFERING

***OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

***DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(UNISON)

Accept these offerings that we bring, O God, who are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Grant that they may be symbols of our love, our joy, and our gratitude now offered more fully to you. Use them and us, we pray, to continue the ministry of Jesus ... to promote peace and goodwill in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

***HYMN** “O Little Town Of Bethlehem” NO. 180

SERMON “Christmas Spirt”

***HYMN** “God Rest You Merry; Gentlefolk

God rest you merry, gentle-**folk**, Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan’s power
hen we were gone astray.

(Refrain)

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

From God, our heavenly Father, A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name.

(Refrain)

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior, Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan’s power and might.”

(Refrain)

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas Doth bring redeeming grace.

(Refrain)

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Amazon Smile

Going into our third year of Amazon Smiles program, did you know that as of September 2022 the Church has received \$248.35 in FREE money.

What is Amazon Smiles?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the church every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com and when you shop with AmazonSmile, the added benefit is that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. While you can choose from over one million organizations to support, we humbly suggest you select Second Congregational Church of Wilton NH.

How can you participate using a web browser:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity - Second Congregational Church of Wilton NH.
4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity. Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

On The Calendar

Council Meeting, December 13, 7:00 PM Via Zoom

Christmas Store, December 17, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Christmas Concert, December 18, 2:00–4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 7:00 PM

Deacon's Meeting, December 28, 7:00 PM Via Zoom

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Larry Smith, Guest Pastor
Becky Kennedy and Jan Stone, Advent Readers
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email for Church Administration
Del Mogavero, 2ccwilton@gmail.com
Church Phone Number: 603-654-9045
Website: 2ccwilton.org

The Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ
25 Gregg Street
P. O. Box 246
Wilton, NH 03086

