



“A great cloud
of witnesses...”

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025

Welcome to the worship of God at the
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ.

We are glad you are here today!

Bold print means congregational participation.
An asterisk (*) indicates to please stand, if you are able.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Revelation 21:1-4; Isaiah 25:9
responsively

L: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

P: **And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband.**

L: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell
with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself
will be with them.

P: **God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will
be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no
more, for the first things have passed away.”**

L: It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for God, so that he might save us.

All: **This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be
glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

***GATHERING HYMN** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” No. 84

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. Today we remember those who have gone before us in faith. Grant us grace to follow your saints in lives of faithful commitment, and to know the joys you have prepared for those who love you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL TO 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**

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Giving God, moment by moment your arms embrace us with the bountiful gifts of your grace and mercy. Receive now these Offerings we bring in response. Accept them and use them for your will and purposes in this church, our community, and the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON “A Great Cloud of Witnesses”

*HYMN “Come, Share the Lord” No. 696

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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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.

***SENDING HYMN**

“For All the Saints”

No. 529

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



**Praising God’s Glory
the flowers are presented by
The Bartsch’s in memory of loved ones**



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Fall Dinner Plays, November 7 & 8, Help Needed Sign up Sheet**
in Link

We are collecting for the Open Cupboard Pantry -
wish list of items is posted in the link near the collection basket

Save the Date:

Sunday November 23 after Worship -
We will be decorating the church for Christmas -
Lunch will be provided

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of November 2, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Ellen M
Robin J
Edie
Frank A
Seraphin
Kenny
Barbara
Henry L
Abby
Levi
Mary Ellen
Diane
Lauren
Karen
Malcom
Ginny D
Ted W
Ryan
Sandy B
Leslee S & Ashley C
Martha & Lou
John S

Donna S
Mary Sue
James P
Marsha
Jerry S
John H
Bob M
Matt S
Jen
Don K
Caitlyn
Jim T
Sylvie
Lorraine
Courtney
Diane
Carol K
Amanda
Kathy & Dennis F
Janet
Shawna



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Loretta Smith, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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