

# Hope



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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 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

**\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE** *responsively*  
Peter and Stephanie Ouellette

- L: Today is the beginning of Advent.  
Advent is the cry of need spoken out of the  
darkness of this world.
- P: **Advent is the cry of longing that our world and  
our lives might be different, that God would come  
and act.**
- L: Advent is the promise that we are not alone.  
God comes to redeem, to heal, and to restore.
- P: **God comes to us in the One we call Emmanuel,  
God with us.**
- L: We light this candle of Hope as a sign of Christ  
as the hope of the world.
- P: **We watch and wait in hope, as we prepare to  
celebrate the One who came in quiet humility  
as a child in Bethlehem.**

L: We watch for the One who comes into our lives today,  
and for the One who will come in majesty at the end  
of time.

All: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away  
our sin, and make us ready to celebrate your birth,  
that we may receive you in joy and serve you always.  
Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 154

\*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*unison*

God of hope, renew us in faith as we watch and wait  
for Christ’s coming into our lives now, and at the end  
of time. Strengthen us by the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be faithful in your service all the days of  
our lives. Come, Emmanuel God, be light that guides us  
to the manger and shines hope into all the world. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMNN “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” No. 153

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**

*unison*

Generous God, Giver of all that is good, may the gifts we bring today – gifts of money, commitment, and time – be gathered up into your great love, and through us, may your love overflow into the lives of others. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Hebrew Scriptures**

Psalm 130:5-7

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with God there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

**The New Testament Reading**

Romans 8:24-26

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

**SERMON**

“Hope”

**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.

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

No. 176

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**On The Calendar / Announcements**

- Wreath Making, Wednesday, December 3 - 6:00 PM
- Christmas Fair, Saturday, December 6 - sign up sheets are in the link

**We continue to collect items for Open Cupboard Food Pantry -**  
below is a list of most needed items  
Laundry Detergent, Shampoo & Conditioner, Crackers, Fruit Juices &  
Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce and Tuna

**Cindy Broderick will be taking orders for Poinsettias**  
to be in church December 14-24th.

Plants will be \$13.00 ( 6 inch pot) either red or white.  
Pay by cash or check, check made payable to Cindy Broderick.  
Also add who they will be in honor or remembrance of.



Praising God's Glory  
the flowers are presented by  
Mike Degan in loving memory of his wife Deb



## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of November 30, 2025  
Please keep the following persons  
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Judy	John S
Ted R	Donna S
Sookie	Mary Sue
Kent	James P
Ellen M	Marsha
Robin J	Jerry S
Frank A	John H
Seraphin	Bob M
Kenny	Matt S
Barbara	Jen
Henry L	Don K
Abby	Caitlyn
Levi	Jim T
Mary Ellen	Sylvie
Diane	Lorraine
Malcom	Courtney
Ted W	Diane
Ryan	Carol K
Sandy B	Kathy & Dennis F
Leslee S & Ashley C	Janet
Martha & Lou	



## **PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
Paul Martin, Liturgist  
Pete and Stephanie Ouellette, Advent Readers  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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