



Peace

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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 PEACE** *responsively*
Kermit and Cheryl Williams

- L: Today we light the Advent Candle of Peace.
P: **In a world filled with violence, conflict, war, and hatred, where there is often no peace, we prepare to greet the coming One.**
- L: We light this candle in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
P: **Isaiah said: "His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**
- L: Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God!
P: **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low.**
- L: Let us prepare our hearts and homes to receive the One who comes.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Prince of Peace. We wait and watch for you.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” No. 156

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Gracious God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son Jesus. Stir up our hearts to prepare the way for Jesus’ coming into our lives, that we may be people of peace who live in joy and serve you always. 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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With these gifts, O God, we seek to accomplish the ministries to which you call us. Guide us to use what we now bring for nurturing faith among us, for the well-being of your church and our community, and for those who are in need. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her suffering is over, that all her sins have been forgiven.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.... John proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

SERMON

"Peace"

*HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

No. 614

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *unison*

O Lord, you have opened to us the Scriptures, and have been made known to us in the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup. Stay with us, we pray, that we may go in the strength of your grace and truth all our journey through, and at its end behold you in glory, one God forever and ever.

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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 154

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Linus Project**, Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 AM.
- **Lay Visitation Group**, Tuesday, December 9, 12 Noon.

The Caregiver's support group
will be meeting on Wednesday, December 10th, at 10 a.m
in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.
For more information, please speak to Stephanie Ouellette.

Cindy Broderick will be taking orders for Poinsettias -
to be in church December 14 - 24th. Plants are \$13.00 each
(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.

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

Missions is sponsoring three families from Bridges -
there are gift requests on cards on the Christmas tree in the link.
Presents will need to be returned by December 14. Please consider
taking a tag and helping a family in need.



Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
Marilyn Henderson Celebrating Family



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of December 7, 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
Violet Blake, Liturgist
Kermit and Cheryl Williams, Advent Readers
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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