



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 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 JOY** *responsively*

Psalm 98:4; Philippians 4:4-5
Ingrid Howard

L: Today we light the Advent candle of Joy.

P: **Our Advent waiting and watching are filled with
gladness as we prepare to celebrate the birth
of Jesus.**

L: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.”

P: **“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice. The Lord is near.”**

L: Come, Emmanuel God.
Be Light that guides us to the manger
and shines hope into the world’s forgotten places.

All: **Make us ready to celebrate your birth,
that we may receive you in joy
and serve you always.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (See bulletin insert)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

God of hope, you strengthen the weak; you care for the poor; you give hope to those who live in fear. Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace. Keep us faithful in your service, that our lives may proclaim your love in all that we say and do. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

No. 190

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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Gracious God, during this season when so many gifts are given and received, accept the gifts we now offer. Use them according to your purposes, to bring your renewing, healing, and transforming work to us in this church, to people in our community, and to the world beyond. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who honor him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

SERMON

“Joy”

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**

“Joy to the World”

No. 179

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of
Rhys Christensen McPherson, born January 11, 2025.
Rhys is the son of Rochelle and Ryan McPherson,
and brother of Remi McPherson.

As a church community we celebrate
with this family on this special day.

Poinsettias are presented by

- Rachel Doehner given in memory of her husband Bernie.
- Christine Dobens given in memory of her Grandmother Frieda Warren.
- Ingrid Howard given in memory of the Lamminen family.
- Rachel Kennedy given in memory of her sister Rebecca Kennedy.
- Karen Hartz given in honor of Debra and Reverend Gary Klingsporn.
- Debra and Gary Klingsporn given in honor of God.
- Elaine Goddard given in memory of honor of family.
- Lori Dick given in memory of loved ones.
- Jane Herlihy given in memory of loved ones.
- Sue and Kevin Jean in memory of family and friends.
- Stephanie and Peter Ouellette in memory of loved ones.
- Dana and George Dahl in honor of family.
- Liz and Joe Torre in memory of loved ones.
- Cindy and Mike Broderick in memory of loved ones.
- Mike Degan in memory of his wife Deb.
- Cindy Chalmers in memory of her husband Bill Chalmers.
- Cindy Chalmers in honor of her grandchildren Jack and Lily.
- Marilyn Henderson in memory of loved ones.



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Church Council Meeting** - Tuesday, December 16, 7pm, via Zoom
Please get your reports to Del by Monday December 15, 1pm
- **Christmas Caroling** - Saturday, December 20 - please speak to a Choir Member for further details
- **Christmas Eve Service** - Wednesday, December 24, 7pm
- **We will be accepting the UCC offering: The Christmas Fund, Sunday, December 21.** For over one hundred years, The Christmas Fund has provided direct financial assistance to United Church of Christ ministers, church workers, and their families. Last year, over 1,800 congregations joined together to secure the physical, financial, and spiritual health of those engaged in the life of the Church. Donating to The Christmas Fund this year ensures more ministers, church workers, and their families receive the loving support of the Church in their moment of deepest need

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



Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by the Dahl Family
In honor and blessings for all displaced children



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of December 14, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

George D
Phoebe C
Susan H
Judy
Ted R
Sookie
Kent
Ellen M
Robin J
Frank A
Seraphin
Kenny
Barbara
Henry L
Abby
Levi
Mary Ellen
Diane
Malcom
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
Lorraine
Courtney
Diane
Carol K
Kathy & Dennis F
Janet



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Mike Degan, Liturgist
Ingrid Howard, Advent Reader
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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