



*“Glory to
God in the
Highest”*

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday After Christmas
December 28, 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** *responsively*

Hebrews 1:1-2; Isaiah 9:2, 8; John 1:14-16

- L: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets.
P: **But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son.**
- L: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.
P: **He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.**
- L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
P: **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.**
- L: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.
All: **And from Christ's fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

***GATHERING CAROL**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

No. 185

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Eternal God, you have filled the earth with the light of Christ, your incarnate Word. Grant that this light may shine in our hearts and in all that we say and do, so that we may serve others in joy and peace all our days, until at last we see you face to face; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Were You There on That Christmas Night” N. Sleeth

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

No. 203

CALL TO OFFERING

***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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-5, 14-16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it....

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.... From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

REFLECTIONS

“Grace upon Grace”

CAROL

“What Child Is This”

No. 184

THE LORD'S PRAYER

unison

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 CAROL

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

No. 218

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Deacon's Meeting - Monday, December 29, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Church Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 25, following Worship

**To all Church Officers and Committees -
please get your year-end reports in to
Leslie (latuttle@comcast.com) by January 2, 2026**



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of December 28, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Phyllis
Laura (Katie)
Andie
Haley T's mom
Phoebe C
Susan H
Judy
Sookie
Kent
Ellen M
Robin J
Frank A
Seraphin
Kenny
Barbara
Henry L
Abby
Levi
Mary Ellen
Diane
Malcom
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
Paul Martin, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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