



*“This is my Son,
the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.”*

Matthew 3:17

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026

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** Psalm 95:1-7 *responsively*

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

L: For the Lord is a great God.

P: **In God's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains also.**

L: The sea belongs to God, who made it,
along with the dry land.

P: **O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

All: **For this is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

No. 327

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Eternal God, as you proclaimed Jesus your “Beloved” at his baptism, pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful in our calling as your beloved sons and daughters. By acts of love, mercy, and justice, lead us by your Spirit to share with others the healing power of your grace. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

No. 241

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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Holy God, with these gifts we offer ourselves. Here we are, your hands and feet in the world. Help us reach out and serve others with the love you have shown us in Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore...beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

SERMON

"A Gift and a Call"

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**

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 502

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all people,
to make music in the heart.

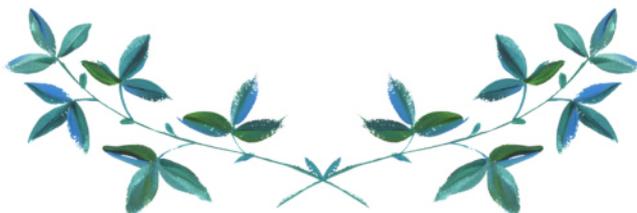
—Howard Thurman

On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Church Council Meeting** - Tuesday, January 20, 7pm via Zoom, Please get your reports to Del by Monday, January 19, 1pm.
- **Church Annual Meeting** - Sunday, January 25, following Worship, Lunch will be provided



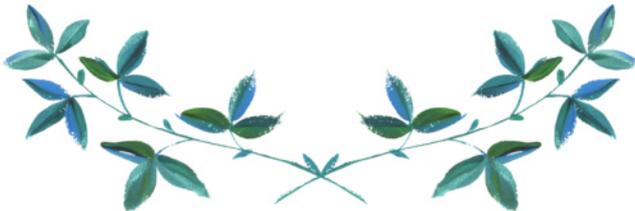
Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
Kevin and Sue Jean in loving memory
of Kevin's mother, M. Patricia Jean



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of January 18, 2026
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Dick	Martha & Lou
Ryan	John S
Jaden	Donna S
Andie	Mary Sue
Haley T's mom	James P
Phoebe C	Marsha
Susan H	Jerry S
Judy	John H
Sookie	Bob M
Robin J	Matt S
Frank A	Jen
Seraphin	Don K
Kenny	Caitlyn
Barbara	Jim T
Henry L	Lorraine
Levi	Courtney
Mary Ellen	Diane
Diane	Carol K
Malcom	Kathy & Dennis F
Ryan	Janet
Sandy B	
Leslee S & Ashley C	



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Chris Blumm, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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