



“Follow me...”

Mark 1:17

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Annual Meeting Sunday
January 25, 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** 1 Corinthians 12 *responsively*

L: We gather in the presence of God,
 bringing our individual stories, our unique gifts,
 our different callings to serve.

P: **There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.**
 There are varieties of service, but the same Lord.

L: To each of us is given gifts from God for
 the common good of all.

P: **Christ's church is like a human body**
 that has many parts.

L: The body, though made up of different parts,
 is still one body.

P: **We are the church. We are the body of Christ**
 and individually members of it.

L: Come let us worship God.

All: **We lift our hearts and voices in praise**
 to the living God.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

No. 544

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, you call us to be your people. Make us one in faith and hope, one in worship, one in service. By your Spirit lead us to do your will, that we may bear the fruit of love in our lives, and know the fullness of your joy. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

No. 391

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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“We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.” Bless our offering, O God, that it may strengthen our church’s ministries, touch the lives of those in need, and bring hope to all. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:16-20

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately Jesus called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

SERMON

“Called to Be God’s People”

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** “Will You Come and Follow Me” No. 350

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



On The Calendar/Announcements

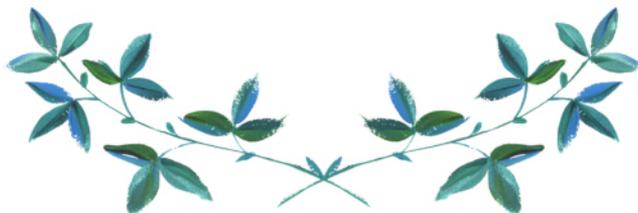
- **Church Annual Meeting** - Today, following Worship, Lunch will be provided
- **Deacons Meeting** - Monday, January 26, 7:00 PM Via Zoom
- **Linus Project** - Tuesday, January 27, 10:00 AM
- **Book Swap** - Sunday February 8, Noon. Bring one book, wrapped in brown paper. On the wrapping, note general features of the book without revealing title or author. I.e: Non-Fiction Memoir - 345 pages Artist’s struggle out of poverty Nomadic life. I.e: Fiction 500 pages Romance Historic 1800’s Spicy Author’s first Novel. The afternoon will include the Book swap, discussions about books, Book Bingo, prizes. Coffee, Tea and snacks available. Bring a friend!
- **Rummage Sale** - Saturday February 21

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of January 25, 2026
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Bill R
Jeannie B
Rachel D
Debra K
Family and Friends of Jaden who
passed away
Family and friends of Robert B
who passed away
Dick
Ryan
Andie
Haley T's mom
Susan H
Judy
Sookie
Robin J
Frank A
Seraphin
Kenny
Barbara
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
Loretta Smith, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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