Second Congregational Church of Winsted  
(Baptist & Congregational)  
**Biblical, Traditional, Protestant**  
Worship Service: 10:00 AM  
December 19, 2021  

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
*From the descendants of this man (King David), according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,* – Acts 13:23

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**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Children’s Christmas Pageant**  
*Hymn #488* (red hymnal) “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  

**Call to Worship** – Matthew 1:22-25  
and **Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle** — Michael, Denise & Anaya Killiany

Reader: Now all this took place to fulfill  
People: What was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:  
Reader: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child  
People: And shall bear a Son,  
Reader: And they shall call His name Immanuel,”  
People: Which translated means, “God with us.”  
Reader: And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him,  
People: And took Mary as his wife,  
Reader: But kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son;  
People: And he called His name Jesus.

**Prayer of Invocation and Confession**


10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;  
11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

*Hymn #125* (red hymnal) “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

**[Offering]**

[Because of Covid, after the service please deposit your offering in the collection plates on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.]

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**REMINDER:** If you are going to partake in the Lord’s Supper please pick up a self-contained Communion Cup from one of the tables in the back before the service begins.
Creedal Reading – Apostles Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem – "Once in Royal David’s City" – music by Henry Gauntlett (1805-1876), words Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), descant & organ by Paul Halley

Scripture Reading – Romans 1:1b-5a,16-17

1 ... the gospel of God,
2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,
   according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
5 through whom we have received grace . . .
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”

Anthem – "A Simple Stable" – words & music by Don Besig & Nancy Price
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Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Doxology #515 (red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn #117 (red hymnal) “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

Prayer of Illumination
Sermon Text – Matthew 1:18-21
18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.
19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.
20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Gloria Patri #513 (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Sermon – “He Will Save His People”
A Christmas Sermon

Anthem “Can This Be the Child?” –words by Nancy Price, music by Don Besig
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Lord’s Supper

Invitation, Warning and Prayer

Scriptural Proclamation – Exodus 12:1-4
1 Now the Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
2 This month (i.e. Passover) shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.
3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household.
4 Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb.

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #130 (red hymnal) “Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!”

*Benediction & Offering
(When the service is over, please place your offering in the plate in the back. Thank you for your patience and generosity.)

*Choral Response
*Postlude “In Dulci Jubilo” –arr. J. S. Bach

Our love and best wishes for a blessed Christmas from the church staff —Pastor Doug, Pastor Dan, Carol, Chris, Tom, and Cassie
Children’s bulletins are available in the Main Street entry hall, located in the brochure holders attached to the wall on your right as you enter.

The two nursery rooms downstairs are clean, sanitized and available should you need a place to change a diaper, feed your baby, or simply need a quiet place to take your child during the service. There is an audio speaker in the room so the service can be heard.

About the Service:
Preaching: The Rev. Douglas Aldrich
Monthly Deacon: Melissa Lloyd

Last Week:
Attendance was 68.
Offering was $3058.00
($4381 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

Church Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, 1:30-4:00 PM
Fri. —8:30 AM-12:00 PM

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Sermon Schedule (subject to change)

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Discipleship

- **Sunday Worship at 10 AM** (9:30 July/August) Also live-streamed on YouTube
- **Sunday School for Children** — 9:00-9:45 AM
  Lower level of the church. See Pastor Dan for information.
- **Sunday Morning Women’s Study** — 9:00-9:55 AM in the church parlor
  Led by Verna Aldrich
  *Eve in Exile: The Restoration of Femininity* by Rebecca Merkle
- **Sunday Morning Men’s Discussion Group** — 9:00-9:50 AM
  In Pastor Doug’s office
- **Young Adult Discussion Group** — 3:00-4:30 PM
  1st and 3rd Sundays at the church
- **Tuesday Morning Study** — 10:00-11:30 AM in the music room
  Reading the Psalms and J. I. Packer’s *Concise Theology*
- **Tuesday Men’s Bible** at 7:00 PM in the church parlor
  1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays, led by Pastor Dan
  The New Testament
- **Greek Self Study Class** — 5:30-6:45 PM
  1st and 3rd Tuesdays, facilitated by Pastor Doug
- **Wednesday Night Study** 7:00-8:30 PM in the music room
  Study of God’s Law in the Torah
- **Wednesday Diaper Bank** 5:00-6:30 PM
  1st & 3rd Wednesdays

* In person and also on **Zoom**. If you would like to join in please email Pastor Doug to be put on the Zoom link email list.]

Covid Policy: All Covid restrictions have been lifted, with the exception that food will not be served in a pot-luck style.

Snow Policy: We try not to cancel Sunday worship. If the weather is questionable the church will open at 10:00 AM for worship only. Our information is posted on CH 3 so check there for updates, and please be safe. Pastor Doug is much more liberal, however, about canceling his studies; when in doubt they are probably canceled.

Announcements

- Our **Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6:00 PM on Dec. 24th**. Please join us for this special candlelight service focusing on the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- **Pastor Doug** will be on vacation from Dec. 22nd through Jan 5th.

- We want to send a **special Christmas greeting to Irene Pantschenko**, one of our faithful church members who has been unable to attend services during the Covid pandemic. A Christmas card for her will be available today in the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to sign the card to let her know that she is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

- **Please note these important dates:**
  Dec. 26 No Sunday School
  Jan. 2 No Sunday School

- Pastor Doug will be preaching on **proposed bylaw changes**, including changes to the Statement of Faith, making clear our stance of believing in God’s created order with regard to gender and biblical marriage, on January 9th. The church membership will vote on these matters at the Annual Meeting on January 16th.

(announcements continued...)
• Pastor Doug’s Study Schedule Update:
  
  **Tuesday Morning Study (10:00-11:30 AM)**
  
  December 21  *No study*
  December 28  *No study*
  January 4    *No study*
  January 11   Study returns!

  **Wednesday Evening Study (7:00-8:30 PM)**
  
  December 22  There will be study! (Finishing up the Law)
  December 29  *No study*
  January 5    *No study*
  January 12   New study! – The Book of Romans

• The **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Dec. 21st at 7:00 PM in the church parlor. We are reading through the New Testament. We meet each month on the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM. Join us as we seek to be better disciples of Christ.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**

7:00 PM  Men’s Bible Study  
7:00 PM  Church Council

**Wednesday, Dec. 22**

7:00 PM  Bible study

**Friday, Dec. 24**

6:00 PM  Christmas Eve  
          Candlelight Service
Memorial Poinsettias

Given By:

Georgi Andrews and Shelby, Caleb & Mason Goodell .......... Lauren Bardino, Martha Bardino, and Michael Schrock
The Benedict children and grandchildren ........................................ Bill Benedict
The Benedict children and grandchildren ........................................ Santa Benedict
The Benedict children and grandchildren ........................................ Marion Benedict
The Benedict children and grandchildren ........................................ Joe Benedict
Gloria Gabelmann and family ....................................................... Charles Gabelmann Jr.
Rich and Sheryl Gabelmann ....................................................... Barbara J. Tullock and Kevin D. Cook
Colleen, Kevin, Kurt, Gunther, Ilona and Noah Gundlach .......... Carl Gundlach
Leona LeJeune and family .............................................................. Vima, Alex, Arlan, Barry, and Joshua LeJeune
John and Joanne LeManquais ...................................................... Robert & Mary LeManquais and Robert Heerz
The Liskin families ................................................................. Charles & Doris Fritz and Corrine Bastianello
The Liskin families ................................................................. Samuel “Benny” and Erika Liskin
Willard and Patricia Minton ......................................................... Peter C. Minton
Shirley Moore ........................................................................................................ Rujo, Gene and Fred Moore
Paul and Sharon Okraska ............................................................ Warren & Ellen Sullivan, Sr. and Mabel Okraska
Carol Tomassetti ........................................................................ Cynthia Doyle and Melanie, Amy, & Mariah Buerk

The door wreaths are given by his family in memory of Roger Atkins.
**Sermon Notes**
Matthew 1:18-21
“He Will Save His People”
A Christmas Sermon
December 19, 2021

**Introduction**

1) We read in Acts 4:12 – “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

2) Of course, we Christians know the name: Jesus Christ.
   a) But why? How? Through whom?
   b) Let’s meditate on this by looking at a classic Christmas text: Matthew 1:18-21

**Jesus Christ**

1) Let’s start with the name: Today’s text begins with, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ…”
   - Matthew 1:18a

2) “Jesus” is a common Jewish name.
   a) In Hebrew it’s “Yeshua”.
   b) Which is usually translated as “Joshua” in English.
      i) “Joshua” means “the LORD saves” or “the LORD is salvation.”
      ii) The “LORD” here is not just a title but is God’s name: “I Am.” Ex 3:13-14
   c) We get the English name “Jesus” from the original Hebrew (יְשׁוֹעַ) going through Aramaic (יְשׁוּעַ), then Greek (Ἰησοῦς), then Latin (Iesus) and then English (Jesus).

3) “Christ” is not a name but a title.
   a) “Christ” is the Hebrew word for “Messiah.” John 1:41; 4:25
   b) Which means the “Anointed One.”

4) So translated directly into English, this is: “Joshua, the Anointed One.”

5) If the Savior has a name, it means He had parents.

**Jesus’ Parents**

1) Matt 1:18-19 – “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.”

2) Mary & Joseph, who were Jewish couple, are betrothed to be married.

3) Jesus’ biological mother was Mary.
   a) We know little of her background.
   b) She was a peasant, who lived in Nazareth.
   c) She was of the tribe of Judah, of the line of the great King David. Luke 1:32
4) Jesus' non-biological "father" was Joseph.
   a) We know less about Joseph than Mary.
   b) The last reference we have of Joseph is when Jesus was 12.  
      (He probably died before Jesus' adult ministry?) Luke 2:41-42
   c) He was a wood-worker by trade.  
   d) He also lived in Nazareth, a city in the region of Galilee.
      i) Galilee is up north from Jerusalem, the Jewish capitol.
      ii) Nazareth is not mentioned in the Old Testament (OT).
   e) The Messiah, the anointed one to save God's people,  
      is supposed to come from Bethlehem.  
      i) Joseph, however, is also from the line of King David.  
      ii) Joseph's hometown is Bethlehem,  
           which is where King David was from.
      iii) Thus Joseph & the pregnant Mary went to Bethlehem  
           to register because of a census.

5) There is a big problem, however; Mary becomes pregnant before they're married.
   a) By Jewish custom engagements are legally binding and require a divorce to undo.  
      i) Joseph is called "a righteous man" wanting to spare Mary the disgrace of a public  
         divorce and legal proceedings for being an adulteress.
      ii) He will divorce her "quietly" or "privately" outside of the court system.
   b) If she had relations outside of marriage it was a terrible sin (the sin of  
      fornication), let alone she was already betrothed to another man  
      (which is a betrayal of a promise).

5) Fornication is equally bad for an individual male or individual female.
   i) However, it is more damaging for society when women commit fornication.
   ii) Just like cowardice is a sin for a man or a woman,  
       but it's far worse for society for men are he cowards.
   iii) Men are called to provide, protect and lead.  
       1Cor 11:3; Eph 5:25-33; 1Pet 3:7
   iv) Women are called to nurture, care and support.  
       Let alone only through women comes new life!  
       Eph 5:22-24; Col 3:18; 1Tim 2:15

5) This is why when Scripture speaks about virginity it always talks about women.  

6) This is why Mary being known as the "Virgin Mary" is very important.
   a) First, she was a righteous woman and still a virgin, though pregnant.
      i) As our text tells us this is a miracle: "But when he had considered this (divorcing  
         Mary), behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph,  
         son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has  
         been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.'" – Matthew 1:20

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Jer 2:32; 14:17; 31:4,13,21; Lam 1:4,15,18; Amos 5:2; 8:13; Matt 25:1,7,11; 1Cor 7:25,28,34,36-38; 2Cor 11:2
ii) This is a direct special revelation, in a dream, by a messenger, “an angel of the Lord.”

iii) Note, the angel addresses Joseph as “son of David” (i.e. being of the line of David, the line of the Messiah).

b) Mary is not only still a virgin but the child inside of her “is of the Holy Spirit.”

   i) Jesus’ biological mother is Mary.

   ii) Jesus’ biological Father is God.

   iii) Making Jesus the “God-man”, the Incarnate\(^2\) (i.e. taking on human flesh) Eternal Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity. 

   John 1:1-5,14

**Virgin Birth**

1) The Virgin birth is critical to believe because:

   a) It shows whether one is submissive to God’s Word or not.

   b) It shows whether one has a false anti-supernatural world view or a biblical one.

   c) It shows if one really understands the Gospel or not.

2) The only way God can save is through the God-man Jesus Christ.

   a) Because God is good He cannot simply “ignore” sin, there has to be justice.

   b) Only man can pay for man’s sin.

   c) Only a perfect man can offer up the perfect sacrifice for other men.

   d) Only God can defeat death, withstand God’s full wrath and redeem.

      i) So the Savior has to be fully God, fully man and without sin.

      ii) And the Savior’s name is Jesus Christ.

   e) This is so critical to understand and is one of the best defenses against all of man’s religions and philosophies.

   Col 2:8

3) If you deny the virgin birth, you deny not only the authority of God’s Written Word, you deny Christ and His deity, and in denying His deity you reject His Gospel.

4) But when embraced (with faith, hope & love) there is the power of God!

   Rom 5:1-5;
   1Cor 1:18-24; 1Pet 1:4-5

**Conclusion – Salvation**

1) Because Jesus was born of the virgin, “He will save His people from their sins.” – Matt 1:21b

2) “He” = Only Christ can save.

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\(^2\) It’s interesting to note that the birth story of Jesus (the inn, shepherds, magi, etc.) is found in only two of the Gospels: Matthew 1:18-2:23 & Luke 1:26-2:20.

While the doctrine of the incarnation is found throughout the Bible: Job 19:25; Is 9:6-7; 11:1; 53:2; John 1:1-5,14-18; Rom 1:3; 2Cor 8:9; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7-8; 1Tim 3:16; Heb 2:14; 1John 1:1-2; 4:2; 2John 7.
3) **“will save”** = This verb is in the “future, active, indicative”.
   
a) Our salvation is an on-going process leading to the glories of heaven.
   
i) Yes, we are justified (declared right) when we first trust in Christ alone. 
   
ii) When Scripture usually speaks about “salvation” it’s about the whole process.
   
iii) Going from: God decreeing our salvation from the beginning.
   
   God making us born again.
   
   God giving us faith and repentance causing us justified & adopted.
   
   God giving us continuing grace as we strive to live holy lives.
   
   Until we are made perfect in the new heavens & new earth.
   
   b) Because salvation is all of God, the verb “will save” is in the “indicative”, meaning "a statement of fact."

4) **“His people”** = God isn’t trying to save some vague unknown group but is saving “His people.”
   
a) How encouraging that God has a particular love.
   
b) That in faith, we know that we are His (the Father’s), because of Him (the Son).
   
c) Therefore, we can have full blessed assurance because salvation is all of God.

5) **“from their sins”**
   
a) To understand the good news of Christ’s salvation you have to know the problem.
   
i) The more you embrace the biblical fact of our total depravity before a holy God, the more you will know joy, peace and comfort.
   
ii) Because the more you will daily embrace and trust in Christ!
   
   b) We are declared completely right & adopted in God’s sight because of Christ, which is received by grace alone, through faith alone, on account of Christ alone.³
   
   c) We are also daily being saved by His grace to live for Christ while dying to sin as the God refines us and uses us for His Kingdom.
   
   d) And in heaven we will be perfectly saved from all sins.

6) Because, “there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved” – Act 4:12

7) Merry Christmas! So, let us go to the King’s Table and taste His kindness.

Go, Tell It on the Mountains

They made known abroad the saying... concerning this child.
—Luke 2:17

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAINS
American Folk Song

Traditional

Unison

Go, tell it on the mountains, Over the hills and everywhere;

Fine

Go, tell it on the mountains That Jesus Christ is born!

Harmony

1 While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Be-
2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! Above the earth Rang
3 Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born, And

D.C.

1 hold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.
2 out the angel chorus That hailed our Saviour's birth.
3 brought us God's salvation That blessed Christmas morn.
1 Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened the heavenly door, And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!

IN DULCI JUBILO Irregular
German Melody, 14th century
Angels, From the Realms of Glory

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a-bid-ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sag-es, leave your con-tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi-sions beam a-far;
4 Saints be-fore the al-tar bend-ing, Watch-ing long in hope and fear,

Ye who sang cre-a-tion's sto-ry, Now pro-claim Mes-si-ah's birth:
God with man is now re-sid-ing, Yon-der shines the in-fant light:
Seek the great De-sire of na-tions, Ye have seen his na-tal star:
Sud-den-ly the Lord, de-scend-ing, In his tem-ple shall ap-pear:

REFRAIN

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King. A-men.
Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

ANTIOCH C.M.
Attr. to Georg F. Handel, 1685-1759
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing.
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains prove The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love. Amen.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing.
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,