

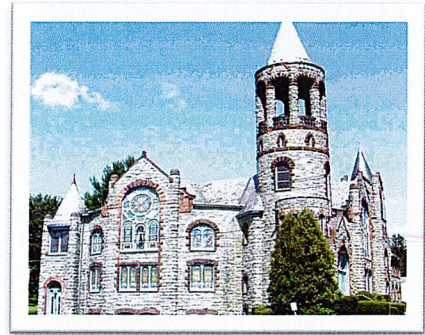
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Biblical, Traditional, Protestant

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

March 17, 2024



"While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"
(Matthew 17:5)

REMINDER: Please pick up a sealed **Communion Cup** from one of the tables in the back, if you are going to take part in the Supper. Also, the **offering plates** remain in the back if you wish to give to the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Prelude – "There is a Balm in Gilead" – arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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Call to Worship – From Psalm 121

Leader: I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come?
People: **My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.
People: **Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep.**
Leader: The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade on your right hand.
People: **The sun will not smite you by day, Nor the moon by night.**
Leader: The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.
People: **The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.**

***Hymn #29** (green hymnal) "Wonderful Words of Life"

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem – "Sweet Hour of Prayer" – arr. Jack Schrader

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A Prayer for Our Church (recited in unison)

Dear God, our Father, we praise you and glorify you. Help us to demonstrate our love for you by the things that we do and say. Draw this body of believers together in love, and let us be united in Christ. Where we as a church stray from your ways, we pray that you would correct us so that we will conform all things to your Word. Gracious Father, we are in a time of transition. We ask for the presence and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We pray that you will protect us and guide us in this time. We pray that you will provide a pastor who loves you and faithfully and skillfully teaches your Word. We pray that you would protect this church so that the schemes of the evil one will not prosper against it. Oh Lord, sustain this church to preach the gospel in our community and beyond. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offering

Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!

***Presentation of the Offering**

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Children's Church

(Children who would like to attend Children's Church may report downstairs. As always, children are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary).

***Hymn #13** (green hymnal) "The Wonder of It All"

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The Sacrament of Baptism and the Reception of New Members

The Sacrament of Baptism

Jonathan Morhardt

Baptismal Address and Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in the Triune God of the Scriptures as the one and only true God, who eternally and coequally exists in three Persons: Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you proclaim and profess that Jesus Christ is fully man and fully God and that He alone is your Lord and Savior?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you publicly confess your sins and put your trust alone in the good news of the crucified and resurrected Christ as your only hope and perfect peace?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you desire to yield to the Holy Spirit and thus die daily to sin and live for Christ, obeying His commandments and walking in His holy ways of faith, hope, and love?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to remain within Christ's Church, worshiping on the Lord's Day, partaking in Word and Sacrament, studying the Scriptures, supporting the saints, and prayerfully submitting all things to Christ?

Response: I do.

Baptism of Jonathan Morhardt

Congregational Covenant Promise

Pastor: The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians, "There is one body and one Spirit, and there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." Since we are members of the universal Church, we must love and support our brothers and sisters in Christ in their Christian walk. Do you, members of this congregation, promise to love and support these brothers and sisters in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome and Charge

New Members Reception

Paige Christenson
Thomas J. Monka
Jonathan Morhardt

Address to the Congregation & Prayer

Address to New Members

Pastor: Do you confess the Triune God of the Bible as the only true God, and do you repent of your sins and turn to Jesus Christ?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man and that He died and rose again for the sins of the world? That He alone, by His sacrifice on the cross, can save you from the Father's wrath and righteous judgment against the wicked? And that He alone is your Lord?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: You have made a public confession of your faith and have been baptized. Do you accept the Holy Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, as the only Word of God and the rule of your faith and conduct?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you intend to pursue the holiness of God, to live among God's faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His supper, regularly searching the Scriptures and seeking God's will through prayer? Do you promise to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through Word and deed, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you agree with this church's Statement of Faith and its government and organization?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you also promise to support the people and ministries of this local church, to accept its instruction, and to be an active member of this assembly?

New Members: I do.

Address to the Congregation

Pastor: Do you, the members of the Second Congregational Church, receive these believers into our fellowship and promise to help and support them in the faith?

Congregation: We do.

Charge & Welcome of New Members

Scripture Reading – John 15:26

²⁶ "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me."

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

Musical Response

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text – 1 John 5:1-12

¹ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and observe His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. ¹⁰ The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. ¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

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. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “Life in the Son”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Communion Prayer - (recited in unison)

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of your son Jesus Christ that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Text – Luke 22:14-18

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He reclined *at the table*, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.”

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn #266** (green hymnal) “Nothing but the Blood”

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***Benediction**

Musical Response

***Postlude** – “Lead On, O King Eternal” – arr. Franklin Ritter

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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.

Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

Monthly Deacon: Colleen Gundlach

Fellowship Hosts: Diaconate

Last Week’s Attendance: 56 total

Last Week’s Offering: \$ 1305.00 (\$3,300 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

Important Announcement for Today 3/17/24:

**"Immediately after the service, there will be Lenten Hymn Sing and potluck luncheon."
We hope you can stay and have fellowship with us all.**

Special Events Coming Soon

- The **Maundy Thursday Service** is on **March 28th at 6:00 PM**; and will be led by Pastor Dan.
- **NO Easter Sunrise Service** – this year but expect to resume next year.
- **Flowers for Easter Sunday** – please refer to the insert in the back of the bulletin.
- **New Member's Class** – Praise God! Yet another new member's class will meet **on April 14th and 21st following worship**. Please see or contact Pastor Dan if you would like to join the class.

Special Announcements:

Second Congregational Prayer Warriors: *Our God can provide more abundantly for our church than we ever imagined!* The Apostle James tells us, "You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2). Often, God's people forget to pray for the things they need. In this time of transition, we ask all who are willing to pray daily, to pray the prayer for our church found in the bulletin (or a similar prayer). **If you are willing to pray for our church each day in March, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.** Extra copies of the prayer are located below the sign-up sheet.

Adult Sunday School Class—Every Sunday, 9:00-9:45 am (in the parlor led by Pastor Dan and open to all)— The first class has started and will work through books of the Bible, in sequence, alternating between the Old and the New Testament. We began with Genesis and will cover two or more chapters every week. There's still time to join Pastor Dan if you wish.

Wednesday Bible Study—We meet every Wednesday, 7:00-8:15 pm (in the music room led by Pastor Dan and open to all). We will work through the chapters of this excellent book, which lays out the biblical case for the essential Christian doctrines handed down by the apostles, which have been affirmed by Christians since the foundation of the church. The class has begun, but there is still time to join in.

The six weeks before Easter is commonly called Lent. This is a time for Christians to study all that Jesus has accomplished in His earthly ministry, which led up to his crucifixion and resurrection, ultimately providing the way for salvation. During the Lenten season, the Mission's Board hosts the Lenten collection. All donations received in the Lenten envelopes will be sent to Interfaith Food Bank managed by the Salvation Army. The envelopes are on the back tables and thank you to all who can give.

More Christian Education News:

We are excited to see more children attending both church and Sunday School. Children are a wonderful blessing and we always welcome children of all ages in the sanctuary during the service.

Please see the bullets below for our updates.

- **Children's Church:** Children's Church will be offered today. Children who wish to attend should head downstairs after the offering. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. Children's Church will be offered as volunteers are available.

- **Youth Protection Policy:** The Second Congregational Church has a youth protection policy in place that is required by our building insurance and for the protection of our children. It is not difficult to complete and can be very informative! Please see Bonnie Sterpka if you are interested in volunteering and becoming approved.
- **Youth Group:** The youth group meets on the second and fourth Sunday's of the month. The next meeting will be after church on 3/24.
- **The Nursery/Playroom:** Families are welcome to use the nursery/playroom with their children as needed. There is a working speaker in the room so that the church service can be heard. Adult supervision (a parent or someone who came to church with the child) is required as per our church policy. We do not have trained volunteers at this time to cover the room. Again, children are welcome to remain in church.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Council has voted to rejoin the Interfaith Food Bank managed by the Salvation Army. We will be collecting non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of each month; however, you can always bring in your items and place them in the purple crates in Fellowship Hall. The next collection date is Sunday, April 7th.
- **Scholarship Opportunity**—Second Congregational Church offers a scholarship opportunity for individuals pursuing education beyond high school. Applications are being accepted until **March 31st**. Please see Kathy in the church office for an application. Completed applications should be returned to Kathy.
- The **Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for the first quarter of 2024 is posted on the board in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to fill in any open slots available.
- **The Diaper Bank** is now accepting donations of baby and toddler foods. We have seen an increase in families who are very much helped by these extra items. Non-perishable food donations may be left in the Diaper Bank box in our Fellowship Hall. **NOTE:** We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the diaper bank on the 1st Wednesday of each month on a rotating schedule. Please see Kathy Craig if you are interested in helping.

Weekly Events:

Sunday:

9:00-9:50 AM

Sunday School for all ages

Children (downstairs, see Pastor Dan for information)

Adult Sunday School (led by Pastor Dan in the parlor area)

Youth Group for grades 4-6 will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month following worship (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) in the basement. (March meetings are today, 3/10 and 3/24).

Tuesday:

Church Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

Wednesday:

7:00-8:15 PM

Bible Study for all (led by Pastor Dan in the Music room)

Sermon Schedule*(Subject to change)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
3.24		Guest Preacher/Palm Sunday
3.31		Pastor Dan Preaching/Easter Sunday

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(Search for: Second Congregational Church of Winsted, CT)Church Library & Media Center: www.librarything.com/catalog/sccwlibraryPastor Dan's Apologetic Page: <http://multimediaapologetics.com>

Hours & Staff**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 AM-Noon; 12:30 – 4:00 PM
Friday only	8:30 AM-Noon

Staff:**Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote**Email: danielrcote@gmail.com

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Office Hours: Sun. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and Wed. 6:00-8:30 PM (Other days as needed or by appointment)

Office Administrator: Kathy CraigEmail: info@sccwinsted.org

Phone: 860-379-4766

Organist: Christopher King**Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy**



If you would like to provide a spring plant in memory or honor of a loved one to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 24th so that the information can be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Plants may be dropped off during office hours the week before Easter: 8:30-12:00 & 1:30-4:00 Tuesday through Thursday and 8:30-12:00 Friday. Cassie Riberdy will also be at the church to receive the plants between 10 AM and 12 PM on Saturday, March 30th.

See Kathy Craig in the church office if you have any questions.

Phone: 860-379-4766 Email: info@sccwinsted.org

Flowers for Easter

PLEASE PRINT

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Phone : _____ Email: _____

In memory/celebration of: _____

Following Easter Service:

____ Deliver my plant to a shut-in

____ I will pick up my plant

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 24.

Wonderful Words of Life

Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hath the words of eternal life. — John 6:68

Philip P. Bliss, alt.

WORDS OF LIFE
Philip P. Bliss

1 Sing them o-ver a-gain to me, Won-der-ful words of life;
 2 *Christ, the bless-ed One, gives to all* Won-der-ful words of life;
 3 Sweet-ly ech-o the gos-pel call, Won-der-ful words of life;

1 Let me more of their beau-ty see, Won-der-ful words of life.
 2 *Lis-ten well to the lov-ing call,* Won-der-ful words of life.
 3 Of-fer par-don and peace to all, Won-der-ful words of life.

1 Words of life and beau-ty, Teach me faith and du-ty:
 2 *All the won-drous sto-ry,* Show-ing us His glo-ry:
 3 Je-sus, on-ly Sav-ior, Sanc-ti-fy for-ev-er:

Beau-ti-ful words, won-der-ful words, Won-der-ful words of Life. Life.

The Wonder of It All

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For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works. — Ephesians 2:10

George Beverly Shea

WONDER OF IT ALL
George Beverly Shea

1 There's the won-der of sun-set at eve-ning, The won-der as
2 There's the won-der of spring-time and har-vest, The sky, the

1 sun-rise I see; But the won-der of won-ders that thrills my soul
2 stars, the sun; But the won-der of won-ders that thrills my soul

1 Is the won-der that God loves me. O, the won-der of it all! The
2 Is a won-der that's on-ly be-gun.

won-der of it all! Just to think that God loves me. O the won-der of it

all! The won-der of it all! Just to think that God loves me.

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GOD'S LOVE

Nothing but the Blood

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*Christ died for us, much more then,
being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved.*

— Romans 5:8, 9

Robert Lowry

PLAINFIELD
Robert Lowry

1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2 *For my par-don this I see—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4 *This is all my hope and peace—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

1 What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
2 *For my cleans-ing this my plea—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
3 Naught of good that I have done— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
4 *This is all my right-eous-ness—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

O! pre-cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;

No oth - er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.