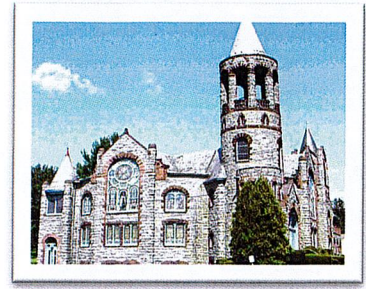


Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)
Bible-focused/Christ-centered

Worship Service: 10:00 AM
March 9, 2025



“Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.” The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.” (John 5:14–15)

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Prelude - “Trust and Obey” – arr. Anthony Giamanco

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Call to Worship – From Psalm 103:1-8

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;

Leader: Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;

People: Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion.

Leader: Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

People: The Lord performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed.

Leader: He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

People: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

*Hymn #6 (green hymnal) “This is My Father’s World”

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem - “Medley of the Cross” – arr. Howard Helvey

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A Prayer for Our Church (recited in unison)

Father, we praise you and glorify you. Help us to demonstrate our love for you through what we do and say. Draw this body of believers together in love and let us be united in Christ. Give us a desire to conform all things to your Word. Grant us the presence and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We pray that Your Word will be correctly preached from the pulpit, that lives will be changed, and many will believe in Jesus. Transform this church according to Your will. We pray that you would protect this church so the schemes of the evil one will not prosper against it.

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Father, use this church to proclaim the gospel to this community and the world and make us true disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory – “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” – arr. Mary McDonald

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***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**

***Hymn #443** (green hymnal) **“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

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Scripture Reading– Mark 11:23-25

23 “Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.

24 “Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.

25 “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.

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 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always;

17 pray without ceasing;

18 in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

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 – “Pray Without Ceasing”

***Closing Hymn #588** (green hymnal) **“In The Garden”**

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*Benediction

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

Postlude – “Joyful Day” – Mark Hayes

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Children’s bulletins are available through all Sunday school teachers.

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: Vicky Atkins

Fellowship Hosts: Kathy & Andi Craig

Last Week’s Attendance: 63

Last Week’s Offering: \$ 3,661.00 (\$3,300 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

Important Notices:

- **New Member Class** –Will be held on March 16 and 23 with induction on March 30th. If you are interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Dan.
- **Church renovations in the Sanctuary are on-going.** For the next few weeks, Sunday worship will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Due to scaffolding, the area is off limits to everyone.

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- **Group Initiative for 2025**
To aid us in becoming like the church we find in Acts 2, Pastor Dan is looking for help in forming three new groups in the church aimed at growing our fellowship with each other and as disciples of Jesus:
 - **Women's Fellowship**
Leadership: 1-2 leaders needed (Please see Pastor Dan if you can help)
 Purpose: fellowship/discipleship
 Schedule: 4-6 events per year, including one event for the whole church
 Activities: gatherings, service projects, gospel outreach, discipleship, book discussions, seminar attendance, dinners, concerts, movie nights, etc.
 - **Men's Fellowship**
Leadership: 1-2 leaders needed (Please see Pastor Dan if you can help)
 Purpose: fellowship/discipleship
 Schedule: 4-6 events per year, including one event for the whole church
 Activities: gatherings, service projects, gospel outreach, discipleship, book discussions, seminar attendance, dinners, concerts, movie nights, etc.
 - **Prayer Group (Zoom or In-person—please sign up in the fellowship hall)**
Leader: Pastor Dan
 Purpose: to pray for our church, individuals, our community, and nation
 Schedule: 20-30 minutes weekly on a schedule that works for those interested
- **Adult Sunday School Class—Every Sunday, 9:00-9:45 PM** (in the parlor led by Pastor Dan and open to all)— **Note:** We are studying the Gospel of Matthew until further notice.
- **Wednesday Bible Study—Every Wednesday, 6:00-7:15 PM (in the music room led by Pastor Dan and open to all)** **Note:** We are studying the Gospel of John until further notice.
- **Prayer Chain** – All prayers requested on Sunday and during the week are sent out to the church Prayer Chain. If you would like to be included in those for either personal prayers or to pray for others, please email Kathy).
- **Women's Fellowship:**
Attention women of SCC Winsted - please join us after the service next Sunday, 3/16/25 in the parlor for a meeting to share ideas and hopes for our women's fellowship group. Everyone is welcome to the meeting and encouraged to share their interests and brainstorm some activities. All ages are welcome to attend. There is an interest form on the table near the church bulletins. Please pick one up to take some notes on your vision for this group. If you are unable to stay for the meeting, your ideas may be given to Bonnie Sterpka today or over the week. You may also email Bonnie with some ideas at bsterpka@hotmail.com. We hope to see you there! Bonnie
- **Cleaning Party – Coming Soon....** Once the work in the sanctuary is completed, we would like to host a cleaning party but need your help. We'll be looking for people to help with dusting, vacuuming and reassembling the pews with cushions and books. We will begin on Saturday (date to be determined) at 9:00 AM until completed.

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There will be coffee, in the AM, pizza for lunch. If you feel you can help, please list your name on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We thank you in advance for your participation.

- **Ceiling Repairs** – The repairs to the ceiling in the sanctuary are progressing nicely. The total cost of the repairs will come in at around \$50,000. To date, members of the congregation have donated roughly \$22,000. If you feel you can give towards this expense, you can simply place your donation in an envelope into the Sunday collection plate or put in the basket on Kathy’s door. Please be sure to mark your donation as “ceiling repair donation”. Thank you in advance for any consideration you can afford.
- **Diaper Bank help is needed** – If you would like to donate to this cause, please leave them in the Diaper Bank box in our Fellowship Hall. We continue to ask for donations of non-perishable foods as well. Please see Kathy Craig if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.
- **News From the Choir:** Please consider joining us. The rehearsal is from 8:30 - 9:30 am and a brief time of fellowship with coffee and a snack is enjoyed by the choir before service begins at 10:00 am. We will be singing in the service three times a month unless otherwise noted.
- **Lenten Hymn Sing & Potluck Luncheon:** Co hosted by Diaconate & Music Committee, Sunday, March 30th immediately after worship. Postcards are available to hand out to friends and family. Come join us.

- **Christian Education Updates:**

Cheer Bags: Today cheer bags were assembled by our Sunday school classes and will be delivered after worship service. Thank you to all the parents who helped their kids contribute to these gifts.

Youth Group: The youth will be taking a short trip to deliver cheer bags to the homes of a couple of our members. The youth should meet Bonnie and John after service. We expect to return to the church around 12:30p.

Student Scholarship: The SCC Scholarship Committee are now collecting applications for student scholarship awards. They will be distributed and collected by John Costa. Applications will be accepted until 4/6. If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with John Costa or Bonnie Sterpka.

- **Tithes, Offerings, and Donations may now be made online.** For those individuals that would like to give to the church online, simply go to the front page of our [church website](#) and click the link “Support Our Church and Ministries” or tap the tile shown to the left. You may also download the Vanco mobile app on your smartphone. Be sure to select the app with the logo to the right. Search for churches in your area, and you will find “Second Congregational Church of Winsted.” For more information on Vanco, visit their website: vancopayments.com See Paul Okraska for more information.



Other Announcements:

- **Easter is “late” this year.** *Maundy Thursday* will be April 17 @ 6pm. We will be having an Easter Sunrise Service led by John Costa and the Deacons. Time and place to be announced. There are Lenten offering envelopes placed on the table with the Sunday bulletins for anyone wishing to give.

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- **Food Bank** - We will be collecting non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of each month for the Interfaith Food Bank managed by the Salvation Army; however, you can always bring your items and place them in the purple crates in Fellowship Hall at any time. The next collection date is Sunday, April 6th
- **The Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart is posted for 2025. Please feel free to volunteer for any listed openings. We invite any new members that have joined the church to speak to Kathy Craig if you would like to volunteer for an open slot in 2025. A great way to begin volunteering with your church family.

Weekly Events:

- Sunday:** **Adult Sunday School Class** – (led by Pastor Dan, in the Parlor)
 9:00-9:45 AM *Gospel of Matthew – all are welcome.*
- Wednesday:** **Weekly Prayer Group** – 5:30-6:00 PM (led by Pastor Dan,
 in the Music Room)
 Weekly Bible Study – 6:00-7:15 PM (led by Pastor Dan, in the Music Room)
 Gospel of John – all are welcome.

SCC Online:

- Church Email: info@sccwinsted.org
 Church Webpage: <http://sccwinsted.org>
 Church Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sccwinsted
 Youtube Channel for Livestream Services: www.youtube.com/channel/UCCW4dPY3yqt-GsjPZG-cHuQ
 (Search for: Second Congregational Church of Winsted, CT)
 Church Library & Media Center: www.librarything.com/catalog/sccwlibrary
 Pastor Dan's Apologetic Page: <http://multimediaapologetics.com>

Hours & Staff

Church Office Hours: (Schedule day/time changes for next week)

- Monday – 8 AM – 12 NOON
 Tuesday - Noon – 4 PM
 Wednesday & 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

Cell Phone: 203-217-7498

Office Hours: Sun. 8:15 AM-12:30 PM and Wed. 5:00-7:30 PM (Other days as needed or by appointment)

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Director of Youth & Families: John Costa

Email: john.costa.jc@gmail.com

Cell Phone: 413-854-7147

Office Hours: Sun. 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Tues. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Wed. 6:00-8:15 PM
(Other days as required)

Office Administrator: Kathy Craig

(please note office hour changes listed)

Email: info@sccwinsted.org

Phone: 860-379-4766

Organist: Christopher King

Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

Hope You Can Join Us

LENTEN



AND



All are invited to attend the annual Hymn Sing/Potluck hosted by the Diaconate and Music Committee on Sunday, March 30 directly after church.

Come raise your voices in song and then join us in fellowship and a meal downstairs!

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How to Pray

Matthew 6:10-13

P

PRAISE for who He is.
for what He has done.

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED
BE THY NAME.

R

REPENT of sins I have committed.
of commands I have neglected.

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE
FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

A

ASK for the needs of others.
for my needs.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

Y

YIELD my will to God's will.
my agenda to God's agenda for me.

THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON
EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER,
AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

This Is My Father's World

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. . . . — Psalm 24:1

TERRA BEATA
English Melody

Maltbie D. Babcock

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears
2 This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise,
3 This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

1 All na - ture sings, and 'round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
2 The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
3 That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

1 This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
2 This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -

1 rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the won - ders wrought.
2 rus - tling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
3 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.

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I Need Thee Every Hour

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Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask.

Annie S. Hawks
Robert Lowry

— Matthew 6:8

NEED
Robert Lowry

1 I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most gra - cious Lord;
2 I need Thee ev - ery hour, Stay Thou near by;
3 I need Thee ev - ery hour, In joy or pain;
4 I need Thee ev - ery hour, Teach me Thy will,

1 No ten - der voice like Thine Can peace af - ford.
2 Temp - ta - tions lose their power When Thou art nigh.
3 Come quick - ly, and a - bide, Or life is vain.
4 And Thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev - ery hour I need Thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior—I come to Thee. A - men.

In the Garden

And they heard the voice of the Lord walking in the garden. . .

C. Austin Miles

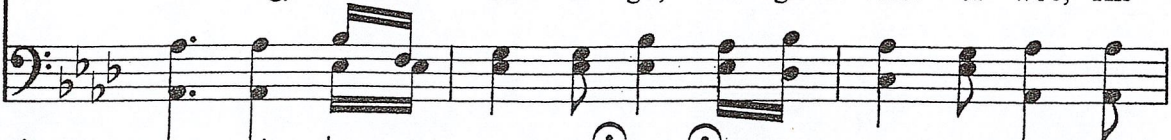
— Genesis 3:8

GARDEN
C. Austin Miles

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is still on the
 2 *He speaks, and the sound of His voice* Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a-round me be



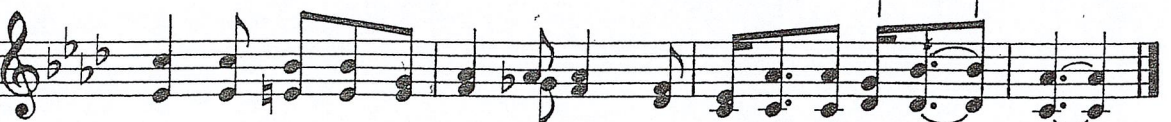
1 ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, The
 2 *sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me With -*
 3 fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His



1 Son of God dis - clos - es.
 2 *in my heart is ring - ing.* And He walks with me, and He
 3 voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the



joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.



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