

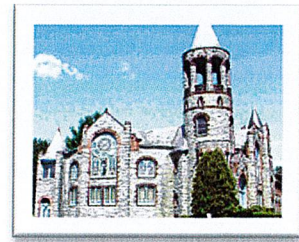
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused/Christ-centered

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

May 24, 2026



“Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34)

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude – provided by Carol Yachanin, guest musician

Call to Worship – From Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones.

People: Praise is becoming to the upright.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

People: Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.

Leader: Sing to Him a new song.

People: Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

Leader: For the Word of the Lord is upright.

People: And all His work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice.

People: The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.

***Hymn #377** (green hymnal) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

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. 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 – provided by Carol Yachanin, guest musician

***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 #687** (green hymnal) "God of Our Fathers"

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 33:6-12

⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host. ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹ For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. ¹⁰ The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation. ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

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 – Galatians 1:1–10

¹ Paul, an apostle (not *sent* from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), ² and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen. ⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! ¹⁰ For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

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 – "America's Greatest Need: The True Gospel"

***Closing Hymn #692**(green hymnal) "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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***Benediction**

Musical Response

***Postlude** – provided by Carol Yachanin, guest musician

Sermon Notes:

Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

Monthly Deacon: Vicki Atkins

Monthly Assistant Deacon: Colleen Gundlach

Last Week's Attendance: 55 total

Last Week's Offering: \$2,409.00 (\$3300 is needed)

Second Congregational Church

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Important Notices

- **Baptism**--Pastor Dan will be leading a Baptism class in the coming weeks. Please see Pastor Dan if you are interested in Baptism for you or your child. Baptism will take place in June.
- **New Member Class**--First meeting will be on 5/31, following worship in Pastor Dan's office. It is not too late to join the class. Please see Pastor Dan if you are interested in joining the church. The universal church is the body of Christ. The writer of Hebrews tells us not to neglect meeting together (Heb 10:24-25); this was the pattern established by the apostles in the early church (Acts 2:42).

Second Congregational is a place where we can worship God together, use our spiritual gifts for the glory of God, gather for the Lord's Supper and Baptism, grow spiritually and in knowledge of the faith as disciples of Christ, provide care and support for each other, and serve as witnesses to Christ in our community and world, all in obedience to Christ's design for the church.

- **NO Bible Study on Wednesday, May 27th** – we will resume on June 3rd with the viewing of ***The American Miracle: Our Nation is No Accident* at 6:00 pm at Second Congregational Church.** The American Miracle is a recently produced film, true to history, that documents God's hand of providence in the founding of our nation. The film is a docudrama based on Michael Medved's book. It highlights unlikely events, such as George Washington's survival, to suggest the country's creation was miraculous, featuring reenactments and expert commentary. The movie's message of courage, sacrifice, and divine purpose is uplifting, and its call to reflect on America's founding principles feels timely as the nation approaches its 250th anniversary. (2hr 14 min)



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- **Memorial Service Information for Christine Woodworth** - Saturday, May 30th at Noon, there will be a memorial service at Second Congregational Church. Please contact Kathy in the office if you are available to help in any way. We are asking for donations of finger foods to be shared immediately after the service.
- **Sunday Morning Adult Study** - 9:00 AM-9:45 AM each Sunday morning, all are welcome.
- **Prayer Group and Bible Study** - 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM – every Wednesday, all are welcome.
- **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 at info@sccwinsted.org.
- **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. Audio of the service can be heard.

Upcoming Events This Week

- **Sunday** **Bible Study** – 9:00 AM-9:45 AM (led by Pastor Dan)
 Youth Group – 11:30 AM (led by John Costa, downstairs)
- **Monday** **Celebrate Recovery** – 7:00 PM (led by Jeff Liskin, Sr., downstairs)
- **Saturday** **Memorial Service for Christine Woodworth** – 12:00 Noon, reception immediately following

Women's Fellowship

- **Women's Fellowship**: Please join us for our Retreat and Picnic on Saturday, June 6 from 10-1:30. This will be held at People's State Forest. We plan to meet near the pavilion and bathroom area (to the left of the entrance). The theme will be: Growing in our Faith and Friendship. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall. Please add your name for planning purposes. If you need a ride, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet and we will help!

Things to bring: Bag Lunch (personal size cooler if needed), water, lawn chair, Bible, bug repellent, sunscreen. Please dress in comfortable clothing and sneakers (we may take a walk to the river). We hope that you will join us! If you have questions, please see Bonnie Sterpka (event organized by Bonnie S. and Marilyn G.).

Christian Education and Youth Events

- **Children's Sunday (6/7)**
Join us June 7th as we celebrate our Sunday School students with awards, presentations, and youth-led worship!
- **Children's Sunday Potluck (6/7)**
Hotdog cookout and potluck following the service. Bring a dish to share if you can—all are welcome!

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- **VBS Volunteers Needed:** One Morning, Big Impact - July 20–24 • 8:30 AM–12:00 PM
Station leaders, assistants, supervisors, and snack helpers needed. Serve one morning or all five—no experience required! Sign up in the fellowship hall or contact John C: sccwyouth@gmail.com • (413) 854-7147
- **Help Spread the Word!**
Grab a VBS flyer in the fellowship hall and invite neighborhood kids. This is a blessed opportunity for children to hear the gospel and connect with others this summer.
- **Sunday School Summer Break**
Last day: June 7th. Classes resume in September.
- **VBS Team Meeting (6/28)**
All VBS staff/volunteers meet in the sanctuary June 28th at 11:30 AM following worship.

Youth Group Calendar — May & June			
Youth Group is open to grades 6 + —We Welcome you to Join Us!			
<i>Meetings typically include Bible lessons, games, activities, & snacks</i>			
Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	May 24	11:30am - 12:45pm	Youth Group – VBS Outreach Projects Hot Snacks!
Sunday	May 31	9:00am – 9:45am	Children’s Sunday Practice
Sunday	June 7	10:00am -----	Children’s Sunday – Completion Awards, Class Presentations, Youth Lead Service
			Sunday School (end) Summer Break
Sunday	June 14	11:30am-12:30pm	Youth Group – Bible Activities, Games, Snacks
Sunday	June 21	9:00am – 9:45am	High School Group – Special Father’s Day Project
Sunday	June 28	11:30am-12:30pm	Youth Group – Bible Activities, Games, Snacks

Other Important Information



Meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7 PM – downstairs (doors to open at 6:30 PM).

- We have partnered with **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, June 7, 2026**. They are also requesting personal care items.
- **The Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for May-August 2026 is posted, and there are vacancies if anyone wants to sign up. Please notify the office if you are signing up for a particular day. Thank you.
- **Tithes, Offerings, and Donations** may now be made online. For those who 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.” You may also download the Vanco mobile app on your smartphone. Search for churches in your area, and you will find “Second Congregational Church of Winsted.” For more information on Vanco, see Paul Okraska.



Second Congregational Church 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>

Church Office Hours

Wed. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thurs. closed

Fri. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

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Cell Phone: 203-217-7498

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

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Director of Youth and Families: John Costa

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Cell Phone: 413-854-7147

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

Office Administrator: Kathy Craig

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Phone: 860-379-4766

Organist: Christopher King

Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

But unto you . . . the sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings. — Malachi 4:2

HYMN TO JOY

Ludwig van Beethoven

Adapted by Edward Hodges

Henry van Dyke



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 *All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re-lect Thy rays,*
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 *Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus With the morn - ing stars be - gan;*



- 1 Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 2 *Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.*
 3 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 4 *Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.*



- 1 Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 2 *Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,*
 3 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;
 4 *Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,*



- 1 Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 2 *Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.*
 3 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 4 *Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.*



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God of Our Fathers

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. — Psalm 48:7

Daniel C. Roberts

NATIONAL HYMN
George W. Warren

*Trumpets before
each stanza*

1 God of our fa-thers, whose al-might-y hand
2 Thy love di-vine hath led us in the past,
3 From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti-lence,
4 Re-fresh Thy peo-ple on their toil-some way,

1 Leads forth in beau-ty all the star-ry band
2 In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
3 Be Thy strong arm our ev-er sure de-fense;
4 Lead us from night to nev-er end-ing day;

1 Of shin-ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
2 Be Thou our rul-er, guard-ian, guide, and stay,
3 Thy true re-li-gion in our hearts in-crease,
4 Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine,

1 Our grate-ful songs be-fore Thy throne a-rise.
2 Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho-sen way.
3 Thy boun-teous good-ness nour-ish us in peace.
4 And glo-ry, laud, and praise be ev-er Thine! A-men.

Descant for Refrain



Glo - ry! Hal - le -

1 His truth is march - ing on.
2 His day is march - ing on. Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le -
3 Our God is march - ing on.
4 While God is march - ing on.



lu - jah! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on!

Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on!