

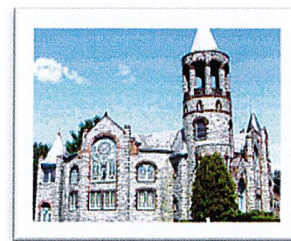
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused/Christ-centered

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

May 31, 2026



*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."
(Proverbs 9:10)*

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude – "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" -arr. Darcy Stanley

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Call to Worship – From Psalm 145:1-7

Leader: I will extol You, my God, O King.

People: And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

Leader: Every day I will bless You.

People: And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised.

People: And His greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: One generation shall praise Your works to another.

People: And shall declare Your mighty acts.

Leader: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty.

People: And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

Leader: Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts.

People: And I will tell of Your greatness.

Leader: They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness.

People: And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

***Hymn #118** (green hymnal) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem – "All Things Bright and Beautiful" – arr. Benjamin Harlan

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Apostle's Creed (recited in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate and was buried, on the third day rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, from where He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Church, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body.

Offertory – "Blessed Assurance" – arr. Robert Hughes

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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 #98** (green hymnal) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 103:1-11 (A Psalm of David)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name. ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; ³ Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; ⁴ Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; ⁵ Who satisfies your years with good things, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle. ⁶ The Lord performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel. ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. ⁹ He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever. ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

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 – Psalm 103:12-22 (A Psalm of David)

¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. ¹⁴ For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are *but* dust. ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. ¹⁶ When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer. ¹⁷ But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children’s children, ¹⁸ To those who keep His covenant And remember His precepts to do them. ¹⁹ The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the Lord, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! ²¹ Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will. ²² Bless the Lord, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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 – “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

***Closing Hymn #363** (green hymnal) "To God Be the Glory"

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***Benediction**

Musical Response

***Postlude** – "Tocatta in G Major" – Wilhelm Hieronymous Pachelbel

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Sermon Notes:

Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

Monthly Deacon: Vicki Atkins

Monthly Assistant Deacon: Colleen Gundlach

Fellowship Hosts: CE Board

Last Week's Attendance: 53 total

Last Week's Offering: \$2,176.00 (\$3300 is needed)

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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 today, 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.
- **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.
- **Saturday, June 20th from 9am – 2pm** – the church will hold its annual **Bake & Book Fair**. Please see Sharon or Kathy if you are interested in helping and there's a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events This Week

- **Sunday** **Bible Study** – 9:00 AM-9:45 AM (led by Pastor Dan)
- **Monday** **Celebrate Recovery** – 7:00 PM (led by Jeff Liskin, Sr., downstairs)
- **Wednesday** **Diaper Bank** – 5:00-6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
 NO Prayer Group or Bible Study
 Viewing of “The American Miracle” – Our Nation is No Accident – 6:00 PM
- **Saturday** **Women’s Retreat & Picnic** – 10AM – 1:30 PM – People’s State Forest
- **Sunday** **Bible Study** – 9:00 AM-9:45 AM (led by Pastor Dan)

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!
- **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.

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- **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.

<u>Youth Group Calendar — May & June</u>			
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 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 June-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

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- **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. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fri. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Church Staff

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Organist: Christopher King

Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1483-1546
 Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890

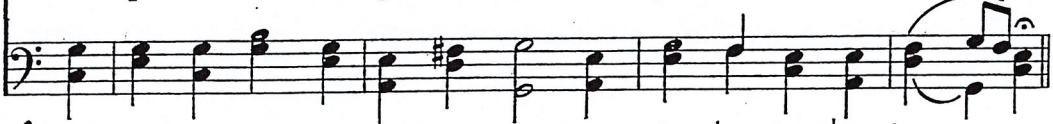
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 Melody by Martin Luther, 1483-1546



1 A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2 Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3 And though this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us,
 4 That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



Our help-er he a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos-ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us.
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sab-a-oth his
 The prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him; His rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al-so; The bod-y they may



great, And armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
 name. From age to age the same, And he must win the bat-tle.
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still, His king-dom is for-ev-er. A-men.



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

... For He is faithful that promised. — Hebrews 10:23

Based on Lamentations 3:22, 23
Thomas O. ChisholmFAITHFULNESS
William M. Runyan

1 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther! There is no
2 *Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon, and*
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear

1 shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-
2 *stars in their cours-es a-bove, Join with all na-ture in*
3 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, Strength for to-day and bright

1 pas-sions, they fail not: As Thou hast been Thou for-ev-er wilt be.
2 *man-i-fold wit-ness To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.*
3 hope for to-mor-row— Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Morn-ing by

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FAITHFULNESS



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed - Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.



Fanny J. Crosby

1 To God be the glo-ry—great things He hath done! So loved He the
 2 O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, To ev-ery be-
 3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re-

1 world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 2 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fen - der who
 3 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

1 tone-ment for sin, And o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
 2 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo-moment from Je - sus a par-don re- ceives.
 3 great - er will be Our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru

Je-sus the Son, And give Him the glo-ry—great things, He hath done!