

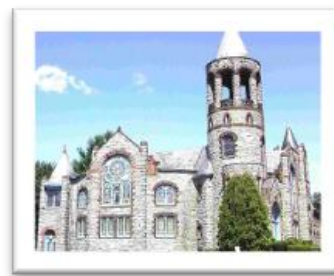
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused • Christ-centered

Worship Service: 9:30 AM

July 12, 2026



“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude—Fair Havens - Stan Pethel

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Call to Worship—From Psalm 15 (A Psalm of David)

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?

People: Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

Leader: He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness.

People: And speaks truth in his heart.

Leader: He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor.

People: Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

Leader: In whose eyes a reprobate is despised.

People: But who honors those who fear the Lord;

Leader: He swears to his own hurt and does not change;

People: He does not put out his money at interest.

Leader: Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

People: He who does these things will never be shaken.

***Hymn #68** (red hymnal) “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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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—He Leadeth Me - arr. L.N. Portier

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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 #365 (red hymnal) “Faith of Our Fathers”

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Scripture Readings:

Matthew 6:26–27

²⁶ “Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ²⁷ “And who of you by being worried can add a *single* hour to his life?”

Matthew 11:28–30

²⁸ “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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—Philippians 4:4–9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. ⁹ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

- Also, anyone wishing to provide music for the service while the choir is taking a break this summer is asked to speak to Chris King. We wish to thank Michael Killiany for providing special music for us on July 5th.
- **News from the Affiliation Committee**—we are considering affiliation with the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference
 - The SCCW Affiliation Committee held a Zoom meeting on June 20 with representatives from the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (4Cs). Pastor Paul McPheeters, the Northeast Regional Pastor of the 4Cs, and the Rev. Dr. Chris Bauer, Pastor of Christ Community Church in Collinsville, participated with us, outlining the denomination’s mission, beliefs, and support for churches. The 4Cs is committed to preserving the core truths of the Christian faith while allowing flexibility on secondary matters, and it provides resources, connections, and encouragement for congregations like ours. There are many benefits for our church to become a part of this denomination. After the discussion, the committee members voted unanimously to recommend that Second Congregational Church of Winsted join the 4Cs. The recommendation will next be reviewed by the Church Council and, if approved, will be brought before the congregation at a special meeting for further discussion and a vote. For more information, please speak with a member of the Affiliation Committee – Colleen Gundlach, Bonnie Sterpka, Michael Killiany, Jeff Liskin, Sr., Paul Okraska or Pastor Dan. Each of these members will be happy to discuss this and answer any concerns.
- **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 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

- **Monday** **Celebrate Recovery** – 7:00 PM (led by Jeff Liskin, Sr., downstairs)

Christian Education and Youth Events

- **VBS RegisTree**—*You can be a part of the VBS Rainforest Adventure in a big way!* Visit the Gift Registry at the Rainforest Falls table (Palm Tree) and choose an item to donate or sponsor this year. Pick a card from the tree and return it with your donation or item (envelopes provided).
- **VBS Final Setup**—Before our event begins on Monday, July 20th, we will ensure we have our large backdrop, canopies, caution tape, power equipment, and decorations in place. With help, we can make it a quick setup. Please stop by on **Saturday at 10:00 am**.
- **VBS RAINFOREST FALLS Week: July 20-24th!**—Please invite kids to join us to hear the gospel, learn about Jesus, and have a blast this Summer! Registration forms and parent letters are available at the VBS table in the fellowship hall. Monday-Friday 8:00 am registration, 8:30 am start time. Following their registration, kids should come at 8:15 am to ensure they don’t miss the opening.
- **VBS Wrap-up Picnic (7/24)**—All are invited to join us as we see what the kids have experienced, hear songs, and enjoy food! Friday, July 24th, at 6:00 pm.

Men’s and Women’s Fellowship

- **Women’s Fellowship**—Thank you to all of the women who helped with the refreshment table for the Heather Layne concert. We appreciate you!
- **Upcoming opportunities:**

- **Planning Meeting:** We will host a planning meeting after church on **Sunday, September 20, 2026**. Please bring ideas for fall and winter activities.
- **Fall Retreat:** There is information posted in the fellowship hall about a fall women's retreat. This will take place from **Friday, October 16 – Sunday, October 18, 2026**, at Camp Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to worship God together in a beautiful place. We will meet other Christian women and build on our relationships with each other while we worship the Lord. There will be guest speakers, music, a biblical program, and time to enjoy the camp. The cost is \$250 and covers lodging, food, and the program. We hope that you will consider this opportunity. Please add your name to the list. Space has been reserved for our group, so please let us know early if you are able to attend by adding your name to the sign-up list. Registration will be online under our group name (Second Congregational Church, Winsted).

Christian Education and Youth Events

- **VBS Serving Opportunity:** See how you can PLAY a SMALL PART and make a BIG DIFFERENCE! As we look forward to our VBS theme this year, we are seeking volunteers to play a part in bringing this adventure to the kids.
 - July 20—24, 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
We need station leaders, assistants, supervisors, and snack helpers. Serve one morning or all five—no experience needed! Training and a veteran partner provided.
 - Sign up in the fellowship hall or contact John C: sccwyouth@gmail.com, (413) 854-7147
 - Grab a VBS flyer in the fellowship hall and help spread the word! Many local Children don't have access to VBS at their own churches. This is a blessed opportunity for kids to hear the gospel, experience God's Word in engaging ways, and connect with other children this summer.

Other Important Information

- **Celebrate Recovery Meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7 PM – downstairs (Opens at 6:30 PM).** Dealing with life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups is not a solo endeavor. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-Step program that helps you heal from what life has put you through in a safe, confidential environment. Whether it is substance abuse, procrastination, mental and physical abuse, overeating, fear, anxiety, or any other issue, Celebrate Recovery is for you. The Winsted chapter meets every Monday at 7 (doors open at 6:30) right in our church. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dan or the CR Ministry Leader Jeff Liskin, Sr.
- **We are 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, August 2, 2026**. They are also requesting personal care items.
- **The Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for 2026 is posted, and there are vacancies if anyone wants to sign up.
- **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

Thurs. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Sharon will be covering the office in the interim)

Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

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Cell Phone: 203-217-7498

Summer Office Hours: Sunday, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM (Other days needed or by appointment)

- **Away and unreachable from 7/9 to 7/21** (see pastoral support information above)

Director of Youth and Families: John Costa

Email: john.costa.ic@gmail.com

Cell Phone: 413-854-7147

Summer Office Hours: Sunday, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Mon. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Other days as required)

Administrative Assistant: This position is open—please see Paul Okraska if you are interested.

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Organist: Christopher King

Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy