

Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused • Christ-centered

Worship Service: 9:30 AM

July 19, 2026



“Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.” (Psalm 37:5)

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude—Draw Me Nearer - arr. William Ringham

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Call to Worship—From Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea.

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling places of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People: The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth melted.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in the earth.

Leader: He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire.

People: “Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

***Hymn #1** (red hymnal) “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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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—The Way of the Cross Leads Home - arr. Tom Birchwood

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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 #322 (red hymnal) "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"**

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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

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.

Scripture Reading and Reflection—Bob Davis

Luke 15:11–32 (RSV)

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; ¹² and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." ' ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; ²³ and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; ²⁴

Important Notices

- **Pastor Dan will be away** and unreachable from 7/9 to 7/21. During that period, if you need pastoral support or assistance, please contact John Costa (413-854-7147) or Paul Okraska (860-485-3769). Pastor Dan will return to the pulpit on 7/26.
- **Administrative Assistant (Part-time 15-20 hours)**—As many may have heard, Kathy Craig, administrative assistant, has decided to leave her position at our church. As a result, we are beginning the search for a replacement. The position requires a 15-20-hour work week, depending on the time of year. If interested, please contact a member of the Search Committee, Sharon Okraska, Denise Torson, or Colleen Gundlach.
- **Would you like to sing in the choir** without making a long-term commitment? Summer pick-up choir dates are Sunday, July 19, and Sunday, August 16. Please join us to learn a simple anthem! Rehearsal begins at 8:30 am. July 19th, we will be singing an arrangement of Amazing Grace, so you probably already know the words!
 - 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.
- **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.
- **VBS Recap Presentation (7/26)**—On Sunday July 26th, we will watch a video presentation with photos and short video clips of captured moments during the VBS Rainforest week. Join us as we step into the adventure!

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).**



**Celebrate
Recovery**
A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

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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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

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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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Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy