

Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused/Christ-centered

Worship Service: 9:30 AM

July 5, 2026



“All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.” (Isaiah 53:6)

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude—America the Beautiful - arr. Brad Nix

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Call to Worship—From Psalm 144 (A Psalm of David)

Leader: O Lord, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?

People: Or the son of man, that You think of him?

Leader: Man is like a mere breath.

People: His days are like a passing shadow.

Leader: I will sing a new song to You, O God.

People: Upon a harp of ten strings, I will sing praises to You.

Leader: Who gives salvation to kings,

People: Who rescues David His servant from the evil sword.

Leader: Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants.

People: And our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace.

Leader: Let our garners be full, furnishing every kind of produce,

People: And our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields.

Leader: Let our cattle bear without mishap and without loss,

People: Let there be no outcry in our streets!

Leader: How blessed are the people who are so situated;

People: How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

***Hymn #687** (green hymnal) “God of Our Fathers”

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Special Music—Michael Killiany

Nicene Creed (recited in unison)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance

with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*catholic means universal

Offertory—This, My Native Land - Edward Broughton

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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 #695** (green hymnal) “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

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Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:1–8

¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

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—Colossians 1:13–23

¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth,

visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. ²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

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 **"God's Love for All"**

A sermon series on the Nicene Creed

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Communion Prayer - (recited in unison)

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of your son Jesus Christ that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Text – 1 Peter 2:24–25

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn #688** (green hymnal) "The Star-Spangled Banner "

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***Benediction**

Musical Response

***Postlude**—Postlude on "National Anthem" - A.F. Schultz

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- 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)

Men’s and Women’s Fellowship

- On Monday, July 6, Celebrate Recovery will host Christian musician, Heather Layne for a concert at our church. The concert is at 7 p.m. We ask that the Women's Fellowship group support our church and this event by running a fellowship table with snacks, baked goods and water/juice. If you are able to help out, please see Bonnie Sterpka for additional information. In September a meeting will be held to plan our fall activities. Thanks so much to everyone who has participated this year, and I personally look forward to more opportunities to gather.
Thanks so much to you all,
Bonnie Sterpka

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, July 5, 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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(Other days as required)

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

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Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy