

Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused • Christ-centered



**Worship Service: 10:00 AM
September 27, 2026**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:19–20)

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude – All Things Bright and Beautiful - arr. Larry Shackley

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Call to Worship From Psalm 8 (A psalm of David—NIV)

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory in the heavens.

Leader: Through the praise of children and infants, you have established a stronghold against your enemies; you silence the foe and the avenger.

People: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

Leader: What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

People: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.

People: All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

Leader: The birds in the sky and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

People: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***Hymn #299** (green hymnal) “He Lives”

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem – There's A Land That Is Fairer Than Day - arr. Michael Cox

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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 will protect this church so the schemes of the evil one

will not prosper against it. Father, we pray that You will 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 – Though I May Speak - arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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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 #409 (green hymnal) "Who Is on the Lord's Side"**

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Scripture Reading Acts 2:37-43

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

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 Romans 6:3–7

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

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 “Baptism”

*Hymn #458 (green hymnal) “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

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*Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude –Voluntary on "Ein' Feste Burg" - Gordon Young

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Sermon Notes:

Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote
Monthly Deacon: Vicki Atkins
Monthly Assistant Deacon: Michael Killiany
Last Week’s Attendance: 63
Last Week’s Offering: \$2,943 (\$3300 budgeted)

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Important Notices

- **New Member Class**-Pastor Dan will be offering a new member class. The first session is October 18, following the worship service in Pastor Dan's office. **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. The Christian life is not intended to be lived in isolation, but in fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **Music Committee news** – Beginning in October the choir will be providing music the first and third Sunday of each month. Please join us! Rehearsal begins at 8:30 am in the choir room. Michael and Denise Killiany will be providing music on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.
- **Do you have a prayer request?** We have created a new system for submitting prayer requests. Please go to our webpage and click the link “Prayer Request” in the middle of the homepage to submit your prayer requests. All

prayer requests will be sent to the prayer chain. Unless you indicate otherwise, all prayer requests will also be mentioned in the Sunday worship service. Prayer requests may also be sent directly to: sccwprayerrequests@gmail.com.

- **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.

- **Nominating Committee:**

During October we will be involved with Stewardship as we all consider how best to serve God here at Second Congregational Church. Being a good steward not only includes giving financial gifts, but also includes the use of our talents to serve the Lord! Our church depends on you and your support as we seek God and thank Him for all that He has done for us. If you are reading this and you have yet to identify an area where you can serve, please speak to me about it. We are all given so many strengths and talents and your talents are celebrated and needed here! Joining a board or committee will help you to make new friends, find support from the body and provide a meaningful and necessary function.

Many thanks to you all - Bonnie Sterpka

Here is a list of boards, committees and positions at Second Congregational Church. Please consider volunteering for something below.

BOARDS:

Deacon Board: Appointed
Board of Christian Education
Board of Missions
Board of Finance
Board of Trustees

COMMITTEES:

Building and Grounds
Music Committee
Nominating Committee
Video Committee
Social Media Committee

POSITIONS

(some may be assigned – please inquire if interested)
Memorial Svc. Reception Coord.
Refreshment Coord.
Greeter Coordinator
First Baptist Rep.
Second Congregational Rep.

Denominational Affiliation Committee:

At the church's annual meeting, members of Second Congregational approved a motion to begin exploring affiliation with a denomination. The Church Council agreed, and appointed Bonnie Sterpka, Colleen Gundlach, Paul Okraska, Michael Killiany, Jeff Liskin and Pastor Dan to research, discuss and eventually recommend a denomination.

During the discussions, committee members highlighted several reasons for considering denominational membership. Among them were the benefits of shared resources, opportunities for broader fellowship, mutual support among churches, and increased accountability in ministry and governance.

After much discussion, the group ruled several other possible affiliations, and particular attention was given to the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC) as a potential partner. The CCCC's statement of faith aligns very closely with that of Second Congregational, making it a natural fit for further consideration.

There are many advantages to being a part of the CCCC, such as:

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC)

- Theologically conservative, evangelical, and strongly biblical
- Upholds Christian doctrines consistent with our Statement of Faith
- Over 300 churches and growing (34 churches in 1959)
- Approximately 42,000+ members

Advantages of joining CCCC

- Help in pastoral transitions and when difficulties and/or church health issues arise
- Training, development, church planting, workshops, and other resources
- Evangelism resources

- Credentialing and ordination of clergy
- Networking and fellowship (participation is expected)
- Code of Ethics for Ministers
- Code of Ethics for Churches
- Individual churches remain autonomous (CCCC is there to support, not control)

Disadvantages of joining CCCC

- Cost ~1-3 percent of church budget (voluntarily- not strictly enforced)

The denomination's emphasis on local church autonomy (the concept that the congregation has the last say in all governance issues), combined with cooperative fellowship, is very closely aligned with SCCW's bylaws and objectives. The committee came to the unanimous conclusion that the CCCC would be the only fit for SCCW.

Upcoming Events This Week

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study is from 9:00am-9:45am.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Group is as follows:**
 - Prayer Group—5:30 pm (Pastor Dan's Office)
 - Bible Study—6:00 pm (Music Room)
- **Monday - Celebrate Recovery – 7:00 PM (led by Jeff Liskin, Sr., downstairs)**

Christian Education and Youth Events

- **Fire Drill (10/11):** Our annual fire drill will take place on October 11th during the Sunday School class hour. We hope that all the kids can attend, as this is an important routine for their safety. Please speak to John C if your child cannot attend to schedule a makeup drill.
- **Helping Hands (10/11 & 10/18):** The kids and youth will be participating in helping the church collect canned and dry goods for our local food bank. This is a wonderful way to get our children involved in acts of charity, teaching them the love, generosity, and selflessness of Christ. Flyers will be handed out by our kids on 10/4. Please consider bringing in a few items to support those in our community.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Please continue to remember donations this month. The theme for this month is "Letter & Photo."
 - Bring your shoebox gift to life this month by tucking a simple letter and a family picture right on top of your items. Your encouraging words and friendly faces will be a tangible blessing to a child, turning a box of gifts into a powerful reminder of God's love and the global church community.

Youth Group Calendar—Sep.-Oct.

Youth Group is open to grades 6 and up—We Welcome you to Join Us!

Day	Date	Time	Event
Wednesday	Sep. 30th	5:00pm -----	Youth Group – Baptisms
Sunday	Oct. 11 th	9:30am -----	FIRE DRILL!
Sunday	Oct. 11 th , 18 th	11:00pm-12:00pm	Helping Hands – Food Bank Collection
Sunday	Oct. 11 th	11:30am-12:45pm	Youth Group – Bible Lesson, Group Activity, Snacks
Sunday	Oct. 25 th	11:30am-12:45pm	Youth Group – DQ "Season Cooldown" (Ecc. 3:1-8)

Saturday	Nov. 7 th	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Operation Christmas Child – Packing Party
Sunday	Nov. 8 th	11:30am-12:45pm	Youth Group - Bible Trivia, Games

Men's and Women's Fellowship

- **Men's Fellowship Upcoming Events:**

- Nov. 14, 8:30 am-Quarterly Men's Breakfast: Film and Discussion-Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace
- December, date TBD, 6:00-8:00 pm: Regional Men's Christmas Dinner
- Feb. 13, 8:30 am-Quarterly Men's Breakfast

- **Women's Fellowship Group: Upcoming opportunities:**

- **Deep Clean at church: To be held on Tuesday, October 6, from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.** Cassie R. will coordinate this event and will provide additional information. Please join in if you are able as we spruce up our church and do a deep clean! Anyone who is available is welcome to come and help!
- **Dave Pettigrew Concert: Friday, 10/9 - Concert starts at 7:00 p.m.** This is a church and community wide event. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The Women's Fellowship group will support by bringing easy to eat food (desserts, sandwiches, cold finger foods, etc.) as well as punch and small water bottles. Drop off is at the church after 6:00 p.m. Bonnie Sterpka will coordinate the refreshment table (please reach out with questions).
- **Women's Retreat: Friday, October 16- Sunday, October 18.** There is still room. Please reach out to Bonnie Sterpka if you would like to attend.
- **Prayer Walk:** To be coordinated by Denise K. and Amanda S. This will take place after church (weather dependent) - If we have a nice weather day, Denise and Amanda may announce this "spur of the moment activity." We will walk together and pray for each other, our church, and the community.
- **Cocoa, Cookies and Carol Sing - On Thursday, 12/17 at 6:30 p.m.** We will gather at the church for this event, hosted by the Women's fellowship. This will be an all-church event and will also be open to the community. This event will be coordinated by Eileen, Deb and Suzanne. More information on what to bring, decorations, plans, etc. will be coming soon!
- **The Women's Fellowship Group will meet again on Sunday, 1/24** after the service.
- The activities and events can be attended by any of the women of the church. This is an open group and we welcome all ages! If you see something that is interesting to you, please join us. You don't have to come to the meetings or attend all of the events. Everyone is invited to join at any time, as we grow in our faith, friendship and fellowship.

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 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM) right in our church. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dan or the CR Ministry Leader, Jeff Liskin, Sr.
- **The Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for 2026 is posted, and there are vacancies if anyone wants to sign up.
- **Save the date! Oct. 9, 7 pm: Dave Pettigrew, an evening of worship, stories & songs at Second Congregational Church! 800 Main St, Winsted, CT**



**Celebrate
Recovery**
A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program



"Being onstage has never just been about singing songs. It's about walking into rooms full of real people with real stories, and reminding them that hope, healing, and God's presence are still alive and available."

Dave Pettigrew

Dave Pettigrew is a worship artist, songwriter, husband, father, and storyteller from New Jersey whose ministry has been shaped by years on the road and the lives he's encountered along the way. His latest album, *Live The Love*, continues the musical journey that began with *Faith & Gasoline*, blending heartfelt worship with honest, lived-in stories of faith, struggle, hope, and redemption.

This is a Free concert, but we would appreciate your free-will offering during the concert to support Dave.

- **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, October 4, 2026**. They are also requesting personal care items.
- **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](http://sccwinsted.org) 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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

Second Congregational Church—Winsted

Statement of Faith

- 1. We believe there is only one living and true God, Creator of all things, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love, eternally existing in three persons, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.**
(Ex. 20:1–6; Deut. 6:4; Ps. 96:4–5; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1; 2 Cor. 13:14)
- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and that they are the supreme authority in faith and life and absolutely trustworthy.**
(Ps. 119; Mk. 13:31; Jn. 10:35, 17:17; 2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 1Thess. 2:13)
- 3. We believe that God, in His goodness, created only two distinct and complementary genders, male and female, which is defined by one's biological sex at birth. These two genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's created order and the image of God within that person.**
(Gen. 1:26–28,31; 2:2–24; Lev 18:22–23; 20:10–21; Deut 22:5; Is3:12; Rom 1:24–27; 1Cor 6-9; 11:7; 1Tim 2:11–15)
- 4. We believe that man and woman sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and that we are all born with a sinful nature that mars God's image in us.**
(Gen 1:26–27; 2:7; 3:1–24; Ezek 13:23; Rom 5:12; Eph 2:1–3; James 3:9)
- 5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and Man.**
(Is 7:14; Matt 1:18,23; Luke 1:30–35; 2:6–7,40; John 1:14; Phil 2:6–7; Heb 1:2–5; 2:14)
- 6. We believe that, out of love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins according to the Scriptures and that all who repent of sin and place their faith in Him alone are reconciled to God by His shed blood.**
(Is 53:4–6; Mark 1:14–15; John 14:6; Rom 5:8; 8:3; 1John 4:10; 1Pet 2:24–25)
- 7. We believe that Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father to reign over all things.**
(Luke 24:1–7; John 2:19–21; Acts 1:9; Heb 4:14,10:11–13; Rev 1:17–18)
- 8. We believe that all who repent of sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, which is by grace alone through faith alone, are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God and shall not come into condemnation and that the Lord Jesus Christ gives them everlasting life.**
(John 1:12–13; 3:16–18,36; 5:24–29; 10:27–29; Acts 4:12; Rom 8:1,9–12,15–17; 10:9–11; Gal 4:24–29; Eph 1:5; 1 John 5:12–13)
- 9. We believe that Christ has called all Christians into universal fellowship in His church. This church is made up of local congregations where members worship through Word and sacrament, are trained in discipleship and are called to evangelize the world in charity.**
(Matt 16:18–19; 18:17; John 17; Acts 2:42; 6:1–6; 20:28–32; 1Cor 10:1–14:40; Eph 5:21–32; 1Thes 5:12–13; 1Tim 3:1–16; 5:17–22; Heb 10:25; 1Pet 5:1–4)
- 10. We believe that God created marriage to be a holy and lifelong covenant union, which can only be between one man and one woman who are not closely related, and that the only lawful place for intimate relations is marriage.**
(Gen 2:22–24; Ex 22:16–17; Deut 22:14; Mal 2:16; Matt 19:4–6; Eph 5:5,21–6:4; Col 3:18–21; 1Tim 1:8–10; Heb 13:4)
- 11. We believe that at The Last Day, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return according to His promise and that He will judge the world, and the saved will receive the blessing of life in His eternal kingdom and that the lost will be eternally separated from God.**
(Matt 25:31–46; Rom 8:35–39; 1Thes 4:13–17; Rev 20:12–15, 21–27)