

Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused • Christ-centered

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

October 4, 2026



“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

(Luke 6:38)

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude – Processional on “Down to the River to Pray” – Martin Ellis

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Call to Worship From Psalm 95:1–7b

Leader: O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.

People: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

People: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

People: And a great King above all gods.

Leader: In whose hand are the depths of the earth.

People: The peaks of the mountains are His also.

Leader: The sea is His, for it was He who made it,

People: And His hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Leader: For He is our God,

People: And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

***Hymn #5** (green hymnal) “Morning Has Broken”

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

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 –Mediation for Communion – Jay Althouse

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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 #408** (green hymnal) “I Surrender All”

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Scripture Reading 1 Chronicles 29:1–9

¹ Then King David said to the entire assembly, “My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for the temple is not for man, but for the Lord God. ² “Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the *things of* gold, and the silver for the *things of* silver, and the bronze for the *things of* bronze, the iron for the *things of* iron, and wood for the *things of* wood, onyx stones and inlaid *stones*, stones of antimony and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones and alabaster in abundance. ³ “Moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple, ⁴ *namely*, 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings; ⁵ of gold for the *things of* gold and of silver for the *things of* silver, that is, for all the work done by the craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?” ⁶ Then the rulers of the fathers’ *households*, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king’s work, offered willingly; ⁷ and for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron. ⁸ Whoever possessed *precious* stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, in care of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹ Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

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 1 Chronicles 29:10–17

¹⁰ So David blessed the Lord in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, “Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. ¹² “Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. ¹³ “Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name. ¹⁴ “But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You. ¹⁵ “For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶ “O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours. ¹⁷ “Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these *things*; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make *their* offerings willingly to 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.

Sermon “Giving Back What Was Never Ours”

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 - 2 Corinthians 8:9

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #526 (green hymnal) “Faith of Our Fathers”**

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***Benediction**

Musical Response

Postlude –Duke Street- arr. Peter Niedmann

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Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote
Monthly Deacon: Jeff Liskin
Monthly Assistant Deacon: Michael Killiany
Last Week's Attendance: 53
Last Week's Offering: \$1,466 (\$3300 budgeted)

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- **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.
- **Stewardship Sunday October 18, 2026**-October is the season in which we give particular attention to the call of Christian stewardship. Yet stewardship is not confined to a single month. For all who have been entrusted with the care of God's gifts, every day is a day of stewardship. We acknowledge that God is the source and owner of all we are and all we possess. Our response, therefore, is not limited to our financial giving in October, but includes the offering of our time and talents throughout the entire year. To be stewards who are pleasing to God, we rely on His help. Through the Holy Spirit working in and through His Word, we are continually renewed—shaped into people who are God-centered rather than self-centered. Because of what God has given and accomplished for us through Christ, our priorities and perspectives are transformed. God-pleasing stewards seek to honor Him in all things, living lives marked by praise, gratitude, and obedience. As we approach the time when we present our financial commitments for the coming year, let us also keep before us the broader calling of stewardship that guides us throughout our church year. Those who live with a steward's heart:
 - Stand under the authority of God's Word and trust His promises.
 - Allow their lives to be directed by God rather than by self.

- Seek the Lord's presence and strength in all things.
- Walk in the ways of the Lord.
- See every person as a beloved child of God.
- Serve faithfully within their church, family, and community.
- Give generously from grateful hearts.
- Develop their gifts and talents for God's purposes.
- Recognize the Lord's hand as their constant support.
- Rely on His grace as their daily supply.
- Manage their resources wisely and prudently.
- Extend help and compassion to those in need.

As we once again reflect on the grace extended to us through our Savior, may our hearts respond with joy as we make our annual commitment. *"May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* (Hebrews 13:20–21)

Pledge cards will be available at church over the next several weeks. Please bring your completed card with you on Stewardship Sunday, October 18th, or return it to the church office at your convenience. If you need to have a pledge card mailed to you, please call the church office at 860-379-4766. Thank you. 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.

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.
- **Children's Sermon:** Brief children's messages during the worship service (following the offering) will start back up on Oct. 11th. The kids will be invited up front to hear a short biblical lesson on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- **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.
- **Sunday School Group Special (10/18):** All three classes will come together for a special biblically educational short movie. As it will be a good opportunity for all the kids to get together, we look forward to seeing all the children.
- **Children's Church:** Although regularly scheduled children's church will be put on pause, due to the number of kids who remain in the regular service, sessions will be made available at the request of parents. Please speak to John C if you'd like this made available for your child.

➤ Nursery is also open for parents if they need to bring infants or toddlers down (includes a sound monitor with volume control to hear the service/sermon).

Youth Group Calendar—Sep.-Oct.

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

Day	Date	Time	Event
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

- **Save the date! Oct. 9, 7 pm: Dave Pettigrew, an evening of worship, stories & songs at Second Congregational Church! 800 Main St, Winsted, CT**



"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.

- **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.
- **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, November 1, 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.



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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

Church Staff

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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)