Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused • Christ-centered



Worship Service: 10:00 AM
November 22, 2026

*"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (*1 Thessalonians 5:18*)*

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude – Reflection on "We Gather Together" - David Lasky
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Call to Worship (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 #387** (green hymnal) "We Gather Together"
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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Special Music Michael & Denise Killiany
"Give Thanks" - Henry Smith
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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 – Let All Things Now Living - arr. Darcy Stanley

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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**

Children's Sermon – (*We invite all children to come forward for a short message.)*

***Hymn** (see insert) "Goodness of God"

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Scripture Reading Habakkuk 3:16–19

16 I heard and my inward parts trembled, At the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, And in my
place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, For the people to arise *who* will invade
us. 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, *Though* the yield of the
olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there
be no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord
God is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' *feet,* And makes me walk on my high places. For
the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

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: Luke 17:11–19

11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As He entered a
village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; 13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus,
Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the
priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. 15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been
healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to
Him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the
nine—where are they? 18 "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" 19
And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

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 Thanks in Every Circumstance"

***Hymn #690** (green hymnal) "America, the Beautiful"

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***Benediction**

Musical Response

Postlude – Thanksgiving Praise - Lani Smith

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Sermon Notes:

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Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote
Monthly Deacon: Jeff Stannard
Monthly Assistant Deacon: Vicki Atkins
Last Week's Attendance: 53
Last Week's Offering: $2,691.93 ($3300 budgeted)

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Important Notices

- **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**: *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. Philippians 1:21-22.*

  These words of Paul are very powerful. To live is Christ: The Apostle Paul views his entire earthly life as completely devoted to, defined by, and centered on Jesus Christ!
  To die is gain: Physical death holds no terror for him because it means entering the immediate presence of Christ, which is far better.
  We all need to examine our hearts and work on "living for Christ." There are many competing messages in the world, but the message in the Bible is clear. We are called to ask for forgiveness from our sin, believe in Christ and follow Him, love our neighbor and share the Gospel with others. Some ways that we can encourage our faith are to attend church regularly to worship the Lord and support our fellow believers, read the Bible and attend a Bible study to strengthen our walk, and to love our neighbor by serving. There are many opportunities for you to serve here at Second Congregational Church. We are looking for people to serve on the Finance Board, Board of Deacons and Board of Christian Education.
  Please consider helping on one of these boards. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. I encourage you to seek me out to have a conversation about ways that you feel God is calling you to serve.

  Blessings to you all this coming Advent season as we all focus on the joys of the coming celebration of the birth of our Savior!
  Bonnie Sterpka
- **The Board of Deacons:** The Diaconate is accepting nominations from the congregation to fill one or two positions of Deacon. If you know someone who is a mature Christian and has the heart to serve the Lord, please drop their name in the box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Self-nominations are welcomed. You can nominate anonymously.

Upcoming Events This Week

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study is from 9:00am-9:45am.**
- **There will be no Evening Bible Study or Prayer Group this Wednesday, November 25th.**
- **Monday - Celebrate Recovery** – 7:00 PM (led by Jeff Liskin, Sr., downstairs)

Christian Education and Youth Events

- **Youth Group:** Will meet following the worship service at 11:30am. We look forward to seeing you for a special Bible activity and snacks.
- **Children's Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 20 10:00am**
  Our children will present the nativity story through narration and illustration, telling the birth of Jesus and the events surrounding it.
  - **Rehearsals:** Children and youth should plan to attend on December 6, 13, and 20 at 9:00 am for rehearsals and dress fittings.
  - **Volunteers:** We'd love your help! Speak with Bonnie S. or John C. to learn how you can support our children this year.
- **Sunday School Holiday Break**: There will be no classes from December 27 through January 17. Classes resume Sunday, January 24.

Youth Group Calendar — Nov.- December Request Youth Group is open to grades 6 and up—We Welcome you to Join Us!			
Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	Nov. 22nd	11:30am-12:45pm	Youth Group – Bible Activities, Snacks
Sunday	Nov. 29th	9:00am – 9:45am	Youth Pageant Prep
Sunday	Dec. 6th, 13th , 20th	9:00am – 9:45am	Pageant Practice (costume fittings, rehearsals)
Sunday	Dec. 13th	9:00am – 9:45am	Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday	Dec. 20th	10:00am ----------	(9:00am - Full Dress Rehearsal!) Christmas Pageant
Sunday	Dec. 27th		Holiday Break

Men's and Women's Fellowship

- **Men's Fellowship Upcoming Events:**
  - December 10, 6:00-8:00 pm - Regional Men's Christmas Dinner, Location: Greenwoods Country Club (Sign up: ASAP in the Fellowship Hall/ Tickets: $32.00 make checks made payable to SCCW)
  - February 13, 8:30 am - Quarterly Men's Breakfast
- **Women's Fellowship Upcoming Events:**
  - The Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring an informal **Christmas Carol Sing-along on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. Cocoa and cookies will be served afterward. We are looking for donations of cookies, and a few volunteers to assist with the refreshments. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to invite any family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors you think might enjoy this free holiday event. The More the Merrier!



Please join us for this all-church event, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship Group!

  - **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

- **A New Life Needs Your Help:** A new baby brings joy, excitement, and plenty of preparations! One of our congregation members is expecting a baby boy in January, and we would love to help make this special time a little easier for her.
  She has been out of work for some time and will face an extended period without employment as she prepares for the arrival of her little one. The Board of Deacons would like to lend a helping hand, and we are reaching out

to our church family for support.
We believe that monetary donations will be the most helpful way to assist her in getting ready for the baby's arrival. Beginning next week, special donation envelopes will be available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Simply place your contribution in an envelope and put it in the collection plate next Sunday.
We will be collecting donations through the end of November. Once the collection is complete, the Deacons will use the funds to purchase items needed for the new baby.
Every gift, no matter the amount, will be a wonderful expression of love and support. Thank you for helping us welcome this little one and for showing care and kindness to a member of our church family!

- **Feed Our Neighbors Food Challenge!** The Missions Board and the Board of Deacons have teamed up once again for our **Second Annual Feed Our Neighbors Food Challenge!** This year, we're adding a fun new twist!
  Starting next week, you'll see signs displayed on the wall in the Fellowship Hall, each featuring the name of one of our church boards or committees. The challenge? See which board or committee can build the tallest tower of food beneath its sign!
  Everyone is invited to join in the fun by bringing in non-perishable food items or personal care products and adding them to the tower of your choice. Whether you're supporting your favorite board or simply want to help make a difference, every donation counts!
  This friendly competition is about more than building the tallest tower. It's an opportunity for our congregation to come together, support our neighbors in need, and make a meaningful difference in our community.
  All donations collected will go to the Winsted Salvation Army Food Bank.
  Let's see how tall we can build those towers—and how much good we can do together!
- **The Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for 2027 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, December 6, 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 and click the link "Support Our Church and Ministries." You may also download the Vanco mobile app onto 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.
- **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.

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Church Email: info@sccwinsted.org
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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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 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)



A little information about the poinsettia flower you might not know:

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are somethings thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity.

If you would like to order a memorial poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas services, please complete the form below and attach payment of **$16.00 per plant**, made payable to the Second Congregational Church.

Please return the form to the church office no later than **Sunday, Dec. 6th** for your information to be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday bulletins.

If you have any questions please email or call the church office:
Email: info@sccwinsted.org Phone: (860) 379-4766

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I wish to order (no.) _____poinsettia(s) for the following:

In memory or honor or celebration of:

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Please PRINT names and occasion clearly

Amount enclosed:_____ ($16.00 per plant)

____I will pick up my plant(s).

____Please deliver my plant(s) to a shut-in.

Given by:_____

Phone:_____Email:_____

(Return form with payment to church office by Dec. 6)