

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following service today.

**The Chapel Stitchers are meeting today,** January 12th following coffee hour in the Chapel.

We are **looking for volunteers to help with coffee hour** during the month of January. Please sign up on the board in Fellowship Hall if you're interested in helping.

**Save the Date:** our **Souper Bowl of Caring** Food Drive and Soup Luncheon will be held on **February 9th** in Fellowship Hall after service.

**Exciting Announcement! We are forming a new Youth Group!** The first step is to meet with 6th - 12th graders and find out what they would like the focus of the group to be and find out when is the best time to meet.

There will be a **brief meeting after worship on Sunday, January 26th** for the youth and their parents. Once we have input, we will set up a schedule for meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Pat: revpatnicholas@nmchurch.org, 203-770-1885, or Hannah Albright: albrighth1300@gmail.com, 203-240-2014.

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”*



**First Congregational Church of New Milford**  
**January 12, 2025**

**WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE** *In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust/J.C. Bach*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Leader: It is right and good to give God thanks and praise.

**All: Let us praise and thank the Lord. Let us worship God together.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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#### Today's Service

Deacon on Duty	Hannah Albright
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Ushers	Council Chairs
Scripture Reader	Gail Peck
Acolytes	Christian Metz & Georgia Bradley Lisk

## GLORIA PATRI\*

*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.*

## HYMN\*

*Sing of God Made Manifest #176*

## INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

**Living God, creator of heaven and earth, our lives are in your strong, loving hands. We give thanks that you are with us amid all the pressures of daily work and amid all the tasks of home and family. And now we come from our different ways to the calm and quiet of this hour to worship you. We thank you for this time to proclaim your word, to listen to it and to receive it in our hearts. Lift us from all preoccupation with ourselves to the wonder of your greatness, care and love. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray:**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten/John Carter*

## Song of Presentation\*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Offering Prayer\*

**Lord, make us thankful. Make us faithful. Make us loving. We express our gratitude to you with our gifts. Use them for your work through this church. Amen.**

## HYMN\*

*What was Your Vow and Vision? #177*

*Church School children will process to the Parish House during the last verse.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

Choral Response

**SERMON** *Life Lessons from the Parables of Jesus: Good Neighbor Policy*

Choral Response

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## HYMN\*

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #265*

**BENEDICTION\*** - spoken and sung

## POSTLUDE

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star/J.C. Bach*

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

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**All Are Welcome Here:** For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

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