

THE SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Established November 13, 1771

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME

WE ARE AN ACTIVE CHURCH - FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

PASSING THE PEACE and MOMENT OF CENTERING

ONE: Peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you!**

MOMENT OF CENTERING

*We invite you to listen to the music and abide in God's presence.*

PRELUDE

O Welt Ich Muss Dich Lassen

Johannes Brahms

**GATHERING and PRAYING**

\*HYMN #273

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Lauda Anima

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.**

Leader: Earth's children, high and low,  
take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: We feast on the abundance of your house;  
you give us drink from your river of delights.**

**All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.  
Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!<sup>1</sup>**

\*INTROIT                      Send Me                      Rachel Aarons

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

**We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ, you have touched us with your Spirit; we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM                      Loving Shepherd                      From Cantata 208, J. S. Bach

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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 our debts as we forgive our debtors, and 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                      Amen                      Gerald Finzi

\*HYMN #489                      I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say                      Kingsfold

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**REFLECTING**

SCRIPTURE

[Psalm 19](#) and [Luke 4:14-21](#)

Clif Mills

MEDITATION

Rev. Richard Slater

**COMMITTING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lobe Den Herren

Johann Walther

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Loving God, receive these gifts and offerings as signs of our love for you, and of our commitment to seeing ‘your kingdom come, and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’ We offer these gifts in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen**

\*HYMN #432

Tis Winter Now; the Fallen Snow

Danby

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Nicholas Bowden

*We invite you to be seated to listen to the postlude;  
if you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.*

**\*As comfortable, please rise.**

## **WELCOME to Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC**

*Please join us in the Undercroft for refreshment and fellowship after worship.*

**We welcome Rev. Richard Slater** and thank him for leading us in worship.  
Rev. Slater has agreed to serve as regular pulpit supply through mid-June 2025.

**We want you to hear all parts of today's service!** If you have difficulty hearing any part of our worship service, please let an usher know so we can fix it!

**We have THREE types of bulletins each week** including youth bulletins for puzzle minded folk and young at heart which are available each week in person and digitally with [this link](#).

**Prayer Requests:** If you would like to make a prayer request to be lifted during worship, please write it down on the "prayer request" sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Those at home can email [prayerrequests@uccsanbornton.org](mailto:prayerrequests@uccsanbornton.org) or fill out a [prayer request](#) from our website.

**Thank you** to today's **ushers** Barbara Osler & Cheryl Provost and today's **reader** Clif Mills.

**Read our history, listen to our organ, keep up to date on events and re-watch a service through our many platforms.**

Visit our website

[www.uccsanbornton.org](http://www.uccsanbornton.org)

Follow us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch](http://www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch)

Watch us on our **NEW** YouTube Channel

[www.youtube.com/@SanborntonCongregationalChurch](http://www.youtube.com/@SanborntonCongregationalChurch)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

To the members of the Sanbornton Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, pursuant to the Bylaws, you are hereby notified of the 254th Annual Meeting to be held after worship on January 26, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kim E. Bossey*

Clerk

### **SAVE THE DATES**

- ★ Sunday, January 26, 2025 - 254th Annual Meeting after church  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81439865849?pwd=lvTFW8XlrQjJX5iA3a86J3idr4fcW9.1>  
Meeting ID: 814 3986 5849  
Passcode: 976785
- ★ Saturday, February 1, 2025, 1 pm - Memorial Service for Dave Hart  
In person and on our YouTube channel  
[www.youtube.com/@SanborntonCongregationalChurch](http://www.youtube.com/@SanborntonCongregationalChurch)
- ★ Saturday, February 8, 2025 - tentative date for Vision 2026
- ★ Saturday, February 22, 2025 - [Prepared to Serve at Pembroke Academy](#)
- ★ Sunday, March 16, 2025 - Merrimack Association Thanksgiving and Celebration hosted at Sanbornton Congregational Church at 2 pm

**PEW CARDS** can be filled out and added to the collection plate when it is passed.

### **Keeping in Touch - Thank you for keeping us in-the-know!**

Do you have some news to share? If you want to share news, you can let us know by filling out the [form linked here](#).

With your permission, we will add your news to the next Belfry.



**Wildfire Relief: Call to Prayer and Action** The United Church of Christ (UCC) is actively responding to the devastating wildfires that have ravaged Los Angeles County since January 7, 2025. With nearly 30,000 acres consumed and 180,000 people displaced, these fires represent the largest disaster in the county's history. To learn how you can contribute to the relief efforts, please visit the [UCC's California Wildfires 2025 Appeal page](#). Your support and prayers are vital in bringing hope and healing to those affected by this disaster.

### **YouTube Channel NEWS**

Our OLD channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNgHw>. You will still see our old services there.

Our **NEW channel** is [www.youtube.com/@SanborntonCongregationalChurch](http://www.youtube.com/@SanborntonCongregationalChurch)

You will see our weekly service on the NEW channel.

If you haven't updated this link, please click it and SUBSCRIBE. :-)

**Seekers will start meeting again in 2025 after a brief hiatus.** They will resume meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 10 am in the Undercroft in FEBRUARY. All are welcome.

**Fellowship Snacks** - The Hospitality committee welcomes your donation of snacks for our weekly time of fellowship after church. Please join us after worship today for hot coffee, tea and a tasty treat or two.

**Announcements and calendar additions for Sunday's bulletin** can be submitted by Friday at 9 am through [administrator@uccsanbornton.org](mailto:administrator@uccsanbornton.org) or by contacting Sue Long.

**First Fruits** is always in need of and grateful for our contributions, especially toiletries. **Belknap House** is in need of **cleaning supplies**. Donations can be placed in the appropriate receptacles which are in the back of the sanctuary.

**Winter Weather Closings:** Watch for an email announcement in your email or check WMUR for church status on Sundays **and** other days with scheduled events. On Sundays, an email will be sent out and the announcement will be on WMUR by 7:30 AM. If our Pastor, Organist and Media Specialist are able to make it to the church there will be a notice of "Online Services" and if they are unable to make it to church "Church Services will be Closed" will be the notice. Please check these sources for information.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

### Sanbornton Public Library

Tuesdays 10-12pm: Fiber Arts: Stitch, knit, spin with us!

Fridays 10:30am: Storytime for children 0-6 with stories and songs.

Thursdays 2-4pm: Learn and play Mahjong, ask at the circulation desk.

**Tech Appointments are available by request, no question is too small.**

#### Winter Programs:

- Sat. 2/1 from 10am-1pm: Take Your Child to the Library Day
- Thurs. 2/13 at 3:30pm: Open Chess for all ages and abilities held on 2nd Thursday of the month
- Wed.2/26 at 6pm: Book Discussion of The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

### Granite VNA offers an in-person series "Powerful Tools for Family Caregivers"

Designed for family caregivers who could benefit from encouraging words and resources. This in-person series will take place at Bow Mills United Methodist Church January 22-February 26 1:00-2:30 pm; registration is open NOW. To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664, visit [granitevna.org/calendar](https://www.granitevna.org/calendar), or scan QR code.

They also offer a monthly Caregiver Connection support group on ZOOM; the next meeting is January 23, 2025. Register here:

<https://www.granitevna.org/event/online-caregiver-connection-8/>



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### January 2025

26	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Richard Slater</i> <b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b>
26	Sunday	After worship	Annual Meeting - hybrid Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81439865849?pwd=lvTFW8XlrQjJX5iA3a86J3idr4fcW9.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81439865849?pwd=lvTFW8XlrQjJX5iA3a86J3idr4fcW9.1</a> Meeting ID: 814 3986 5849 Passcode: 976785
26	Sunday	After annual meeting	Virtual Coffee Hour - join us at our Talking Table <a href="https://meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf">meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf</a>
30	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

### February 2025

1	Saturday	1:00 pm	A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life of David Bonhurst Hart <b>in person and on YouTube</b>
2	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Richard Slater</i> <b>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b>
2	Sunday	After church	Virtual Coffee Hour - join us at our Talking Table <a href="https://meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf">meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf</a>
3	Monday	7:00 pm	Old Home Day Committee Meeting in the Undercroft
5	Wednesday	10:00 am	Seekers - meet in the Undercroft
6	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

A complete listing of events (with links) can be found on our website on the calendar.



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