

First Church of Winsted
A Place to Belong

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Come...be uplifted by
the Spirit and strive to
follow God's path for you!



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Grace and peace to each of you,

The doors of First Church are finally open for worship. COVID19 will alter the way we worship, serve, study, and have fellowship, but it will not stop us. Just because there are limitations, it should not diminish our fervor or faith. Worship is all about giving thanks and praise to God for His greatness, wonder, and eternal love for all.

Our return to worship will be accented with cloth masks, perfumed with hand sanitizers, and devoid of hugs and kisses; nevertheless, we should imitate the worship of the Israelites after their release from bondage in Babylon and Persia.

In the case of the Jews, they had been restricted from worship for 70 years. Imagine being prevented from entering the sanctuary, praying, singing, reading the scripture, or worshipping the Lord throughout 70-years of captivity. After they were released, Temple reconstruction began, and after they had only laid the foundation, they worshipped as though they were imitating Prince's song titled, "1999." "1999" is a secular song anticipating the year 2000; nevertheless, his lyrics were prophetic, here's the chorus:

***"Cuz they say...(2000 zero zero party over oops out of time
So tonight I'm gonna party like it's 1999)."¹***

COVID19 invaded our neighborhoods and some of our families, but it increased our faith and thanksgiving for God's goodness. Ours has not have been as dreadful an experience as that of the Israelites; after all, we used and will continue using Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube to celebrate our faith.

Nevertheless, our return to worship will be a meaningful celebration the joy of the Lord. I hope you will come expecting a celebration similar to the Jews in Ezra 3:10-11

"When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord...with praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: 'He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.' And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord..."

We look forward to seeing all of you whether at home or in the pews.

So, let's do it, let's sing to the Lord that He is good, and perhaps even give a great shout of praise to the Lord, as though we were living in a post COVID19 world!

Pastor Kap

¹ <https://genius.com/Prince-1999-lyrics>



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Zoom Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8603791778>

Meeting ID:
8603791778

Password:
8771

Church News...

First Church Reopening Protocols

Entrances and Exits

- Please observe social distancing as you enter and exit the building
- The back door/ handicapped entrance will be available to those who need
- All other worshippers are encouraged to enter through the Main entrance into the Narthex
- The door at the Gathering Room will not be available as an entrance for services
- All who enter will have their temperature taken by our new laser thermometers
- Hand sanitizer is available at each entrance
- Offering baskets are available at each entrance
- For those who are able, use of face masks or face covering is requested
- If you do not have a mask, we have a limited supply available to provide

The Sanctuary

- Social distance seating has been established and will be clearly marked at the time of service
- Family groups are encouraged sit together
- Anthems and hymns will *not* be sung live until it is determined safe to do so in a group setting
- Service music will still consist of live instrumentals and prerecorded videos
- Hymn lyrics and prayers will still be available both on screen and in the worship guide, and may be spoken aloud
- The Sunday School restart will follow the reopening schedule of the local school system

Restrooms

- The new Handicapped bathroom will be the only facility available at this time
- Disinfectant wipes and spray are available in the restroom additionally

Sanitizing the Building

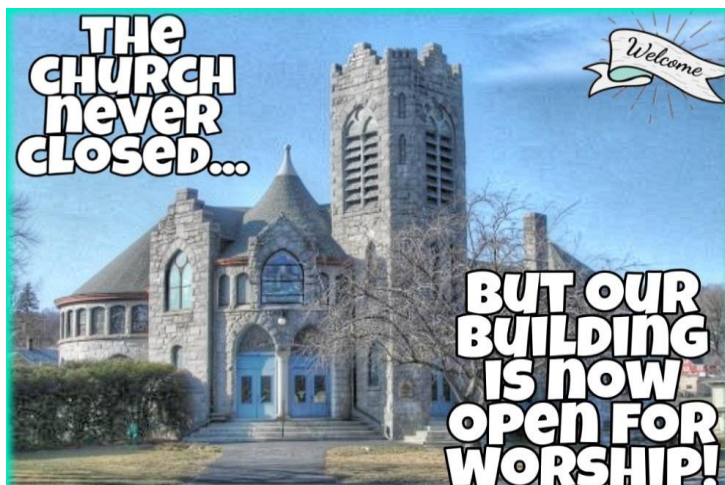
- All common areas of contact will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each service

As always, your decision to attend will be dependent on your level of comfort in public gathering

Virtual Worship will still continue via Zoom and recorded on YouTube and Facebook for whoever is not able or not comfortable attending in person services at this time

Note: printed sermon transcripts are also available by request and can be mailed or emailed

**The church never closed but our building is now open for worship!*



Check us out online!

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Like us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/joy2praise>

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2zenlICU73lhaxeefJlo1A>



June 26th at 5:30 PM via Zoom!

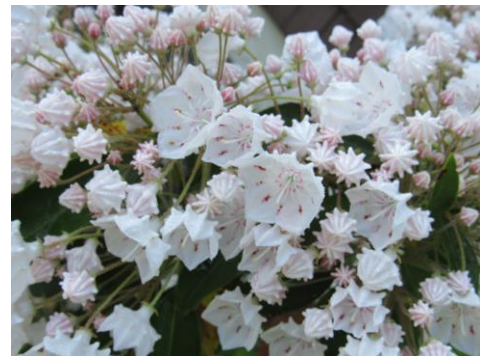
*For more information contact
Lisa Nanni or Kim Janak*



**Monday Evenings via Zoom at
7:00 PM. See link above.**



Is currently CANCELLED until further notice.



Worship Choir Anthems will be recorded for virtual choir presentation by Frank Artruc. Frank is enjoying working with new software to bring more music into our worship services!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 - Courtney Kane
06 - Ronda LeKang
06 - Alexandra Artruc
08 - Paul Richards
10 - Paul Richards, Jr.
10 - Samuel Stover
11 - Cat Wu
12 - Patty McAllister
13 - Cyndi Deluca
14 - Martha Rein
16 - Bruce Sherman
22 - Sarah Stover
22 - Brittaney Gilbert
25 - Amethyst Steele
28 - Robin Hassig
29 - Penelope Rein



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 03 - Charles & Laura McCaw
♥ 12 - Bud & Lynda Roberts
♥ 22 - Dan & Denise Jones
♥ 23 - Cindy & Steve Roys
♥ 26 - Duane & Brandy Blische
♥ 26 - Mary Pat & Skip Fredericksen



Muddy Boots will be rehearsing and recording selections at a time convenient to them.





June 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Artist: Karen Delton</p>	1	2 Cabinet 7:00 pm Zoom Worship Choir 5:30 pm Zoom Courtney Kane	3 World Environment Day ♥ Charles & Laura McCaw	4	5	6 VE Day Alexandra Artruc Rhonda LeKang
7 Zoom Worship Service 10:00 am Pentecost	8 Paul Richards Samuel Stover	9 Cabinet 7:00 pm Zoom Worship Choir 5:30 pm Zoom	10 Paul Richards, Jr. Samuel Stover	11 Cat Wu	12 Flag Day ♥ Bud & Lynda Roberts Patty McAllister	13  STEAM VENT Cancelled until Further notice Cyndi Deluca
14 Zoom Worship Service 10:00 am Martha Rein	15	16 Cabinet 7:00 pm Zoom Worship Choir 5:30 pm Zoom Bruce Sherman	17	18 World Refugee Day	19 Summer Solstice	20
21 Welcome Back! Worship Service Live & Zoom 10:00 am Father's Day	22 ♥ Dan & Denise Jones Brittaney Gilbert Sarah Stover	23 Cabinet 7:00 pm Zoom Worship Choir 5:30 pm Zoom ♥ Steve & Cindi Roys	24 Alanon 8:00 pm	25 Amethyst Steele	26 Faith & Fun Night 5:30 – 8 pm ♥ Duane & Brandy Blische ♥ Skip & Mary Pat Fredericksen	27
28 Worship Service Live & Zoom 10:00 am Robin Hassig	29 Penelope Rein	30		June Birthstone: Alexandrite 	June Flower: Rose 	Astrological Signs Gemini: May 20 - Jun 20 Cancer: Jun 20 – Jul 21



Artist: Karen Delton

Interim Pastor - Elder Kenric Austin Prescott, M.S.W., M.Div.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM

Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month

Sunday School & Nursery Care -

Currently Cancelled

Coffee Hour - Current Cancelled

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