

# *MIRACULOUS ABUNDANCE*



*JANUARY 11, 2026*

South Congregational Church, UCC

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*Welcome to South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ! Whoever you are, whatever your faith tradition, whatever creed you profess, whatever your age, ability, race, sexual orientation or gender expression: You are welcome here!*

**Worship Service for January 11, 2026 - Horton Center  
Sunday  
Led by Tivvi Paré**

PRELUDE

The Hudson

Ola Gjeilo

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The bell is ringing! It is time to gather.

**People: We come from the busyness of our lives to find rest and renewal.**

Leader: Come to the warmth of the campfire, where stories are shared and community is built.

**People: We come seeking the light of God's love and the fellowship of one another.**

Leader: Open your eyes to the wonder of creation; the immense mountains, the impossibly tall trees, the sound of the water, the whisper of the wind.

**People: We open our hearts to see and hear God's**

**presence all around us.**

Leader: God calls us to a place of joy, adventure, and faith.  
Let us worship God together!

**All: With faith and thanksgiving, we come!**

**\*HYMN**

We Come From the Mountain

**UNISON PRAYER**

**God of steady mountains and towering peaks, fill us with strength and serenity.**

**God of burbling brooks and rushing rivers, let Your love flow within us.**

**God of crackling campfires, draw us nearer to You, source of light and warmth.**

**God of star-filled skies, fill us with awe at the beauty of Your creation.**

**Gather us in love and peace as we worship You. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**May the Peace of Christ be with you, with response:  
And also with you.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*(After the Children's Message, our children are invited to go to Sunday School downstairs)*

CHORAL ANTHEM

All Shall Be Well

by Russell Schulz-Widmar

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

Bonnie Ota

SERMON

"Miraculous Abundance"

Tivvi Paré

\*HYMNPass It On (*see insert*)PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father-Mother in Heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in  
Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Unclouded Day

arr. Joel Raney

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SUNG DOXOLOGY

\*HYMNIf I Had a Hammer (*see insert*)

\*SUNG BENEDICTION Shalom My Friends

POSTLUDE Plenty Good Room arr. Lloyd Larson

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*



Flowers this week are kindly donated by  
Genesis Circle  
*“In Celebration of South Church.”*

**Pianist:** Abigail Charbeneau  
**Music Director:** Sue Berlenbach  
**Christian Education Director:** Julia Wagner  
**Memorial Bells Director:** Carlene Ruesenberg  
**Livestream Technician:** Walton Irvine  
**Sexton:** Walton Irvine

**Today's Participants:**  
**Guest Pastor:** Tivvi Paré  
**Lay Leader:** Bonnie Ota  
**Ushers:** Sally Bird

**Worship & Spiritual Life Rep:** Linda Kenison  
**Collections & Deposits:** Christine Frost and Richard Nelson  
**Assistive Listening:** Suzanne Winchester

**IMPORTANT INFO FOR ASSISTIVE LISTENING USERS:**

**Please use our new Wi-Fi connection:**  
**Netgear47**  
**Password (all lower-case letters):**  
**sweetwater840**

**Need Help?** Please speak to the Assistive Listening Assistant at the back of the sanctuary.

## *Guest Pastor: Tivvi Paré*



Tivvi Paré (she/her) is the Executive Director of Horton Center. She was born and raised in Nashua, NH. Tivvi attended Clemson University where she earned two degrees in elementary education and went on to teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Tivvi

grew up attending Horton Center as a camper, and has been on staff since 2016. Her favorite camp activities involve hiking with her collie mix Zimmi, sleeping out under the stars, and jumping into the refreshing Peabody river for a swim! Tivvi believes camp is a place where everyone can experience the transformative, affirming power of community and where we can all explore our beliefs in a gorgeous mountaintop "thin place."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 11th, 2026

**PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING REV. DR. BETH DONALDSON AS TRANSITIONAL MINISTER** next week! **On Sunday, January 18th**, following worship, we invite you to a reception and potluck. Let's all give Beth a warm South Church welcome!

If you are interested in **contributing a dish** to the potluck, please visit [www.southchurchconcord.org](http://www.southchurchconcord.org) and sign up on our main page. Thank you!

**CRAFTERS INVITED** Some South Church knitters are having a casual gathering **this afternoon from 2-4PM**. All crafters are welcome, just bring whatever you are working on and join us! Any questions? Talk to Pam Young 603-568-2312 or Betsy Clardy 603-496-8051

### **IMMIGRATION CLASSES TO RESUME**

Fellowship Hall 8:45-9:45am

JAN 25, 2026: Session 6: Discussion: Community Outreach

Discussion: Creation of a Covenant

Congratulations to South Church's own **GRAY FITZGERALD ON THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF HIS BOOK**, *Capitalism Converts Christianity*. All are cordially invited to join Gray at **Gibson's Bookstore on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm** for a book

discussion and signing!

## **PHOTO EXHIBIT: DIFFERENT ROOTS, COMMON DREAMS**

Becky Field's color photographs of NH's immigrant communities will be on display in the Williamson Gallery, 4th floor, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH, from **Jan 4 through Mar 31**. Her work, "Different Roots, Common Dreams," documents the vitality and diversity of our immigrant neighbors. Her 34 photos show families, children, workplaces, and traditional ceremonies.

The opening reception is on Tuesday, Jan 13, 4:30-6pm, in the Williamson Gallery (1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH). All are welcome! For questions, contact Becky at 603-568-3174.

**GENESIS CIRCLE WILL BE MEETING** on **Thursday, February 5** in Classroom 6 at Noon. Bring your own lunch. Speaker to be announced.

**MOMENT FOR MISSION:** The Faith in Action (FIA) Moment for Mission for January is **Waypoint NH** and its annual diaper drive to help families in need.

South Church will be collecting diapers of all sizes during the month of January to give to Waypoint NH to distribute to

families for free. Waypoint NH supports an average of 65-75 families each month with free diapers and wipes, making them available for any family with children 5 and under. Donations can be left in the large boxes in the church's side entry. Thank you for your support!

**VIRTUAL OFFERING PLATE** To make an online donation, please use the “Donate” button on the front page of our website ([www.southchurchconcord.org](http://www.southchurchconcord.org)) to reach the current donation link, or mail/drop off a check at the office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## **SAFE CHURCH TRAININGS FOR YOUTH PROGRAM**

**VOLUNTEERS** Beginning **January 4th and continuing through June**, South Church will offer Safe Church Trainings on the first Sunday of each month. These sessions are required for anyone interested in volunteering with any of our youth programs. Trainings will be held at 9:00 AM, just before worship, and will last approximately 30–45 minutes. If you feel called to support our children and youth, we’d love to have you join us!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES** Do you enjoy spending time with kids and helping them grow in their faith? We’re looking for **Sunday School teachers, nursery attendants, and youth group advisors** to join our amazing team! The only requirements are:

- A love for children
- Completion of our Safe Church compliance training

Whether you can help weekly or just occasionally, we'd love to have you involved. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Julia Wagner at [cedirector@southchurchconcord.org](mailto:cedirector@southchurchconcord.org). Thank you for supporting the next generation of our church family!

**JANUARY OFFICE UPDATE** **Michelle Johnson**, our part-time Church Bookkeeper, is continuing as our acting **Office Manager**; **Mariah** has returned to the Administrative Assistant's chair part-time with aspirations to come back full time as she heals; and we extend a warm welcome to **Victoria**, who is providing invaluable assistance in the office during this time of transition and renewal for the church!

Office hours will vary based on availability--we appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Michelle at [bookkeeper@southchurchconcord.org](mailto:bookkeeper@southchurchconcord.org) or by calling the Church's main number, 603-224-2521.

## **EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE**

If you have a death in the family, a sudden hospitalization or other significant life crisis, please call 603-333-5812 to reach our emergency On-Call Pastor.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a transition in life and would like a visit with one of our trained Lay Ministry Volunteers, please call and leave a message at the office (603-224-2521) or give Toni Callahan a call. Her number can be found in the Church Directory.

**USHERS & LAY LEADERS NEEDED** The 2026 signup sheet for worship volunteers is now live at <https://volunteersignup.org/F48LL>

Participating is simple: Ushers greet and hand out bulletins to worshippers at the door and assist with the Invitation to Generosity; and Lay Leaders are invited to read one or two passages of scripture from the pulpit.

Thank you for contributing to these essential parts of worship!

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have Prayer Requests, please fill out the yellow bookmarks in the pews and place them in the basket on the Altar.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to contribute to worship by purchasing a flower arrangement for the Altar, please contact Linda Gray at [RevLinGray@yahoo.com](mailto:RevLinGray@yahoo.com) to choose a date.