

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

*An Open & Affirming Congregation and
A Caring & Welcoming Community*

Worship at 10:00 AM

January 11, 2026

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As a caring and welcoming community, using the Bible as a resource and the teachings of Jesus as our guide, we joyfully welcome everyone into our Christian community, regardless of race, ethnicity, class, age, mental status, family structure, physical or mental ability, religious background or theological perspective, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. As Christian disciples, we invite all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, worship, sacraments, blessings and joys of our congregation.

** All who are able, please stand*



Gathering

Shyanne Slinko

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: You who created the heavens and stretched them out above us, you who spread out the earth beneath our feet and summoned sprouts and shoots,

All: Breathe life into us, God who creates!

One: You who came to the river, you who sought the Baptizer and the Jordan waters,

All: Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ!

One: You who soared through the heavens, you who hovered and rested upon Jesus,

All: Alight upon us today, Spirit of God, Heaven's Dove.

Opening Prayer (unison)

You who call us, we come before you in answer to your call in our life. You created the heavens and the earth and placed us here for life and hope. We know your dream for a world that is righteous and just, a world you promise will come to pass. Breathe your Spirit upon us again and again, and bring to life our passion for your bold vision. In the name of Jesus, who descended into the waters of baptism to show us the way to righteousness, and of the Soaring Spirit, who alights upon those who arise from these life-giving waters. Amen.

*Hymn:

Beautiful Jesus

NCH #44

Scripture:

Psalm 29^{NRSVUE}

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD,
over mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full
of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars
of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes
the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the Lord
causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple, all say,
“Glory!” ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king
forever. ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people
with peace!

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

*Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 1) NCH #82

Scripture:

Matthew 3:13-17^{NRSVUE}

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.
¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do
you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for
us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus
had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were
opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on
him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with
whom I am well pleased.”

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs. 1,3,5) NCH #290

Pastoral Prayer — Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

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 us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Offertory

Jonathan McDowell - soloist

*Doxology (sung to tune of Old 100th)

*To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God of bold visions, you love all peoples and nations, seeking a world where
everyone flourishes. Use us and our gifts for the newness you declare
possible. Make this newness spring forth in and through us. Amen.**

*Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light of God NCH #526

Benediction

*Benediction Response Amen NCH #812

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Abundant God, your blessings and righteousness are bountiful in our lives. May these gifts bear good fruit as they go forth, that peace may come, that creation may be healed, and that those who cry for justice may be heard. Amen.

Postlude Shyanne Slinko

Announcements

Worshiping with children/youth or new to our church? Welcome! Scan this QR code to find our Child and Family Information page to learn about things like worship resources, Sunday School/nursery, and where to find bathrooms/changing tables.



Thank you for your ongoing support of the Cranston Interfaith Food Pantry. During the cold winter months please consider donating hot soups especially in the months of February and March. There also continues to be a need for canned tuna and chicken, small containers of mayonnaise to add to make sandwiches would be wonderful. Cereals both hot and cold, peanut butter and Pancake mix that requires water for mixing, maple syrup and boxed milk. Hot beverage items such as instant and regular coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Woodridge Church has the second Saturday of each month to dispense the donated food at the Cranston Interfaith Food Pantry from 9:45am to noon. Please sign up to give 2 – 2 1/2 hours of your time to assist with getting this food sorted and packed so that families can benefit from all that is donated. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank You.

The Grief Support Group Meets Thursday afternoons, 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the Conference Room of the church. Access is via the Jackson Road entrance. This gathering is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

Quilty pleasures Quilt Guild Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month 6-9pm. Cost is \$5.00 to attend applied to annual dues. All experiences WELOCOME, New or Advanced. For questions contact: RPlottner@gmail.com

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Jay Bombardier

Ushers: Debbie Scipione, Eileen Phaneuf,
Lou Beneduce, Richard Jordan

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Coffee, Juice, and snacks in Fellowship Hall
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