



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, January 12th, 2025, 10:00am
Baptism of the Lord

**Out of clutter: simplicity.
From discord: harmony.
In difficulty lies opportunity.**
—*Wheeler on Einstein*

Order of Worship

CHORAL INTROIT No. 174 **“Amen, Amen”**

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

READING OF THE WARRANT *for Annual Meeting*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Notices for the program, ministries and people of the church are shared

GATHERING TIME HYMN No. 369 **A New Commandment**

We greet and sing together with our little ones before CKC

*HYMN No. 26 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you are the Lord of creation. You are the source of our life and breath, our health and salvation. Let us draw near to you in the temple of worship. We confess that we lose sight of your goodness and mercy at work in this world. Forgive us our unbelief. Grant us the good gifts of your Holy Spirit to renew our faith! Amen.

***All those who are able, please stand.**

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SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the assurance of faith.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is all creation. By faith, we have nothing to fear. God goes with us through the swirling waters. The raging fires will not consume us. God calls us home. From the north and the south, from the east and west, all God's children gather in the light of the Lord's love. Our lives are redeemed, re-created, and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit*

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 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 and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 29*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

People: The God of glory thunders.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

People: The voice of the Lord shatters the cedars.

Leader: Lebanon skips like a calf—Mount Hermon like a wild ox.

People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

People: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl.

Leader: All in God's temple shall say, "Glory!"

People: May God give strength and peace to the people!

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36 Words: 3rd Century; Music: 1851

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7 “Precious in the Sight of the Lord”

ANTHEM “**Non nobis Domine**” attr. William Byrd
Not unto us, O Lord, but to thy name give glory.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 “The Baptism of Jesus”

SERMON “Fire and Ice”

*HYMN No. 220 **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

PRAYER NOTICES *are shared*

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Leader: Let us present our offerings to the Lord!

People: We set before the Lord our thanks and praise!

OFFERTORY “**Wade in the Water**” Traditional

*DOXOLOGY No. 44 Words: 1674; Music: 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy God, we dedicate our gifts to you.

People: Strengthen us in the works you send us to do.

Leader: Bless us to gather in peace, and serve you with joy.

People: We rejoice to share your gifts with the world! Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

We rejoice in the mission to share our faith and grow the church of Christ!

Leader: O saints of the Lord, with God to guide us we have no fear!

People: The Lord calls us through the deep waters.

Leader: The Lord opens a path for us through fiery trials.

People: The Lord will come to our aid and grant us strength.

Leader: Let us go to soothe souls with the Holy Spirit.

People: How firm a foundation is God's Word.

Leader: We sing and proclaim the good gifts of God.

People: May God bless our ministries with grace!

*HYMN No. 237 **How Firm a Foundation**

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE **“Récit de Nazard”** Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

A nazard is an organ stop that emphasizes the overtone an octave and a fifth above the main note. If I play a C, you will hear a high G. Combined with other stops, it produces a reedy sound.

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord grant you great strength and a deep peace!

Life of the Church

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS *are located on the worship table.*

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, in our prayers of safety in Qatar, recent loss of Yvonne.

Mary Williams, for healing and recovery.

Joseph Botaish, II, for love and support during a time of illness.

Steven Wilson, for healing during time of treatments.

Sgt. Luke Keene, in our prayers for his safety overseas.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Ralph Lambalot**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Mike Foster, Pam Jennette,
Barbara Ligon & Ned Ligon**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster & Joan Mello**

CALENDER:

Tuesday, January 13th	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday January 15th	12:00pm 1:30pm	Lunch Bunch BINGO
Thursday, January 16th	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Bells Rehearsal Finance Team Meeting Choir Rehearsal
Sunday , January 19th	10:00am 11:00am	Worship Fellowship Coffee Hour
Sunday , January 26th	10:00am 11:00am	Worship Annual Meeting & Luncheon

EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 11

Estate Planning Seminar @ 12:00 P.M.

JAN. 15

Afternoon BINGO @ 1:15 P.M.

JAN. 22

Book Club @ 1:30 P.M.

JAN. 22

F. F. & F. Night @ 5:00 P.M.

JAN. 24

Wreath Making Workshop @ 6:00 P.M.

JAN. 26

O.C.C. Annual Meeting @ 11:30 A.M.

FEB. 1

Peace & Prose @ 9:00 A.M.

MAR. 1

Southern Rail Bluegrass Band
Tickets on sale January 20!!!

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The Original Congregational Church
of Wrentham presents

Southern Rail

Saturday March 1 7:00 pm

Featuring acclaimed bluegrass group "Southern Rail" in a special evening of Bluegrass and Blueberry Buckle!



The home baked blueberry buckle is not to be missed!



Southern Rail's bluegrass is high octane exuberant fun with stunning harmonies, irrepressible good humor with sparkling banjo, guitar, and mandolin. The group has 11 recordings to their credit, and two of the band's members, guitarist Jim Muller and bassist Sharon Horovitch, were inducted into the RIBA Bluegrass Hall of Fame.

First rate bluegrass, precise harmonies, sharp instrumental work, soaring and lush. -Boston Herald

Simply outstanding! -Top rating by Cybergras

The vocal harmonies are exquisite and the musicianship is impeccable. -Radio Star, Ireland

There is warmth and depth in a "Southern Rail" performance. The joy and talent in their music will make people happy for a long time. -Worcester Telegram & Gazette, MA

Tickets available starting 1/20 in church office or at door

General Admission: Donation of \$20

Cash, Check or Venmo @ OCCWrentham

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Parking available in church lot or in town lot across the street



*In memory of Ken Graves,
founder and organizer of
The OCC Coffeehouse*

Bring a
Friend

Share your love of the Church with those you know!

Ask them to come to Service with you! Introduce them to others at Coffee Hour! Bring them to an event! Let's build our community

ONE PERSON AT A TIME!!!!



**The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ, Wrentham, MA
Open and Affirming Covenant
Adopted on June 5, 2022**



Welcome to The Original Congregational Church in Wrentham! Because we believe all people are created in God's image and thus blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is the unifying and strengthening force of our Christian faith, we the members of The Original Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who have no church home, seek strength, and want to follow the teachings of Jesus. We welcome believers and non-believers, doubters and questioners, and questioning believers. We welcome new visitors and old friends. We welcome grandparents, mothers, fathers and children. We welcome single and partnered people. We welcome people of all ages, colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

Here at The Original Congregational Church, Wrentham, we believe that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**



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Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings
Office Administrator: Kristi Brytowski**