



**Our Mission and Vision Statement:**

*We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.*

**We welcome you, members, friends, and visitors, to our service this morning!** If you are a guest with us in worship, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card.

**Welcome to families with children and youth.** Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary, near the bookcase, for children who are with us in worship. Sunday school is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month and will begin again in September.

**Leading in worship today:**

Pastor: Pastor Gina "Pastor T" Colorio

Deacon: JoAnn Bakulski & Nancy Arsenault

Reader: Karen Murphy

Guest Musician: Stephen Page

**Today is Communion Sunday.** Our bread is gluten free and our juice is pure grape juice.

**Prayer Requests**

*Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.*

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*The First Congregational  
Church of West Brookfield  
United Church of Christ*

*February 2, 2025  
10 a.m.*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Congregational Announcements & Welcome Karen Murphy

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Candles  
(Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison. \*Please stand as you are able.)

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship Karen Murphy  
Leader: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Prayer of Transformation And New Life Karen Murphy

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, and 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.

\*Hymn "God Is Here!" #1

Call to Offering and Offertory Music  
Choir Anthem: "Make This Church a Welcoming Place"  
~ (Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music.)

\*Doxology No. 34 (Old 100th)  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Blessing of Offering

Children's Message

Scripture Readings: Luke 4:21-30 Karen Murphy  
Our Response: **Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God**

Special Music Stephen Page

Sermon "As Was His Custom" Pastor T

\*Hymn "Gather Us In" #649

Prayers of the People  
(Spoken intercessions will be invited and your written prayer requests shared.)

Pastoral Prayer

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 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***

The Holy Communion

\*Closing Hymn "We Thank You, God, for Feeding Us" #707

Benediction (please be seated) Postlude