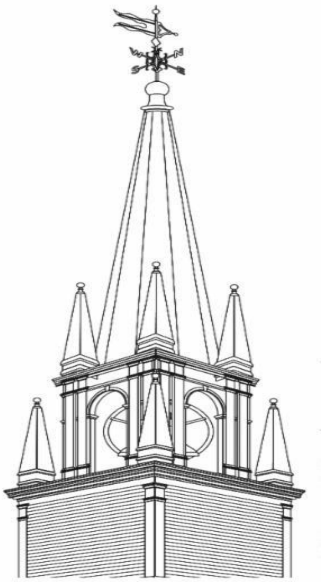


We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset whether present in the sanctuary, joining us on streaming video, or watching our service in the future.

VISION: We are on a journey to reflect God's love, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of all.

MISSION: Together we strive to praise God, grow in faith, cultivate love, spread joy, care for all people and God's creation, promote peace, and do justice.

November 8, 2026

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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Spiritual Contemplation Quote for the week: "We are custodians, not owners, of the world we walk." Lawrence Nault

PRELUDE *'Now We Pray Unto Thee'* (*Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist*)
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)
RINGING OF THE BELL
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR INTROIT '*This Is the Day' (*from *Service Music from Salisbury* Mark Patterson

* CALL TO WORSHIP
L: The midnight cry rings out: "Look! The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!"
P: Let us wake from our slumber, wipe the sleep from our eyes, and prepare our hearts.
L: Are your lamps trimmed and burning? Is your faith ready for his arrival?
P: We bring our lamps, seeking the holy oil of the Spirit to fuel our devotion.
L: Come, let us stand alert, rejoice, and worship the Lord of all time and seasons.
P: Praise be to God who sustains us and calls us to paths of faithful discipleship! AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN *'Be Thou My Vision'* Red Hymnal No. 445

OPENING INVOCATION TO PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM '*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship'* Brian Doerksen, arr. Mark Hayes
JOYS AND CONCERNS: After each Joy or Concern, Pastor: "God,"
Congregation: "Hear our prayer."

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE 'Let Peace Prevail on Earth'

Global Mission Partner Prayer this week: Samoa (Page 4)

MORNING PRAYER

SILENT MOMENT FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER(debts) (The Words are Printed on the inside of the back of the red hymnal)

CHORAL *'Amen'*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVA Translation)

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

L: This is the Word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN *'Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated'* Red Hymnal No. 464

SERMON 'Don't Get Caught With Your Lamps Down!'

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *'Variations sur un thème de Chopin'* (Variations on a Theme of Chopin)
Theme and Variation I Federico Mompou (1893–1987)

* DOXOLOGY Hymnal No. 46

* DEDICATION PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'* Red Hymnal No. 470

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTORY RESPONSE *'Go Now in Peace'* (The Words are Printed in the inside of the back of the red Hymnal)

POSTLUDE '*A Joyous Song of Praise'* David Lasky

You are invited to sit for the postlude.

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"Our worship ends, let our service begin"

Those serving you today:

Ushers: TBD
Reader: Veronica Hogue
Flowers**:** Abbi Beckford
Online Streaming: TBD

Please join us for fellowship, coffee or tea, and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Happy November Birthday to Rev. John Hogue, Deborah Olson, Karl Olson, Mary McKinney, Margot S. Sieracki, & Jan Whitfield

Help Yourself Shelf Wish List * jarred spaghetti sauce * 1lb. white rice * drink mixes * canned chicken *tuna * cereal * SPAM * mayo * baked beans * toothpaste * dish soap * cat litter *

Global Mission Partner this week: Samoa

In Samoa and across the Pacific, the ocean is more than the water surrounding the islands. The "moana" connects families and communities, provides food and livelihood, carries memory and tradition, and shapes a people's relationship with God's creation. Through its partnership with the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa and of American Samoa, the Disciples and UCC accompany a church whose ministry takes place amid the life-giving sacredness of the Pacific and growing ecological pressures facing island communities.

Announcements Today

November 8 - Mission Sunday
Worship & Music meeting after worship
November 9 – Property & Finance meeting 11:00am
November 15 – Mission Offering (Recipients of Mission Funds come to receive funds)
Recognition of Veterans
November 16 – Council meeting 6:00pm (via ZOOM)
November 19 – Wreath Order Turn In
November 22 – John Adams Speaks
November 29 – Hanging of the Greens / Pledge cards turn in
November 30 – Advent Book Club 3:00pm

No Potluck after worship November or December
Esther Leck's funeral will be held **March 20th** at 11:00am.

Coming Up This Week

Rev. John's Office Hours - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday- 9:00am-12:00pm

Office Hours - Monday & Tuesday - 9:30am – 1:30pm
Wednesday 10:00am-2:00pm

Monday, November 9
Property & Finance meeting 11:00am
Mah Jongg 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday, November 10
SVC Practice 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 11
Organ Society meeting 9:30am
Feed Our Scholars 11:00am

Thursday, November 12
Daughters of American Revolution 11:30am
FCCW choir rehearsals 4:00pm

Sunday, November 15 - Sunday Mission Sunday & Recognition of Veterans
Sunday Worship 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am

It's time for the Annual Organ Society Wreath Sale. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 24th, through Sunday, November 30th.

Please pre-order by Thursday, November 19th.

Prepayment is appreciated! Forms and payments can go to the church office or to Martha Speed.

Name_____

Phone or Email _____

Small Wreath (8") - $12 Quantity___ Paid_____

Medium Wreath (12") 18 Quantity___ Paid_____

Large Wreath (18"). - $25 Quantity___ Paid_____

X-Large Wreath (24") - $40 Quantity___ Paid_____

If you would prefer your wreath to be undecorated or have only a bow, please check here:

No Decorations _____

Bow Only _____

Be Thou My Vision



WORDS: Ancient Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody, harm. David Evans, *Revised Church Hymnary*, 1927

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464 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated



WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1874
MUSIC: Melody, Justin H. Knecht, 1797

VIENNA
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In this hymn, Havergal expresses a commitment that rises above her own frail constitution.

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