

*Last Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday
November 20, 2022*

10:00 A.M.



(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)

Prelude *Nun Danket alle Gott (Traditional)*

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

Musical Introit *Aria – by Derek Hakes
Chimes Choir*

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us gather to celebrate another day that God has kept us.

Many: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Come, let us abandon fear and embrace the abundance God has for us.

Many: God is good, and we bear witness to the manifold goodness in our worship.

One: Come, let us prepare our gifts.

Many: In faith we will present our offerings to God who loves and protects us.

*Gathering Hymn *We Gather Together* No. 23

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Precious Lord, we gather together to ask your blessing. We open our hearts to you, and through you to each other. Prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits, Gathering God, to give, knowing you are the font of all good gifts. Amen.

Choral Anthem *Thanks Be to God – by Douglas Wagner*

Scripture Mark 11:20-25 Becky Lenz, Reader

**All who are able may stand.*

Sermon

Moving Mountains

Rev. Amy Lignitz Harken

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 27

Celebrating Our Gifts

The congregation is invited to bring forth their pledges for the coming year.

Prayer of Blessing

**Congregational Response:
Now thank we all our God.**

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* – arr. Martha Thompson
Chimes Choir

*Doxology

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Giving and receiving God, we're grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, as we have received so abundantly. Extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer so that they can be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation. May it be so!

*Closing Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

No. 464

*Benediction

Sung Benediction

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living – by Healey Willan



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Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Tom Kovarik*

Reader: *Becky Lenz*

Ushers: *David Lenz & Sally Howe*

Interim Minister: *Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken*

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

Office Administrator: *Janet Leonard*

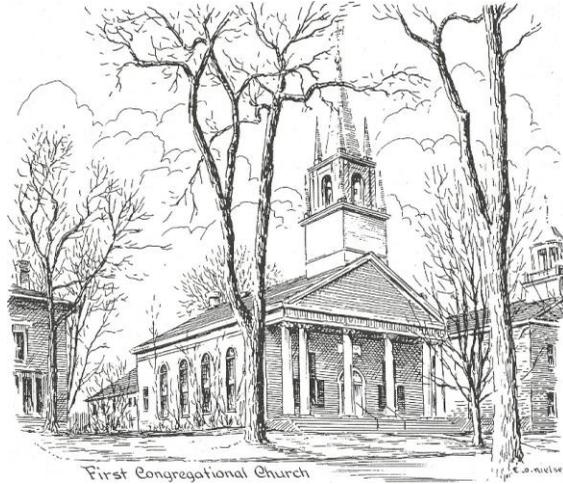
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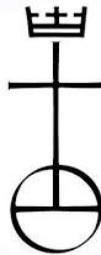
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, November 20: Worship 10am
 Stewardship Sunday
 11:30 Youth Group

Monday, November 21: Majong Group 6:00pm - 8:30pm (upstairs)
 Contact Martha Speed for more information
 (martha.speed@hotmail.com)

Tuesday, November 22: Organ Society Making Wreaths
 Sheepscot Chorus 7:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, November 23: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 at St. Philip's

Thursday, November 24: THANKSGIVING!

Sunday, November 27: Worship 10am
 Diaconate 11:30
 First Sunday of Advent
 Hanging of the Greens
 Pick up Wreaths

Announcements

Stewardship Drive for 2023

Today we will be receiving our pledges for the coming year. You are invited to come forward during the "Celebrating Our Gifts" part of our worship. Pledges can also be mailed to the church office (PO Box 350) and they will be passed on appropriately. Thanks for your consideration and support!

Thanksgiving Service

Our special Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at 7:00 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 12 Hodge Street, Wiscasset

Wreath Sale

If you have ordered a wreath for Christmas, they will be available for pick up on Tuesday November 22, or Sunday, Nov. 27.

Poinsettia Order Form

It's time to order poinsettias for decorating our church during the holiday season. They will be on display from Dec. 11 to Jan. 1. If you would like to place an order, please

use the form in this bulletin. Again, the cost is \$12.00 each, and can be ordered in red, pink, or white. Please drop the order form in the box outside the office with your check (or put in offering plate) by Sunday, Dec. 4.

Amistad Prepares for Winter

The Amistad program is in need of socks, blankets and warm clothing. Katie Junkert is our contact with these important programs, and has placed a tote outside Fellowship Hall where your donated items can be placed

Supporting the Ministry of our Church

Thank you for your continued support in sustaining our ministries. Offerings can be mailed to the church at: First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 350, Wiscasset, ME 04578. Thank you!



Mark 11:20-25

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, “Master,^[a] look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered.” ²² And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received^[b] it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”^[c]