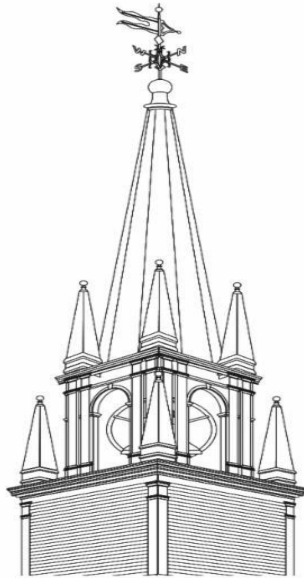




We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset whether present in the sanctuary, joining us on streaming video, or watching our service in the future.

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.

We welcome all to our worship service.

October 25, 2026

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REFORMATION SUNDAY

Spiritual Contemplation Quotes for the week: “If you love a flower, don’t pick it up. Because if you pick it up it dies and it ceases to be what you love. So if you love a flower, let it be. Love is not about possession. Love is about appreciation.” Osho

PRELUDE ‘*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*’ (Nettleton /Warrenton) Anna
Laura Page

RINGING OF THE BELL
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT ‘*Salisbury Introit*’ (Service Music from Salisbury) Mark Patterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

L: Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

P: We come to worship the God who first loved us.

L: Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We come seeking hearts wide enough to welcome our neighbors.

L: The world may measure faith by rules, arguments, and appearances.

P: But Christ calls us to measure our faith by love, mercy, and justice.

L: Come, let us worship the One who calls us beyond easy answers and comfortable traditions.

P: We come to open our hearts, renew our spirits, and follow Jesus in the way of love.

All: Let us worship God with our whole hearts, our whole lives, and our whole community!

Amen.

OPENING HYMN ‘*A Mighty Fortress*’

Red Hymnal No.469

OPENING INVOCATION TO PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *'Our Bondage It Shall End'* (Saints Bound for Heaven) Peter Paul
Olejar

JOYS AND CONCERNS: After each Joy or Concern, please respond:

Pastor: "God," Congregation: **"Hear our prayer."**

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

'Let Peace Prevail on Earth'

Global Mission Partner Prayer: Germany (Page 4)

MORNING PRAYER AND SILENT MOMENTS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (The words are printed on the inside the back of the red hymnal)

CHORAL AMEN.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 25:34-46 The Greatest Commandment (New
Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' The Question about David's Son Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

L: The Word of God.

P: THANKS BE to GOD.

* HYMN

'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee'

Red Hymnal No.7

SERMON

'The Church has One Job'

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ‘Jerusalem, My Happy Home’ (LAND OF REST) George Shearing
DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION PRAYER

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN ‘We Are One in the Spirit’ Red Hymnal No.386

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTORY RESPONSES Go Now In Peace (The words are printed in the inside
of the back of the red Hymnal)

POSTLUDE ‘Postlude on “Laudate Dominum”’ Richard A. Williamson

You are invited to sit for the postlude.

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“Our worship ends, let our service begin”

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Those serving you today:

Ushers: Jan Shaw & Judith Sutter

Reader: Cindy Clement

Flowers: Jan Shaw

Online Streaming: Tom Clement

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

Happy October Birthdays to Zoe Bigley, Thomas Cramer, Anne Crispin,
Judi Coombe, Raegan Eddy, Carol Peck and Greg Shaw

Global Mission Partner this week: Germany

We are therefore pleased to have our Kirchengemeinschaft/Church Communion with
the UCC and to work closely with its strong partners, such as Global Ministries, the
UCC and the Disciples of Christ. This cooperation also strengthens our
collaboration with all our ecumenical partners in need.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

our help-er strong a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours through Christ who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; with craft and pow - er
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem-ble not for them; their rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not an e - qual.
 name. From age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth a - bid-eth still, God's king - dom is for - ev - er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, c. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852, alt.; st. 3 alt. Ruth Duck, 1981
 MUSIC: Melody Martin Luther, c. 1529

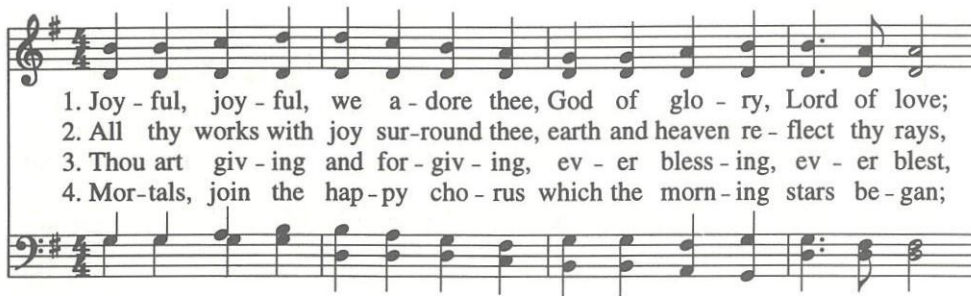
EIN' FESTE BURG
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Based on Psalm 46, this hymn by Martin Luther was probably inspired
 by the 1529 meeting that gave birth to the word 'Protestant.' Luther
 wrote or edited thirty-seven hymns and many hymn tunes.

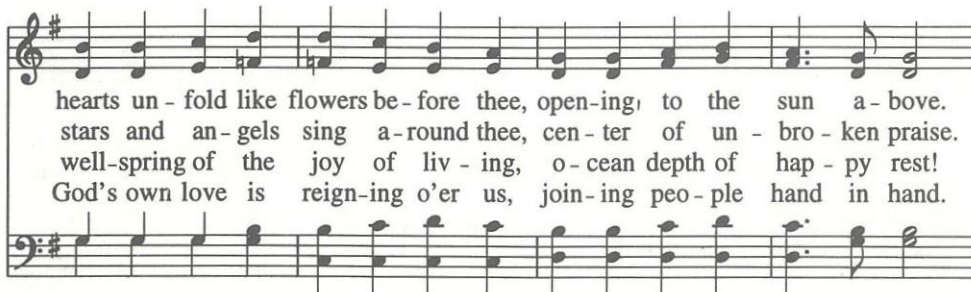
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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

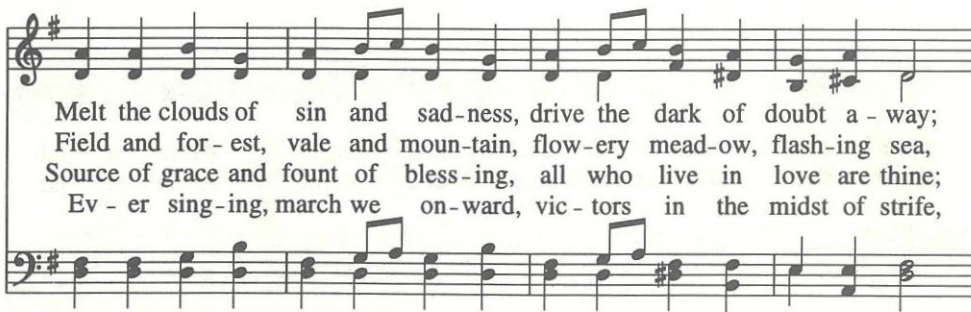
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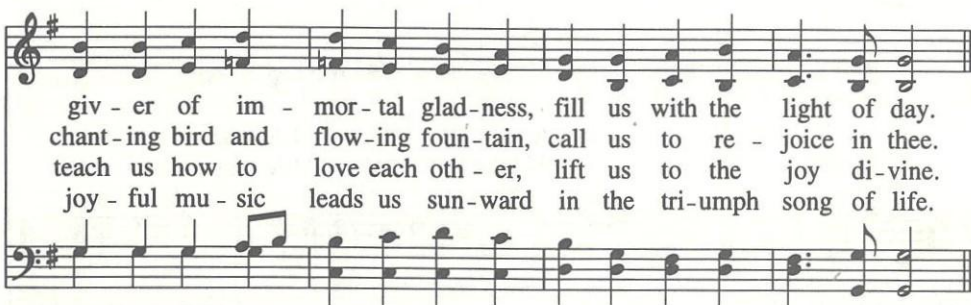
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing, to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 God's own love is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing peo - ple hand in hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Source of grace and fount of bless - ing, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

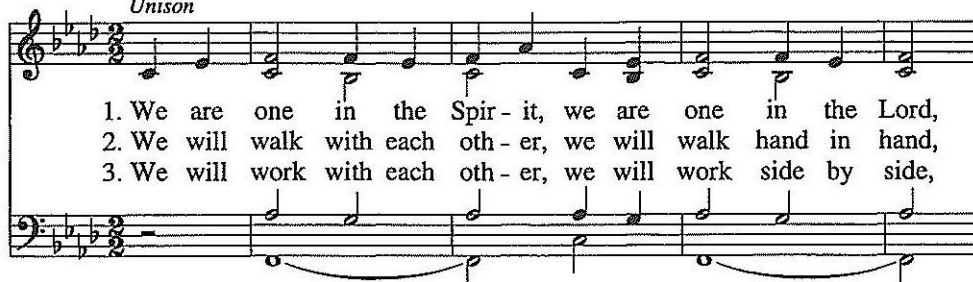
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY
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We Are One in the Spirit

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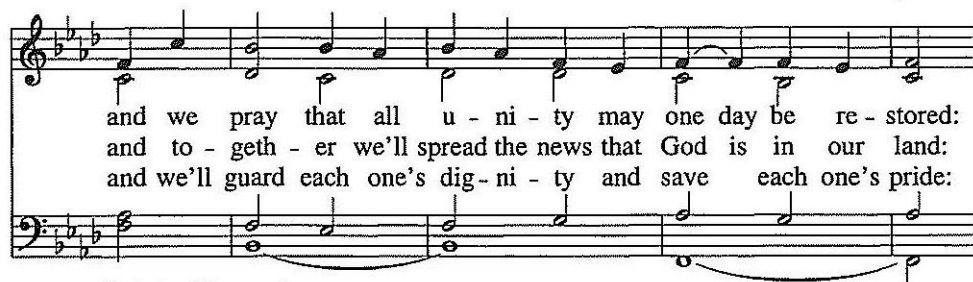
Unison



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,

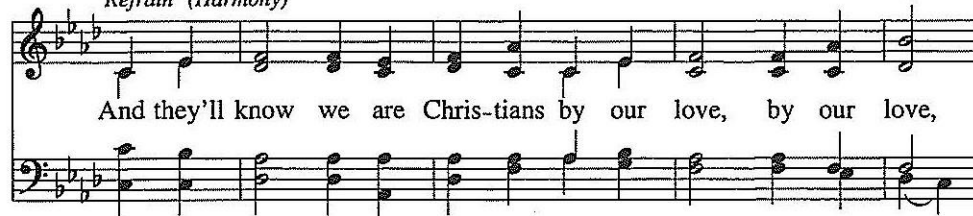


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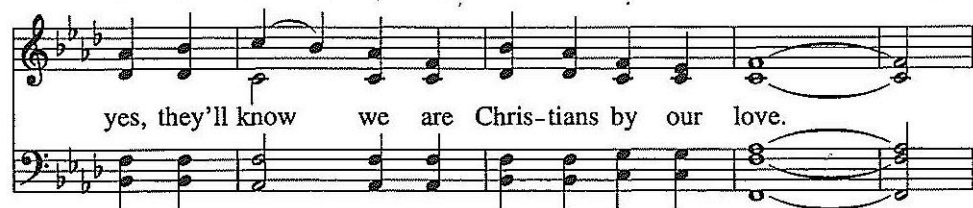


and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:

Refrain (Harmony)



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,



yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S

Announcements

Today Sunday October 25 – Potluck! After worship.

The last Sunday of EVERY month! Make your favorite dish to share and enjoy the company of one another in church!!

The **FCCW** youth group is sending cards to Boston Children's Hospital in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness. If you would like to include a card or two for a child battling cancer, please have them to the church office by **TODAY! October 25th**. The cards will be sent out tomorrow, Monday the 26th.

October 28 – The Organ Society Monthly Meet-up

“If I were a character from the Funny Pages or literature, who would I be?” Come join the sharing at 9:30am.

November 1 is our **All Saints Sunday**. We will uplift family and friends who have passed from Oct. 31 2025 to the present moment . Please submit the names to be remembered and honored to the church office via email or in person. I have some names tallied from the congregational prayer book as well. We will announce their name as the bell is tolled and light a candle in their honor.

November 8 – Stewardship Sunday

QR Code training

Worship & Music meeting after worship

November 15 – Mission Sunday (Recipients of our Mission Funds receiving)

Recognition of Veterans

Coming Up This Week

Monday, October 26

Rev. John's Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Office Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm

Mah Jongg 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 27

Rev. John's Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Office Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm

SVC Practice 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 28

Rev. John's Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Organ Society meeting 9:30am

Office Hours 10:00am – 2:00pm

Feed Our Scholars 11:00am

Thursday, October 29

FCCW choir rehearsals 4:00pm

Saturday, October 31

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Sunday

Sunday Worship 10:00am

Coffee Hour 11:00am