

5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Communion Sunday
February 5, 2023

10:00 A.M.



For Your Contemplation:

“The great new fact of our time is that the center of gravity in the Christian world has shifted from Europe and north America to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Think of this: in the past hour Christian numbers in the Global South have increased by 18,000, while in the Global North Christian numbers have decreased by 3,000.”
. . . F. Dean Lueking (a college student on preparing for an “Understanding Christianity” rally on campus in 2011)

Prelude

Wayfarin' Stranger - arr. Calvin Taylor

Ring of the Chime

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

Talk About a Child/Here's One - arr. Calvin Taylor

Invitation to Worship

One: We have been called the salt of the earth

Many: Let us remain hidden and distinctive.

One: We have been called the light of the world.

Many: Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain and confusion.

One: We have been called a city set on a hill.

Many: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, and lift our voices in the worship of God!

*Hymn

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

No. 327

**All who are able may stand.*

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Great God of the old and the new, take our lives and make them like new wine, Refresh our spirits. Disturb our apathy. Strengthen us with Your courage. For we seek to be a new people, and Your presence gives us joy. Be with us as we worship, and as we go forth from this place with new resolve and energy to be Your faithful servants, fishing for people. Amen

Choral Anthem *God Be In My Head* - John Rutter

Scripture *Matthew 4:12-23 and Hebrews 13:2 and 10:24*
Becky Lenz, Reader

Sermon "Fishing: What Do You Do When the Fish Stop Biting?"
Rev. David C. Myers

*Hymn *"Jesu, Jesu"* No.459

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.

Choral Response *Make Us One*

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Music *Deep River - arr. Calvin Taylor*

*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**

Holy One, Whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by Your mercy, inspired by Your Spirit, open to the joy of Your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward Your world. Amen.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer & Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Closing Hymn

I Love to tell the Story

No. 360

*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

Take My Life and Let it Be - arr. Larry Dalton



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Music Director and Organist: Joel Pierce
Sexton: Mary McKinney
Office Administrator: Janet Leonard

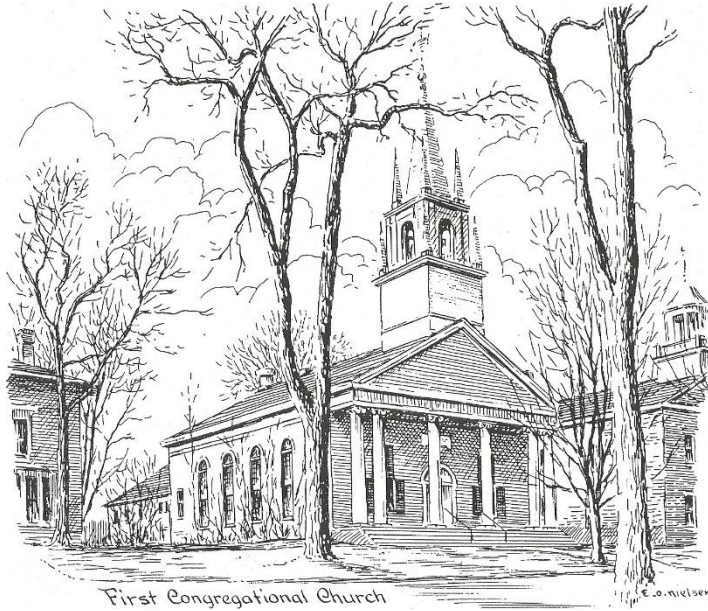
First Congregational Church

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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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Those serving you today:

Reader: Becky Lenz

Ushers: Sally Howe and Ginny Withee

Flowers: Martha Speed

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, February 5: Communion Sunday & Worship 10am
Youth Group 11:30 – 12:15

Monday, February 6: Mah Jongg, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Tuesday, February 7: Sheepscot Valley Chorus, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Wednesday, February 8: Organ Society, 9:30am

Thursday, February 9: 3:00pm Chimes practice
4:00pm Choir practice

Sunday, February 12: Worship 10am
Youth Group 11:30 – 12:15

Announcements

Feed Our Scholars Fundraiser – Paint Party, Feb. 10, 6:00pm-8:30pm

Join us for a fun party at St. Philip's to raise funds for Feed Our Scholars. Suggested donation is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. (Snow date is Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2:00pm.) Instruction, all materials and delicious decadent desserts are included. Come paint a whimsical pink jalopy for your Valentine and have lots of fun while raising funds for Feed Our Scholars and Set for Success. To reserve a spot, please call St. Philip's at 207-882-7184 and leave your name, phone #, and number of tickets. You can also contact Nancy Roby or Beth Maxwell.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday February 22nd 7:30 p.m. will be a combined Worship in Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church with St. Philip's Church. Service will be led by Rev. Oscar Wallace, Rev. Tom Junkert, Rev. David Myers and Rev. Marcia Richardson Deacon.

Pastoral Schedule for February

Sunday, February 5: Rev. David C. Myers
Sunday, February 12: Rev. Oscar Wallace
Sunday, February 19: Rev. David C. Myers
Sunday, February 26: Rev. David C. Myers

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Matthew 4:12-23

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¹⁵ “The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali,
toward the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

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¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Hebrews 13:2

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