

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* - arr. Bill Wolaver

Ringling 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 *Near to the Heart of God* - arr. Don Phillips

Call to Worship

One: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and within the depths of our spirits.

Many: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

One: We seek God's face on Sunday mornings and evenings...and throughout the week.

Many: May we live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

One: We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance.

Many: We seek the face of the Holy One. May we recognize God's greatness among us.

*Hymn

Jesus Calls Us, O're the Tumult

No. 304

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Great God, we acknowledge your presence and the ways you connect us as a community. Make us receptive to your voice and the varied instruments of your love in the world. Thrill us with your majesty and inspire us with your humility. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. Amen.

**All who are able may stand.*

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

Shout to the North - arr. Bill Wolaver



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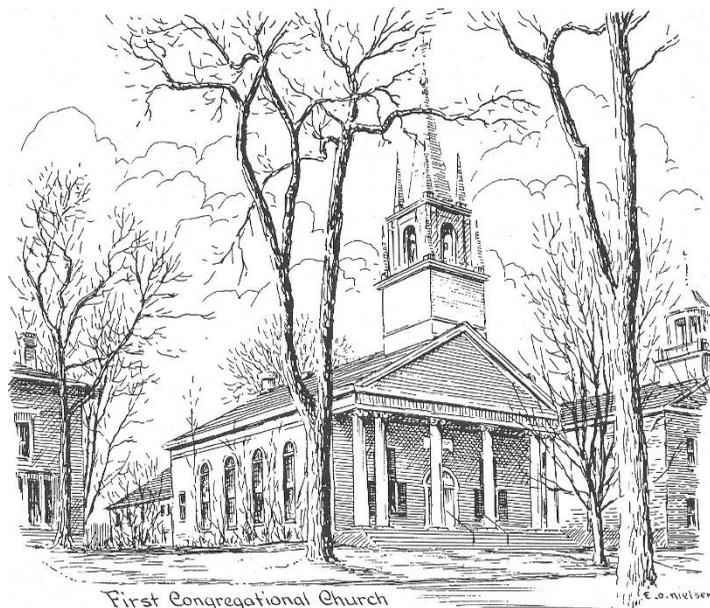
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset. We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically, growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Those serving you today:

Reader: Deb Olson

Ushers: Sally Howe & Judith Sutter

Flowers: Martha Speed

Coming Up This Week:

Monday, January 23:	Mah Jongg, 6:00 – 8:30
Tuesday, January 24:	Sheepscot Valley Chorus, 7:00 – 9:00
Wednesday, January 25	Organ Society, 9:30am
Thursday, January 26	3:00 Chimes practice 4:00 Choir practice
Sunday, January 29	Worship 10 am

Announcements

Annual Meeting – January 29 following worship

First Congregational Church's annual meeting is coming up on January 29, so please put it on your calendar now and plan to attend either in person or on Zoom.

Scripture for January 22 – 1 Cor. 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.