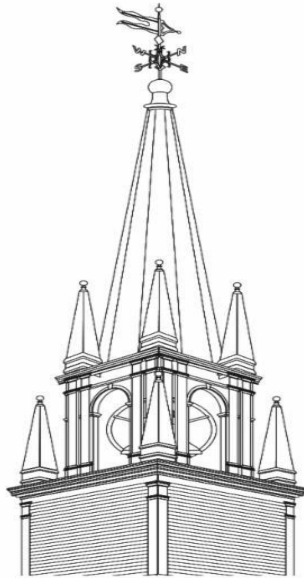




We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset whether present in the sanctuary, joining us on streaming video, or watching our service in the future.

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 18, 2026

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Spiritual Contemplation Quotes for the week: “Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.” Helen Keller

PRELUDE

‘Prelude on “Pleading Savior”’

Lani Smith

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

'Salisbury Introit' (Service Music from Salisbury)

Mark Patterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

L: We gather in the name of God, who calls us into a community of faith, hope, and love.

P: We come with grateful hearts, seeking to grow in faith and abound in love.

L: Paul gave thanks for the people of Thessalonica because their faith was active, their love was laboring, and their hope was enduring.

P: May our faith be more than words, our love more than good intentions, and our hope stronger than our fears.

L: In a world weary from division, uncertainty, and indifference, God calls us to be a people of encouragement and compassion.

P: May our lives reflect the grace of Christ and bring hope to our neighbors. Leader:
Come, let us worship the God who calls us, strengthens us, and sends **us** into the world.

All: We worship with joy, we listen with open hearts, and we go forth ready to serve. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

'Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing'

Red Hymnal No.407

OPENING INVOCATION TO PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

‘Be Thou My Vision’

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: Democratic Republic of Congo (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)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Thess 1:1-10 Salutation The Word (New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. The Thessalonians’ Faith and Example We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: The Word of God.

P: THANKS BE to GOD.

* HYMN *‘My Hope is Built On Nothing Less’* Black Hymnal No.403

SERMON *‘More Essential than L. L. Bean Boots: Dressing our Souls’*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *‘Variations on a Theme by Chopin, VIII’* Federico Mompou

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION PRAYER

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN *‘Our God Our Help in Ages Past’* Red Hymnal No.80

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *‘Grand March’* Jason W. Krug

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:

Usher: Cindy Clement

Reader: Becky Lenz

Flowers: Ron Sanchez

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: Democratic Republic of Congo

What began in 1959 as a small theological seminary with just three students has grown into one of the largest Protestant-affiliated universities in the world. Today, Université Protestante au Congo (UPC) in Kinshasa welcomes nearly 10,000 students and offers programs in fields including business, law, medicine, and theology. UPC is affiliated with the United Church of Christ in the Congo, its student body reflects the rich religious diversity of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Announcements

Today Sunday October 18 – We welcome Bradley as our musical director!

Worship & Music meeting after church

October 19 - Council meeting 6:30pm

October 20 - Rev. John Yale online class 12:00-2:00pm

October 24 – Helping Hands Heating Homes Event Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

October 25 – **Potluck! The last Sunday of every month!** Make your favorite dish to share and enjoy the company of one another in church!!

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

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 **Sunday October 25th**. The cards will be sent out on Monday the 26th.

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.

Coming Up This Week

Monday, October 19

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

Office Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm

Mah Jongg 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Council meeting 6:30

Tuesday, October 20

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

Office Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm

SVC Practice 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 21

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 22

Office Hours 9:30-1:30pm

FCCW choir rehearsals 4:00pm

Saturday, October 24

Helping Hands Heating Homes Event at St. Patrick's Newcastle 5:30pm

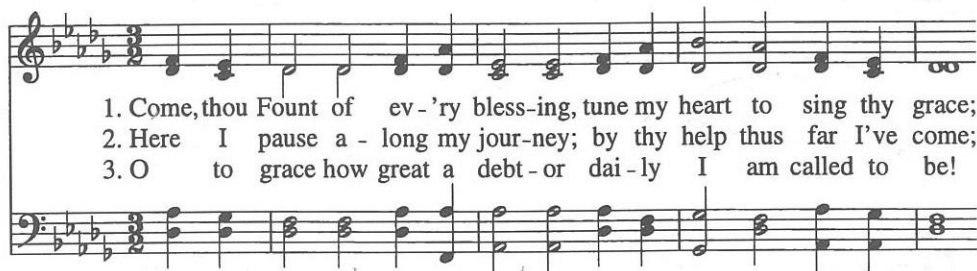
Sunday, October 25

Sunday Worship 10:00am

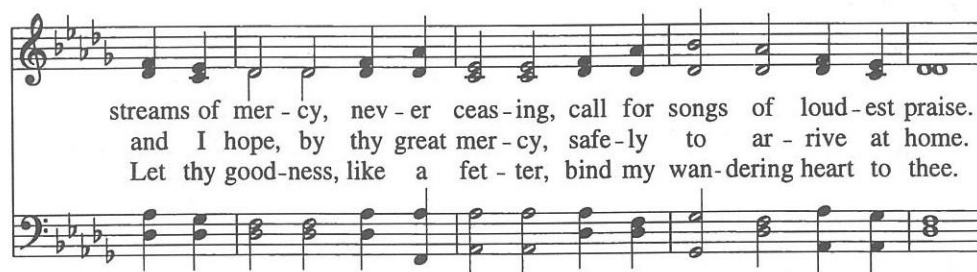
Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall following worship

Cards for Boston Children's Hospital turn into church office

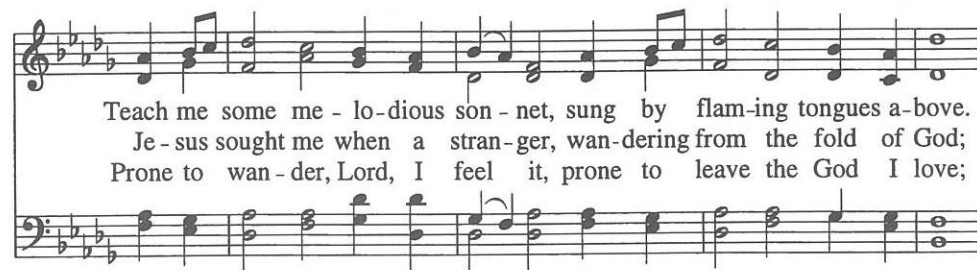
407 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



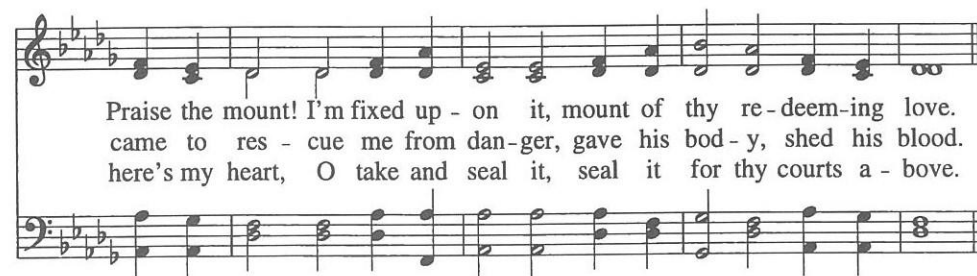
1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I pause a - long my jour-ney; by thy help thus far I've come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am called to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy great mer - cy, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, gave his bod - y, shed his blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain
 whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

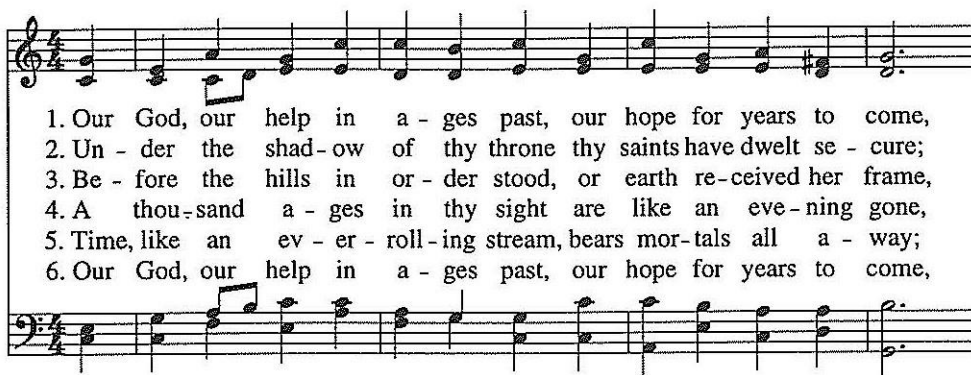
all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.

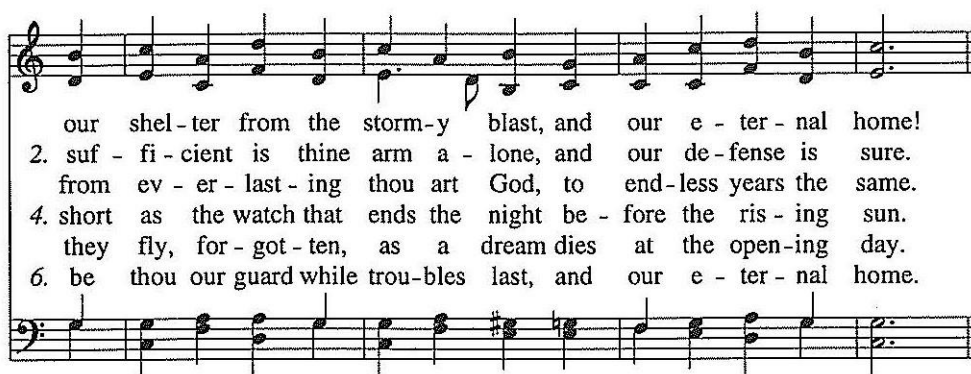
Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;
6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
2. suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
6. be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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