

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* – arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Ringling 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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* – by J.S. Bach, arr. Berry

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 15)

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who do justice, who uplift the oppressed and push for equity for all.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.

*Hymn

Gather Us In

No. 250

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Just and Loving God, we come into your presence at this holy moment. We enter this sacred space with our siblings in Christ. You bridge time and space to forge us as a beloved community. You, O God, make plain the way of life for us. Encourage us to join your journey, to love all you have created and called "good," and to contribute to your most blessed intention and vision for us and your creation. 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

Blessed Assurance – arr. Jeff Bennett



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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: Linda Wallace

Ushers: Oscar Wallace & Deb Olson

Flowers: Ron Sanchez

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, January 29:	Worship 10am Annual Congregational Meeting 11:45am
Monday, January 30:	Mah Jongg, 6:00pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday, January 31:	Sheepscot Valley Chorus, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wednesday, February 1:	Organ Society, 9:30am
Thursday, February 2:	Garden Club 11:30am-3:00pm 3:00pm Chimes practice 4:00pm Choir practice
Sunday, February 5:	Communion Sunday & Worship 10am

Announcements

Annual Meeting – January 29 following worship

First Congregational Church's annual meeting is today after worship. Please stay for this important meeting or join by Zoom.

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.

Scripture for January 29 – Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.