

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2018

10:00 A.M.

White



Prelude *Toccata in F major* – J.S. Bach
(*You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.*)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

L: We gather in the presence of our God.

P: We find peace and comfort in the glory of our Creator.

L: We dwell in the love of Christ.

P: We find strength and hope through the gifts of our Redeemer.

L: We abide in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

P: We find courage in our Sustainer, to face all that this life may bring. Come, let us and worship!

*Opening Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 108

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, help and guide us to use our whole lives to glorify you. When our thoughts, words, and deeds do not radiate your love, forgive us, and lead us in your ways. Transfigure our hearts to always reflect your glory and shine your truth. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying, "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."

Words of Assurance

Anthem *Glory to God* from 'Mass of Glory'
- Ken Canedo and Bob Hurd

Scripture Mark 9:2-9 Margot Stiassni-Sieracki, reader

Time for Children

(The children are dismissed to Church School until 11:00 am.)

*Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 109

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Concerto in D for Lute* - Vivaldi
Jeff Grosser, Accordion

***Doxology** No. 44

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

(As our morning offerings are brought forward, so too are the non-perishable food offerings from the basket in the Narthex for St. Philip's Food Pantry.)

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Good and Gracious God, bless the offerings that we present before you. May the ministries they support dazzle the world with your Good News. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon *“A Dazzling Reminder”* Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn *My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff* No. 419

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*
Jeff Grosser, Accordion

Postlude *Prelude in Classical Style – Gordon Y*



***A special thank you to Jeff Grosser for offering his musical gifts during
our time of worship this morning!***

*All who are able may stand.

All are invited to join us after worship for coffee in Fellowship Hall.

Minister: *Rev. Josh Fitterling*

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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.



Announcements

If you have a **prayer request**, please enter it in the book at the rear of the sanctuary. The book will be brought forward during the first hymn.

If you have **Bulletin Announcements**, please send them to the office by Wednesday of each week to be included the following Sunday.

Today: Worship and Church School 10 am

Bible Study 6 pm

Diaconate Meeting AW

February 12: Game Night 6 pm

February 13: Pastoral Relations 4 pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Philip's 5:30 pm

Sheepscot Chorus 7 pm

February 14: Organ Society 9:30 am

Communications 11 am

Bible Study 11:30 am

Garden Club (Medomak) 1:00

Ash Wednesday service at St. Philip's 6:00 pm

February 15: Choir Rehearsal 4 pm

February 18: Worship and Church School 10 am

Bible Study 6 pm

February 25: Worship and Church School 10 am

Leela's last Sunday

Lenten Bible Study – “Take Up Your Cross”

In honor of the season of Lent, our Bible Study will explore the final chapters of the book of Acts as Paul journeys to Jerusalem. We will see how Paul’s journey mirrors Jesus’ journey to the cross. Throughout, we will consider what it means to “take up your cross” and follow Jesus. There are two opportunities each week to join us, with the study kicking off the week of February 11: Sunday @ 6pm-7:15pm, Wednesday @ 11:30-12:30.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – 5:30pm, Feb. 13

The parishioners of St. Philip’s have invited us to join them in their traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. This is a family event which includes mask making and a piñata for the children. The menu includes several varieties of pancakes and toppings, and sausages (both regular and vegetarian). To RSVP, add your name to the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – 6pm, Feb. 14

Join our friends at St. Philip’s for a traditional Ash Wednesday service of prayer and penitence. The service will be co-led by Rev. Marcia Richardson and Rev. Josh Fitterling.

Leela’s Farewell Sunday - Sunday, February 25th

After 4 1/2 years of service among us as our Organist and Choir Director, Leela Koilpillai has announced her resignation. Leela has seen our congregation through the last several years of transition and we give thanks for her ministry among us.

Please join us on Sunday, Feb 25th for worship as we celebrate her ministry among us and bless her on her way.

Blood Drive – Friday, February 23rd

The Alpha Iota Sorority is again sponsoring a blood drive in our Fellowship Hall. The date is February 23, and appointments are available between 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment. On the day of your appointment, you can save some time by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions.