

Epiphany Sunday
Communion and Family Sunday
White Gift Sunday
January 6, 2019

10:00 A.M.

White



Prelude

Musette – by Jean Marie LeClair
Kim Hatt and Sarah Whitfield, flute
Beth Whitney, clarinet

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Introit *The First Nowell* – arr. by Amanda & Jemima Oosthuizen

*Call to Worship

L: As the Magi did, we seek the manger still today.

P: We look toward Jesus whom we long to follow with our whole lives.

L: We come to celebrate the gift of the Christ Child.

P: Offering ourselves, we come in service of our Newborn King.

L: We come to pay homage to the one who illuminates the world with light and life.

P: Rejoicing in the Christmas Season, we forever worship Jesus Christ!

*Opening Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

No. 168

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

God of Light and Life, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ who forever forgives and redeems. When we find ourselves in the darkness of life, fill our hearts with your light. By that same light, pardon us and guide us onward into life and life abundant, as we seek to serve you. 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

Special Music *Presto* – by Franz Joseph Haydn

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Libby Mooney

Time for Children

(The children will remain with their families during worship.)

*Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (vs. 1,3,5) No. 162

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering & White Gift Celebration

Offertory *We Three Kings* – arr. by
Amanda & Jemima Oosthuizen

***Doxology**

***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. As they are transformed into mission and ministry, may they forever celebrate the gift of the Christ Child. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon *“Another Road”* Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Communion Hymn *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* No. 161

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer & Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Dear God, we give you thanks for this simple and sacred meal.

Through it, may we be strengthened to follow you and proclaim your glory, all the days of our lives. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* No. 160

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*

Postlude



*All who are able may stand.

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

Minister: *Rev. Josh Fitterling*

Organist/Choir Director: *Ms. Linda Adams*

Church School Teacher & Coordinator: *Ms. Colleen Crowley*

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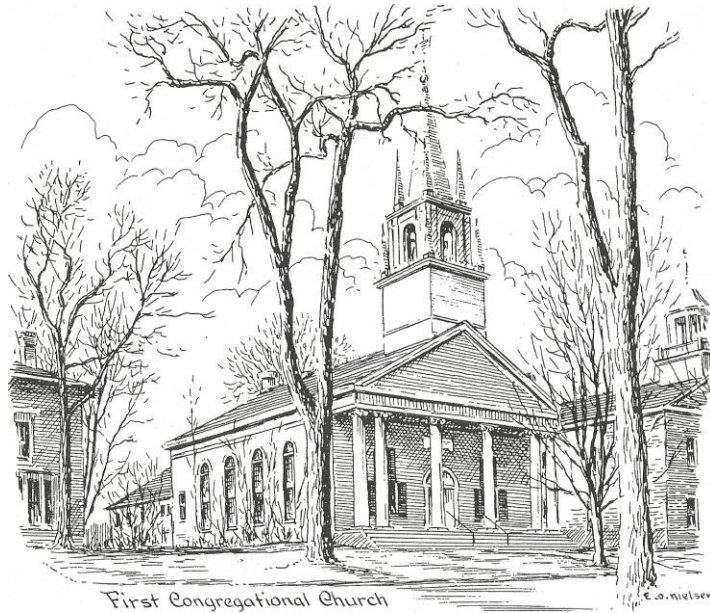
First Congregational Church

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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.



Those Serving You Today
Bell Ringer: Steve Hatt
Ushers: Dan & Zoe Bigley
Communion Servers: Becky Lenz, John Ross,
Linda Winterberg, Jim Nelon
Communion Bread: Julie Bellefleur
Coffee Hour Servers: Church in Society

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: Communion & Family Worship 10am
White Gift Sunday
Birthday Sunday

January 7: **Committee Reports for 2018 due to office!**
Garden Club Board Meeting 1:30pm (upstairs)
Game Night 6pm

January 8: Healthy Kids Play Group 10am-12pm
Pastoral Relations 4pm

January 9: Organ Society 9:30am

January 10: Garden Club 10:30am-3pm
Communications Committee 3pm
Choir Rehearsal 4pm

January 13: First Sunday After Epiphany – Worship 10am
Annual Meeting Packet available
Bible Study on I Corinthians 6pm

January 27: Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon

Notice of Annual Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 27th

Plan now to stay after worship on January 27 for our Annual Meeting. This important congregational meeting will review the work of the church in the last year as well as approve the budget for 2019. The Annual Report for 2018 will be emailed by Sunday, January 13, and print copies will be available in Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office. The proposed budget will be released after Trustees and Council approve.

Pot Luck Luncheon

A pot luck luncheon has been scheduled on January 27th, immediately following the Annual Meeting. Please come and bring your favorite dish to share. If you would like to help, please contact Sarah Whitfield. We hope to see you there!

Sunday Night Bible Study Resumes

Join us as we continue our journey through Paul's letters as we read 1 Corinthians. Bible Study will be held on Sunday nights at 6pm, beginning January 13th.

Come for one session, come for all!

Choir Resumes

After a well-deserved break, the choir will resume singing in worship on Sunday, January 13. Rehearsals will restart on Thursday, January 10, at 4pm. If you might like to join our choir, please contact Choir Director Linda Adams (phone 207-844-1070, ladams52650@gmail.com).