

The First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ
January 13, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Green



Prelude

Oracion – by Gregory Hamilton

Aria Dolce – by Gregg Sewell

(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: In the birth of Jesus, we witness the birth of light and love.

P: The light shines in the darkness, and it will not be overcome!

L: In Christ's baptism, the ministry to spread that light began.

P: A light for all nations, to lead us into righteousness and love!

L: In our gathering here today, we stand in celebration of God's love!

P: For God so loved the world! Come, let us worship.

*Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 404

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, you have touched our world and our lives with your eternal love. You call us to share this love with the world around us. Still, we fall short. Our words hurt rather than heal and our hands destroy rather than build. Forgive, renew, and bless us as we strive to live and strive to love for 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

Anthem *As Jesus Walked into the Stream* – by Susan Borwick

Scripture Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 John Ross

Time for Children

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

*Hymn *Of Eternal Love Begotten* No. 129

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Prayer* – by Gregg Sewell

*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 these offerings which we boldly give. May they share your love with this community and our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon “*Name: Beloved*” Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* No. 333

*Benediction

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

Postlude *The March of Faith* – by Gregg Sewell



*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*

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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: Brad Adler
Ushers: Chris & Tom Kovarik
Flowers: Ron Sanchez
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: Worship and Church School 10am
Annual Meeting Committee Reports available
Bible Study 6pm

January 14: Trustees 5pm
Game Night 6pm

January 15: PEO Meeting 9am-Noon
Healthy Kids Playgroup 10am-12pm (upstairs)
Sheepscot Chorus 7pm

January 16: Organ Society 9:30am

January 17: Chase Point Worship Service 10:30am
Choir Rehearsal 4 pm

January 20: Worship and Church School 10am
Bible Study 6 pm

January 27: Worship and Church School 10am
Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon
Bible Study 6 pm

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 has been distributed by email, with the financial information available next week after the Trustees Meeting.

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!

Bible Study Picks Up Tonight!

Join Rev. Josh at 6pm tonight for the start of a new Bible Study series on the book of I Corinthians. Lots of valuable insight into the life of the early church and its struggles, many of which are still applicable to today's church.

Movie Night—Jan. 25 at 6:30pm

On Friday January 25 join CIS as we once more sponsor Movie Night in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all for your movie suggestions. The movie starts at 6:30pm and we'll be showing The Greatest Showman—a film inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum's creation of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Popcorn and a free movie with friends is a great way to chase away the winter blues! Hope to see many of you there!

New Office Hours

Please make note of the new church office hours:

Monday through Thursday
9am to 12pm