

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday
November 11, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Green



Prelude

Allegretto – by Franz Joseph Haydn
Pilgrim Chorus – Richard Wagner

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Introit

*Call to Worship (*using Psalm 27:1*)

L: “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”

P: In the illuminating, transforming, and guiding light of Christ, we gather!

L: “The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

P: The light of Jesus shines in the darkness and leads us into justice, righteousness, and peace.

L: So let us come and celebrate the radiance of God’s love and the enlightening gift of God’s grace.

**P: Let us rejoice in the LORD who is our light and our salvation!
Come, let us worship!**

*Opening Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

No.

167

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer

Most Merciful God, we long for your light to be shared with the world. Still, at times, we forget to let it shine. When our thoughts, words, and deeds hide your light, forgive us, and help us to let it illuminate the lives around us. When our flame for your justice and 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 *Jubilate Deo* – by Glenn L. Rudolph

Scripture Matthew 5:1-16 John Ross, reader

Time for Children

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

*Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* No. 364
(vs. 1-3)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

No. 512

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Climb Every Mountain* – by Rodgers & Hammerstein
Ron Sanchez, Soloist

***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, we place these gifts before you. May they be used to shine your light into the heart of this community and the heart of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon “Shining the Light!” Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn *Jesus, the Light of the World* (next page)

Bells of Peace – A World War I Remembrance
Honoring the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* No. 535
vs. 1 and 4

Postlude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*



Those Serving You Today

Bell Ringer: Brad Adler

Ushers: Chris & Tom Kovarik

Flowers: Jenn Spaur

Coffee Hour Servers: Church World Service

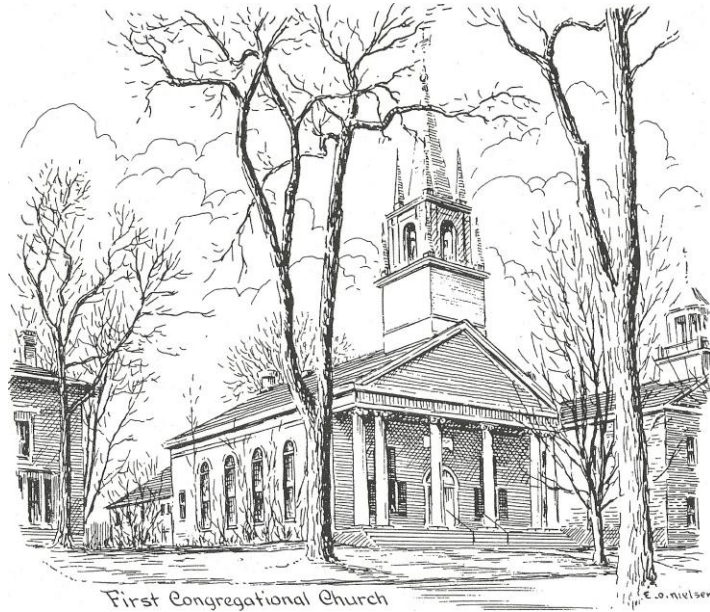
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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 & Church School 10am
Stewardship Kick-Off
Defib Training 11:30am-1:30pm
Donnell/Peck Wedding 7pm

Nov. 12: CIS 4pm
Trustees 5pm
Game Night 6pm

Nov. 13: Holiday Marketfest 9:30am (upstairs)
Healthy Kids Play Group 10am-12pm
Sheepscot Valley Chorus 7pm

Nov. 14: Organ Society 9:30am
Communications 10am
Defib Training 10:30am-12:30pm

Nov. 15: **Wreath Orders Due!**
Choir Rehearsal 4pm

Nov. 18: Worship & Church School 10am
Thanksgiving Sunday
Covenanting of New Members
Diaconate AW

Stewardship Kick-Off Today

On November 11, we will kick-off our 2019 Stewardship Campaign during worship. Pledge cards have been mailed to members and friends of the church, but if you did not get one, they are available in the office. On Sunday, Nov. 18, we will bring our pledges forward expressing our thankfulness for our blessings and our willingness to commit to our church's mission. We will also be welcoming several new members.

Thank you for helping us shine the light of Christ in this area of Maine.

Defibrillator Training Sessions—Today 11:30-1:30, Wed. 10:30-12:30

Our two defibrillator training sessions are this week. You can still sign up for either day. An additional trainer will come if we go over 6 (which we have for the Wednesday session). Thank you for taking the time to learn this important skill!

Apple Pies

The Organ Society was busy this week making apple pies for the holiday. If you would like a pie, please contact Martha Speed (phone 207-882-6842 or marthaspeed@hotmail.com) or Kim Hatt (phone 882-6712 or khatt@roadrunner.com). They will come frozen and ready for the oven whenever the occasion occurs!

Wreath Orders Due Nov. 15!

If you would like one of the beautiful wreaths made by the Organ Society, please return the wreath order form in the offering plate or contact Linda Winterberg (207-882-9693 or lzwint43@gmail.com) by **November 15**. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on Nov. 25.

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



1. All ye saints of light pro - claim, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Hear the Sav - ior's ear - nest call, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Why not seek Him then to - day, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Come, con - fess Him as your King, Je - sus, the light of the world;

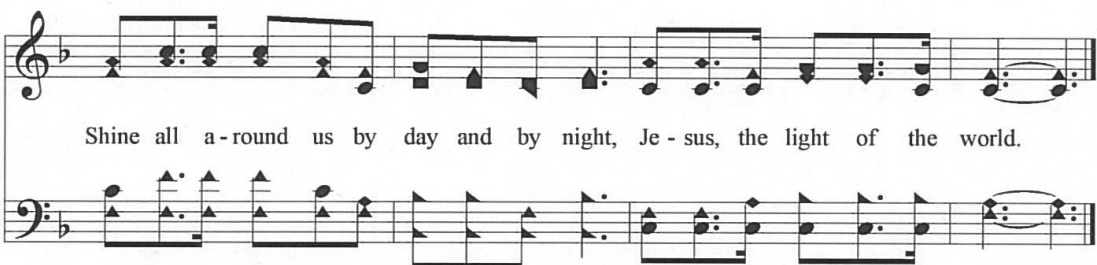


Life and mer - cy in His name, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Send the Gos - pel truth to all, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Go with truth the nar - row way, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Then the bells of heav'n will ring, Je - sus, the light of the world.

Chorus



We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light, Come where the dew-drops of mer - cy are bright,



Shine all a - round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the light of the world.



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