

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Lay Leader - Tina Peters

Sandy Carter, Organist

November 15, 2020

“On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.”

(from My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, a hymn by Edward Mote)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Welcome, Jesus Christ” - Ken Bible

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95):

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

People: For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice!

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Amen and amen!

***HYMN** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” No. 313 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (When We Gather, prayer by James G. Kirk)

You have built your house on a rock, O God, and have sent us the Christ as its cornerstone. We praise your name for the assurance Christ gives us, and rejoice in the hope that his presence provides. Bring now your Spirit into the midst of our gathering and bless our

endeavors as we follow Christ’s call. May our voices be blended into one of thanksgiving and our actions united into one of great praise. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 71: 1-8 page 463

CHOIR ANTHEM “Built on a Rock” - J. Althouse

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER “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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

PRAYER RESPONSE “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” No. 585

OFFERTORY (We will not actually take up an offering, however we request that you leave your contributions in the basket on your way out or mail them to Vi Scott as you have been doing.)

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 22: 1-4 page 259

MESSAGE “Find Your Rock” – Tina

***HYMN** “A Mighty Fortress” (insert - vs. 1, 2 & 4)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart” - D. Cagle

***POSTLUDE**

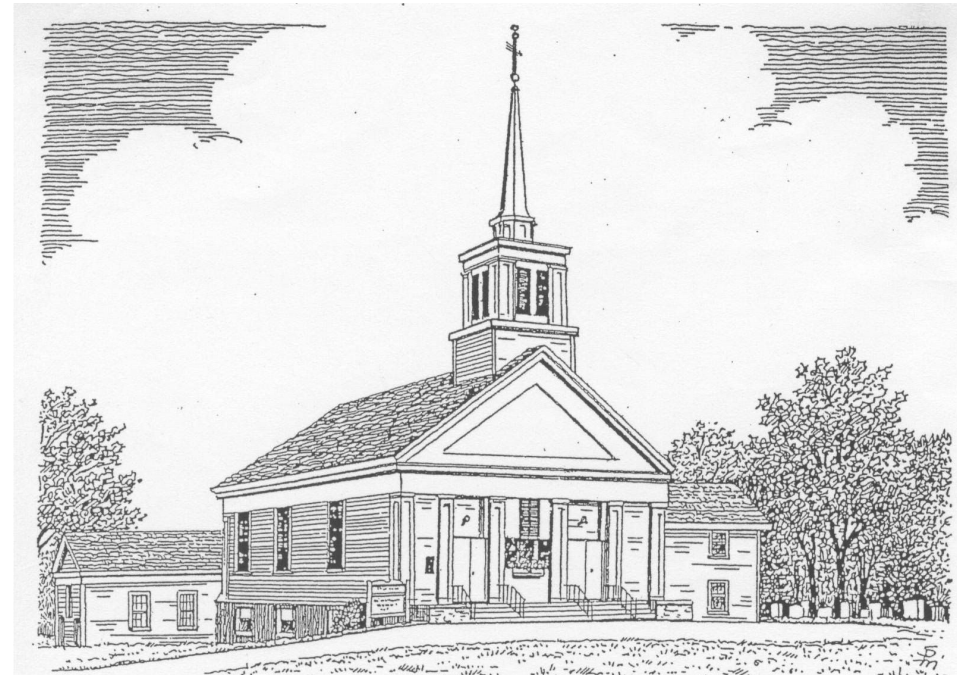
*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

Announcements

Earlier this week Rich decided to take his last vacation time off for this year. He will be here next Sunday, and will preach through Thanksgiving, the Advent season, and Christmas. Tina Peters graciously agreed to lead worship this morning. Thank you, Tina.

The Monday Nighters have their quilt on display here at the church for everyone to see. The pattern is called "Shakespeare in the Park". It is first prize in their annual raffle. Other prizes include a set of placemats and a painting. They need a lot of help selling raffle tickets, as they usually sell a lot of tickets at the Franklin County Fair and the Silverbell Bazaar, which are not taking place this year. It is hoped that everyone will help by buying and selling tickets. If you are able to help sell tickets or have any questions contact Luahn.

If you have any announcements or prayer requests please call Anita or email them to her by 9:00 P.M. Saturday (413-625-6481 or CandAupright@hotmail.com). She will type them up and give them to Rich to read from the pulpit so everyone at home on Zoom or worshipping in person can hear them. This helps the service to run more smoothly and eliminates having to repeat announcements or prayer requests.



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