

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church Phone: 625-9440 Pastor's Phone: (413) 634-5451

Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist

January 10, 2021

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3: 26-27

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "In Excelsis Gloria" - Henry Gauntlett

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The powerful voice of God created all worlds.

People: That same voice lives in our hearts.

Pastor: That same voice calls us together for worship.

People: God's creative power opens us to the Spirit.

Pastor: We come to remember our baptism.

People: We celebrate the Spirit's gifts within and among us.

***HYMN** "We Bless the Name of Christ the Lord" No. 214

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lead us in Your truth this day, gracious God. We long to know Your ways and be guided by Your Spirit. Direct us into that state of being where Your purposes inform our hearts and minds. We want to grow in the likeness of Jesus, to learn to live in ways that bring forth life. We wait for You now, eager to respond to Your promptings. Let nothing cut us off from You or separate us from one another, not only in this time of worship, but as we face the challenges of the times ahead. We pray this in the name and nature of Jesus the Christ. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42: 1-9 pages 584 - 585

CHOIR ANTHEM "Spirit Song" - John Wimber

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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

OFFERTORY (We request that you leave your contributions in the basket on your way out or mail them to Vi Scott.)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3: 13-17 pages 784 - 785

MESSAGE "Possibilities Unfolding" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Another Year Is Dawning" No. 560

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "A Blessing of Light" - J. M. Martin

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

A reminder that we are still collecting food for the Hilltown Food Pantry. This month the food item to contribute is soup and crackers.

A reminder that Committee and Officer written reports for the year 2020 are due TODAY! Reports may be left at the church on the

table in the entryway, in the box on Willis's porch, or emailed to Judy Willis at judywillis56@gmail.com. Copies of reports will be available to members next Sunday, January 17th, and can be picked up at church or from Willis's porch. Reports will also be emailed to members upon request.

An abbreviated **Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 24th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning church service. The meeting will be held socially distanced in-person and will be broadcast via Zoom. The only two items to be reviewed and voted on at the meeting will be the 2021 Budget and the 2021 List of Officers and Committees. All other Committee and Officer Reports will be held until it is either safe to meet in person or the weather is such that an outdoor, socially distanced meeting is possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Moderator Paul Willis at 413-625-2649.



Mary Lyon Church

First Congregational Church of Buckland

P.O. Box 87

Buckland, MA 01338