

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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October 10, 2021

*"No degree of worldly darkness can extinguish the glow of
a soul's inner light." Wes Fesler*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Arise, Your Light Is Come" - Festal Song

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Let our prayers arise before you.

People: And may your grace descend upon the world.

Pastor: Help us to feel our kinship with all life forms and do no
harm.

**People: Give to us eyes for seeing and a soul for sensing and
perceiving.**

**ALL: Envelop us with the presence of your Spirit, and deepen
and expand our sense of connection and unity. Amen**

***HYMN** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" No. 198

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

Your gift of life is a source of joy for us, O God, but the challenge to
grow often weighs us down. Give us the courage to grow into the
image and likeness of the Christ Spirit. Inspire us with new ways to
serve you and one another as we realize and soak in your constant
presence. Let all that we do radiate our faith and hope in your love
for us. Bless all who encourage us on the way, as together we seek
for the unity that is yours, Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 1: 14,16 page 862

CHOIR ANTHEM

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

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** "Praise God
from Whom All Blessings" No. 572

READING Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE "Continuation of Soul Seeing" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "There Is Sunshine In My Soul Today" No. 399
(vs. 1, 3 & 4)

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

We are happy to have Rich back with us this morning after spending some vacation time in Maine with his family.

Tina Peters is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of October. If anyone would like to provide flowers some Sunday in October, please contact Tina at 413-625-9629.

The HILLTOWN Churches Food Pantry in Ashfield has new hours - 3 to 5 PM every other Tuesday. For the month of October our church is focusing on collecting pasta and sauce for the pantry.

The Public Hall Committee is having a Tag Sale at 66 Upper Street in Buckland (across from the post office and Farm Stand) on Sat, Sun, and Mon - Columbus Day Weekend 10/9, 10/10, and 10/11 - from 9am to 4pm each day. For more information and/or to volunteer to help out please email at bucklandpublichall@gmail.com or call Annie 413-320-1615.

A special memorial service for Paul Sampley, who passed away last weekend, is being planned for Saturday, October 16th, at 2:00 here at the church.

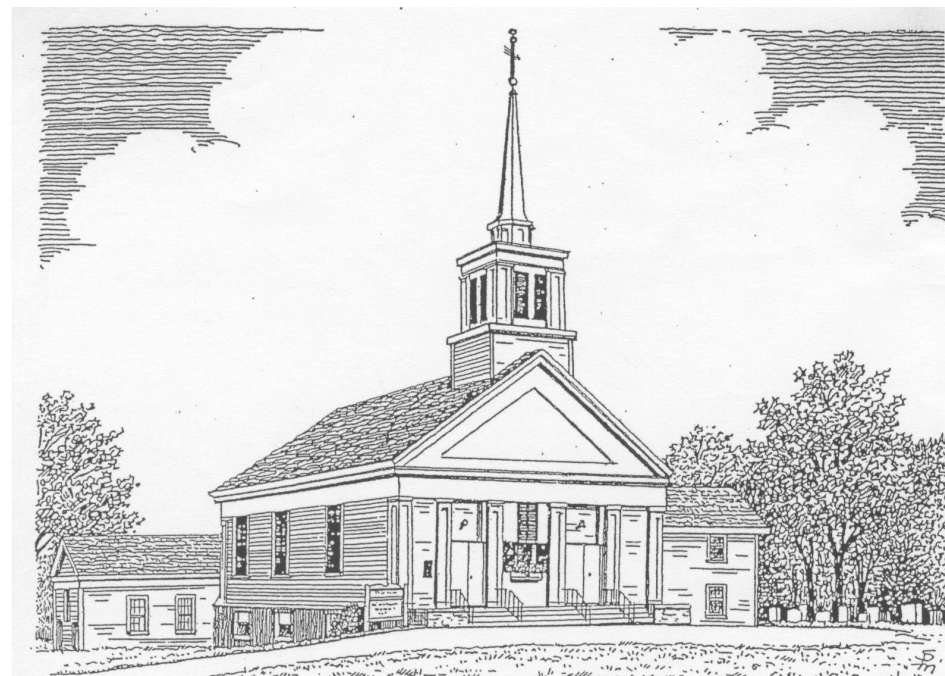
The Monday Nighters are once again selling raffle tickets to be drawn at the Silver Bell Bazaar on November 20, 2021! This year's prizes are:

1st prize - Barbara Scott's Grandmother's Quilt finished by the Monday Nighters

2nd prize - a print of Cyndie Stetson's watercolor painting "Autumn Barn"

3rd prize - Christmas themed pillow using the "Around the World" quilt pattern.

Tickets are 3 for \$5 or one for \$2 and are available at the Atherton Farm, from Luahn Page, (413) 634.5451, and will be sold at the Silver Bell Bazaar.



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