

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

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January 23, 2022 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that is why it is called the present."

Eleanor Roosevelt

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Arise, Your Light Is Come" - Ruth Duck

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We gather together in the name of our God who shares divinity with us,

People: In the name of our God who shares humanity with us,

Pastor: In the name of our God who inspires and calls us,

People: In the name of our God who knows us by name and heart.

ALL: Let us give thanks and praise.

***HYMN** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 90

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We give you thanks, Spirit of wisdom, for you speak to us in ways that often surprise us. You help us uncover truths that we have kept hidden from ourselves, and support us in tasks we fear to undertake alone. We give thanks for your invitations to growth and intimacy and fullness of life, even in these trying times, and for the comfort you extend when we need it the most. Inspire us, Encourage us, Conceive in us newborn possibilities for love and service, and fill us with enthusiasm and appreciation for the people and spirit of our community, and the living legacy of those who went before us. We know the plans You have for us, to give us a future and a hope and a spirit of love and resilience. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Luke 4: 14-30 (830-831 black; 835-836 red)

CHOIR ANTHEM "My Savior Loves Me" - D. Besig & N. Price

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 "The Day Of Grace Is Now" - A. Messiter

SCRIPTURE READING Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE "Prophet on the Edge" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 75 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace" -
G. Whelpton

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

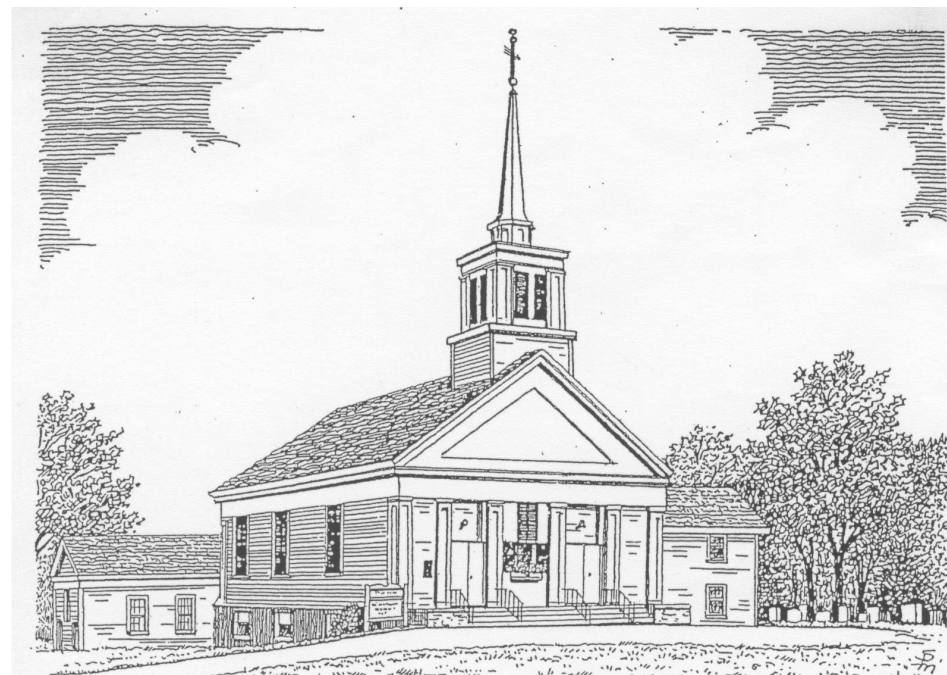
Bunny is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of January, so if anyone wishes to provide flowers any Sunday this month call Bunny at 413-772-6684.

We are collecting soup and crackers for the Hilltown Churches' Food Pantry for the month of January.

Reports from officers and committees for the year 2021 are available for members to pick up today in the entryway on your way out from church. They will also be available to pick up on Willis's porch any time this week. If anyone wishes to have a copy of the reports, but is unable to pick them up, please contact Moderator Paul Willis to make other arrangements to receive the packet of reports.

The abbreviated **Annual Meeting** is scheduled to be held next Sunday, January 30th, immediately following the regular 10:30 Sunday morning worship service. The meeting will be held socially distanced in-person and will be broadcast via Zoom. The only items to be reviewed and voted on at the meeting will be the 2022 Budget and any other pressing financial concerns, the list of Officers and Committees for 2022, and the revised By-Laws with minimal changes. All other Committee and Officer Reports will be held for a later date, as was done last year. If you have any questions, please contact Moderator Paul Willis at 413-625-2649.

You will notice that the 30 new black Bibles have been randomly distributed throughout the pews. Unfortunately the page numbers are not quite the same as the red Bibles, even though they were purchased from the same company. Page numbers from both the black Bibles and the red Bibles will be noted each week in the bulletin for the scripture readings.



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