



Second Christian Church of Kittery – U.C.C.

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Second Sunday Jazz!

November 12, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us in-person or online,
*Remember: No matter who you are, no matter who you love,
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!*

(* You are invited to stand as you are able)

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Major Major

Gary Peacock

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Community †

(Inspired by Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16)

One: Wisdom is radiant and unfading; she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.

***Many: We hear your Still Speaking voice. We come to you, Wisdom,
seeking knowledge and understanding.***

Wisdom is radiant and unfading; she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.

***We remember your marvelous acts and faithful instruction. We come to you,
Wisdom, as you have been near to us!***

Wisdom is radiant and unfading; she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.

***We trust in your guidance and place our hope in you through feast and
famine. We come to you, Wisdom, to worship and to serve.***

* Hymn #280

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* A Gathering Prayer †

***Wisdom, your presence illuminates our path. Shine your light into dim spaces so that
we do not stray from your teaching. Help us discern what you are calling us, your
church, to do and be in this moment in time. Give us urgency to be good news in the
world and for our neighbors. Let your glory reign among us and your Spirit lead us
into truth, justice, and love. For your name and in your name, we pray. Amen,***

* Gloria

Hirst/Effenberger

Glory to you, creating One! Glory to you, redeeming Son!

Glory to you, O Spirit, come!

Meet us now, make us one! Glory to you, O God!

Special Music

Last First

Gary Peacock

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

J. Mary Luti

***Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth
and wake up our hearts by the Word we now declare and ponder.
In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope, and fresh courage
for witness in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen,***

The Scripture

Living Psalm 78:1-7, Matthew 25:1-13

A Musical Interpretation

The Message

"Did Jesus Really Say That?"

WE RESPOND

The Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

We Share our Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,***

WE OFFER OF OURSELVES

Invitation to Offering

Special Music

Stella by Starlight

Young, arr. Peacock

* Response (#317 in hymnal)

Amen

African-American

* Dedication of Gifts †

***Holy One, bless the tithes and offerings we bring, and multiply them
that they will be a blessing for our community, our mission, and the world.
Accept all our gifts, O God, a testimony of your goodness in our lives. Amen!***

WE GO OUT

* Hymn #458

Bless, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

Vignette

Gary Peacock

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The Order for Baptism

Invitation

Promises

Congregational Assent

Jesus calls us to welcome all people and make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism.

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in faith?

We promise our love, support and care.

Let us unite with the church in all times and places
in confessing our faith in the triune God:

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

The Baptismal Prayer

The Act of Baptism

Baptismal Hymn

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.***

***Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.***

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

Prayer for the Baptized

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning are

Theodore Angelo Baran
and
Ava Marie Murphy

Theodore was born on February 12, 2023, is the son of Adam and Cassie Baran, and the grandson of Russell and Cheryl Amicone, and Tom and Linda Baran.

Theo's Sponsors are Alexandra and Stephen Taylor.

Ava was born on February 13, 2023, is the daughter of Kevin and Nicole Murphy, and the granddaughter of James and Carla Murphy, and Diane Rogers.

Ava's Sponsors are Adam and Cassie Baran.

Welcome one and all!

Our Mission Statement...

***Second Christian Congregational United Church of Christ
is a God-centered, Christ-formed, Spirit-led,
Open and Affirming gathering of God's people.***

It is our mission:

***To welcome all people into our community of faith,
To learn together the cost and joy of discipleship, and
To go out into the world to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ,***

Welcome to our service of worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Lois Marshall and Donald Tirabassi.

Our Ushers are Tom and Linda Baran, and our Liturgist is Mark Fecteau.

This morning we welcome back our *Second Sunday Jazz Trio*, featuring Mike Effenberger on piano, Jim Rudolf on drums and Rob Gerry on bass. Today they are playing selections by jazz bassist and composer Gary Peacock.

The Week Ahead:

Monday, November 13:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Tuesday, November 14:

9:00am Kittery Rotary honors Wilma Wheeler for her work with *Dress a Girl Around the World* - All are welcome!

6:30pm As the Page Turns... This month's book: *The Good, Good Pig*, by Sy Montgomery

Wednesday, November 15:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16:

2:00pm *Prayer Time* - via Zoom!

Friday, November 17:

9:00am *Breakfast With Brad* at Kasha's Kitchen

Sunday, November 19:

10:00am Worship for the *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00am The Ministry Teams will host a Second Hour to share with the congregation the work that they do and to offer opportunities for *you* to contribute to the needs of the community we serve - depending on YOUR passions and talents!

Please come and discover what works for you!

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An Open and Affirming Church

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God Is Here!

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,

*may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, fount, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kindom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

*Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,
newborn creatures of your womb.*

*Number them among your people,
raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments
bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.*

*Every day we need your nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps,
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.*

*O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!*

BEACH SPRING

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