Church on the Cape

United Methodist Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome to Church on the Cape

Large print bulletins are available upon request.
Please ask an usher if you would like a copy.

All stand if able

HYMN SING — Susie Goodwin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you, Carol Oster and Jean Moulton, for hosting coffee hour this week. There is an opening next week for a host!
- The Ministry of Caring will meet this Thursday at 10:00 am.

PRELUDE **"Prelude on 'Guidance'"**
Gordon Young

*****PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 78)

Leader: My people, hear my teaching;
People: listen to the words of my mouth.
Leader: I will open my mouth with a parable;
People: I will teach you lessons from the past—
Leader: things we have heard and known,
People: things our ancestors have told us.
Leader: We will not hide them from their descendants;
People: we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.
Leader: God gave the commandments to our ancestors to teach to their children
People: so the next generation would know them
Leader: and they in turn would tell their children.
People: Then they would put their trust in God,
Leader: they would not forget God's deeds,
People: but would keep God's commands.

*HYMN **"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"** UMH # 724

UNISON PRAYER

You, O Lord, are our God. We come to worship you today and to proclaim that you will be the only God that we choose to serve and follow.

We give you thanks for the heritage of our ancestors who not only created for us a holy sanctuary in which to worship but kept faith and passed their faith on from generation to generation.

As we have received faith from those who went before us, so now we pledge ourselves to pass on the knowledge of your deeds to those who will follow after us.

Help us to keep our lamps burning so that we will be welcomed at the banquet you prepare for all your people, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Joshua 1:1-2; 24:1-3a, 14-18
Joshua challenges the people to reaffirm their commitment to God.

STORY TIME

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Paul proclaims that we will all be reunited in the Kingdom of God.

CHORAL ANTHEM **"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**
Martin Luther; Mark Hayes, arr.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells a parable about ten bridesmaids.
MESSAGE "The Grand Procession!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We live by the Spirit, together with the communion of the saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

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OFFERING **"Meditation on 'Be Thou My Vision'"**
Robert Lau

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN **"We Sing to You, O God"** TFWS #2001
BLESSING

POSTLUDE
"O Thou in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight"
Gilbert M. Martin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

George Acker	Harold Falcone	Ann Nelson
Gail Browning	Patty Hutchins	Stewart Pratt
Ada Byrnes	Bethany Hessel	Luverne Preble
Judy Cadieux	Louise Hurlbutt	Steve Russell
Julie Chase	Micki Kinney	Beryl Samia
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesa Kraft Angelos	Lettie Samuel
Risha Deary	Brett LaCour	Lois Small
Beth Dudley	Nicholas LaCour	Eric Schoener
Henry & Diane Dynia	*Joan Lennon	Linda Woodard
Jean Earley	Janet Lennon	Chuck Wildes
Sally Ewton	Charity Perry Liutai	
Faith Gilmore	Marybeth Munroe	

**New to Prayer List*



November 4	Chris Humphrey
November 7	Ralph Hurlbutt
November 9	**Heidi Phillips & Connie Wood**
November 13	**Theresa Bowdoin**
November 14	**Elaine Triplett & Reah Atwater**
November 16	Annie Hidell
November 18	Carol Schoener
November 23	Kerri Lovejoy
November 24	Sally Ewton
November 28	Bill Scarborough

If you would like to add someone's name to the birthday list, call the office and let us know. 207-967-5787

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sun. November 8	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Fraud Or Not – Parlor of Peace
Mon. November 9	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
Tues. November 10	All Day	Greg Out of Office
	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wed. November 11	All Day	Office Closed
	11:30 am	Veterans' Day Lunch
	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
Thu. November 12	10:00 am	Ministry Of Caring
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	3:00 pm	Worship Committee
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. November 14	10a-12p	Cargo Shop Open (Last Day Until Prelude)

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. November 15	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
Chimes Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	McClelland Foundation Meeting
Mon. November 16	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues. November 17	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	12:30 pm	Advent Study Discussion Group
Wed. November 18	11:00 am	Upper Room Discussion
	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
	4:30 pm	Bon Appetit
	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Thu. November 19	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

To see our full calendar of events visit www.churchonthecape.org

PARISH NEWS

TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

The books are in! Come to the office to pick up your copy.

The Advent Study begins November 17, takes a break for Thanksgiving week, and resumes on December 1. It will end on December 15 so that it will not meet the week of Christmas. It will meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 after lunch. If we have enough interest, we will have a Wednesday evening ZOOM group.

FRAUD OR NOT WORKSHOP

Today at 11:30 am

Kaylee Powell from Kennebunk Savings Bank is here today to give a presentation with valuable information about spotting fraud and not getting involved. Grab your goodies from Bartlett Hall and join us in the Parlor of Peace at 11:30!

VETERANS' DAY LUNCHEON

November 11 at 11:30 am

The office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th but the doors of the church are open as we invite all those who served in the Armed Forces to join us for lunch! In partnership with Alisson's Restaurant, we will serve clam chowder, sandwiches and dessert as a token of appreciation for your service. Please let the office know if you are planning on attending.

CHRISTMAS FAIR INFO

The Christmas Fair will be held on December 5th.

- Please see the insert for information on the Christmas Surprises!
- Time to set aside your treasures for our Prelude Sale. Treasures only, please.
- The Prelude Cookie Ladies need your clean (no rust please) cookie tins for our Prelude Fair Bake Sale. Please bring them to the church at your earliest convenience.

Hospitality Coordinator Needed

We are currently seeking a volunteer to help manage the kitchen, beginning in January. Please see Ginny Hammar for details.

Attendance

October 25, 2026

In Person-**71** Online- **62**

Christmas Surprise Packages

DUE BEFORE NOVEMBER 22

Please do not gift wrap items!

GIFT CARDS NEEDED

$10.00 - $15.00 in value with gift receipt attached. Suggestions: McDonalds, Wendy's, Michaels, Target, Reny's, Staples, Home Depot, Cosco, movie theater gift cards, etc.

PLEASE NOTE:
THE GIFT CARD RECEIPT MUST BE ATTACHED

NEW GIFT ITEMS NEEDED

$10.00 - $20.00 in value, leave purchase price on item. Suggestions: Coffee mugs, candles, gift sets, gift items for ladies, men, boys, and girls. Note: Items for children's gifts can range from ages 4 to 10 years old.

DUPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

Leave gift cards in the church office for Debora Berry. Gift items are left in a Christmas Surprise box in the lobby under the table.



Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, com-passionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Join us from wherever you call home. If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages, and sermons online - you can find them via our website:
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