

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

November 19, 2017: Thanksgiving Sunday

Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

** indicates times when you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Gathering Music & The Ringing of the Church Bell

Choral Call to Worship: "We Gather Together"

Bell Choir

Greetings and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights

Variations on Ash Grove

George Lachenauer

Call to Worship (from Psalm 65, paraphrased by Eugene Peterson)

We all arrive at your doorstep sooner or later, God, loaded with guilt.

But you get rid of our sins once and for all!

Blessed be the guest at home in your house!

Here, we can eat our fill!

Earth-tamer, Ocean-pourer, Mountain-maker, Hill-dresser,

Dawn and dusk take turns, calling, "Come and worship!"

Creation was made for this!

Paint the wheat fields golden! Snow-crown the peaks with splendor!

Scatter rose petals down your paths, and through the wild meadows!

Let them shout and shout and shout! Oh, let them sing!

***Opening Hymn:** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**I didn't expect a place to be saved for me, God, but here I am,
and your family is glad to see me!**

**I didn't expect such a meal, God, but here I am, fingers sticky
and covered with crumbs! I didn't expect more than a candle, God,
but you have lit a warm fire in my soul. With a thankful heart, I join
the whole family of Jesus to pray:**

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

**trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever. Amen**

***Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end! Amen, Amen!**

Epistle Reading: 2nd Corinthians 9:6-15 KJV 856 /CEB 885 /MSG 1596

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Bringing in the Sheaves

Hymn Binder

Pastoral Prayer: May the Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Offertory: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Vocal Choir

***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading: Luke 17:11-19 KJV 769/CEB 799/MSG 1439

Message: Milk & Honey, Turnips & Rocks

Rev. Holly Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Benediction

Extinguishing the Altar Lights: *Take the Light of Christ into the world!*

Postlude: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Michael Burkhardt

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Dottie White

Head/Asst Deacons: George Langbehn/Mary Hartman & Kathy

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Welcome to the Phippsburg Congregational Church! Please sign our guest book in the narthex and stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Linden Tree Meeting House following the service. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Need a Large-print bulletin, bible, or hearing-assist device? Please ask one of our deacons for these.

CALENDAR

- Mon. Nov. 20: Nominating Committee Mtg. 10:30 AM, LTMH
 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3 PM, LTMH
 Restorative Yoga 6-7:30 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Nov. 21: Vocal Choir Practice 6 PM*
- Wed. Nov. 22: Tai Chi 10 AM, LTMH*
- Thurs. Nov. 23: Have a blessed Thanksgiving!*
- Fri. Nov 24: Global Thanksgiving Potluck, 3 PM, LTMH*
- Sun. Nov. 26: Worship 10 AM*

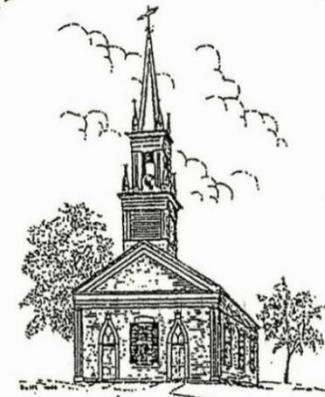
PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS AND VISITS FOR NOVEMBER 19-25:

Holly will be in on Monday, 12-5, and visiting Tuesday, 10-4. She can be reached by phone or email as needs or concerns arise: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com. Tuesdays are dedicated to outreach and visitation, so please contact Holly to get on her dance card!

GLOBAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK FRIDAY NOV 24: We will be hosting our new Mainer families for a multicultural Thanksgiving potluck. All are welcome. Please bring food to share from your heritage! Starts at 3 pm, meal begins at 4pm. Please bring your place setting and your dish to share! Contact Mare Hartman FMI: dbchartman@yahoo.com.

POPHAM CHAPEL "COME TO THE STABLE": We have been invited to participate in the 4th Annual "Come to the Stable," a Community gathering of Nativity Displays, to celebrate the Christmas Season. Dates for drop-off: Dec 7 & 8. Event dates: Dec 9 & 10, 11-3PM. Contact FMI: Connie Shielber 389-2416.

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We honor and respect those who have gone before, lighting the candles of our faith and opening the doors of our beloved church in welcome to all who enter.

We acknowledge and accept our responsibility to be good stewards of this church and faith community.

We believe Jesus fully revealed our living God's unconditional love and calls us to share that love with all so that we may help transform the world and ourselves.

We value community and celebrate those distinct gifts we each bring to our community.

We strive to actively practice generosity, hospitality, and stewardship of all of God's creation.

And in all things we seek the Righteousness, Justice, and Peace that is God's Shalom on earth as it is in heaven.

Rev. Holly Morrison, pastor & teacher

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,

the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended

the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,

shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us

to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,

the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,

unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.