

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC
Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!
December 10, 2017: Second Sunday of Advent
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

Greetings and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights

Variations on Il Est Ne

Franklin Ashdown

Call to Seek the Light: Lighting the Candle of Peace

Leader: Last week we had the courage to light the candle of hope.

We claim that this fragile light signifies hope
in a world where hope is often extinguished. (*light 1st candle*)

People: We light hope on this wreath

**in our church on Sunday morning,
and we commit to living hope in the week to come.**

Leader: The second candle is the candle of peace.

What opposes peace in our world?

People responding: _____

Leader: Can this Advent light stand against these powers?

People: Amen – light the candle.

Leader: (*lighting 2nd candle*) We light peace on this wreath
in our church on Sunday morning. What will you do?

People: Emmanuel, God being with us, we will live this peace.

***Hymn:** Comfort, Comfort O My People Pilgrim Hymnal #104

Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

God of life, we want to walk in your light.

Help us to prepare your way.

May the light of peace shine on the path between You and us.

In that light, help us clear away the things that block the way.

Help us to shine with Your love. We pray with Jesus:

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!**

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 KJV 538/CEB 552/MSG 973

Time for All God's Children

Hymn: O God of Love, O God of Peace (*NCH 571*) Insert

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: *Noel Angevin* Cesar Franck

***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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8 KJV 731 /CEB 761 /MSG 1377

Message: Carga Larga Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Hymn:** The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore (*NCH 115*) Insert

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Partita on Vom Himmel Hoch* David Schack

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Kathy Totten

Head/Asst Deacons: Brad Hart/Berenice Knight & Ann Bradbury

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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

- Sun. Dec. 10* *Worship 10 AM: Second Sunday of Advent
Christmas Sales and Fairs, LTMH*
- Mon. Dec. 11:* *Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3 PM, LTMH
Restorative Yoga 6-7:30 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Dec. 12:* *Building & Grounds 4 PM
Vocal Choir Practice 6 PM
Deacons Meeting 7 PM*
- Wed. Dec. 13:* *Tai Chi 10 AM, LTMH
Old West Bath Meeting House: Christmas Service
& Carol Sing, 7:00 PM*
- Thurs. Dec. 14:* *Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM*
- Sat. Dec. 16:* *A Christmas Concert: 7:30 PM
www.phippsburgucc.org/concerts*
- Sun. Dec. 17:* *Worship 10 AM: Second Sunday of Advent
Church Council Mtg after worship, LTMH*

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 10 – DECEMBER 16:

Monday: Noon- 4 PM in Office

Tuesday: 10 AM – 2 PM visitation, 2 PM – 4 PM in Office

Wednesday: West Bath Christmas Service, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

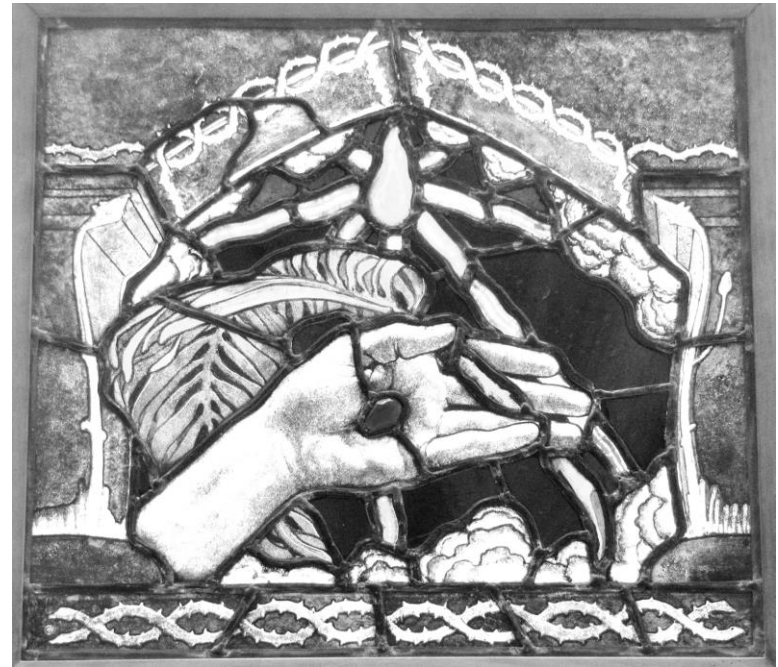
Thursday: 9:30 – 2 PM in Office

Fri & Sat: Visitation & working from home, reachable by phone/email

Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH: You're invited to bring your own poinsettias this year for display by Dec 17th. There's a signup in Narthex for Memorial and Honor notices.

GRACE STREET GIFTS: Bring donations of \$5 gift cards (Subway & Dunkin Donuts) and "keeper" cookies to church by Sun 12/17/17. We'll pack gift bags after worship. FMI contact Sandy Stenquist, project coordinator.



WHAT IS PEACE?

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.

*Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all
to the good of all.*

Peace is dynamism.

Peace is generosity.

It is right and it is [our] duty.

*--Archbishop Oscar Romero,
El Salvador (1917-1980)*

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