

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

January 6, 2019: Feast of Epiphany

Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

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

Prelude & The Ringing of the Church Bell

Chorale Fantasia on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star D. Buxtehude

Greetings and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Lights

Call to Worship (*Orthodox Epiphany prayer, adapted*)

We glorify you, O God, Lover of humankind, Shining One!

Light from Light, dawn upon us!

You came as a child and grew in our midst, God-With-Us!

Light from Light, shine among us!

With muddy waters and rushing wings, you were called Beloved!

Light from Light, blaze and bless us!

We glorify You, Light from Light, our Servant and our Lord!

***Hymn:** On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Pilgrim Hymnal #136

Prayer of Confession

Savior, how shall we find your star? Our night skies are busy.

Our inner vision is blurred. Fears & faults collide in the glare.

Come, lead us. Help us to listen for holy messengers. Help us

seek your star and travel your way, like wise ones before us.

Words of Assurance

The 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 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 60:1-6 KJV /CEB /MSG

Time for All God's Children: Welcoming the Magi

***Hymn:** The First Nowell

Pilgrim Hymnal 141

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: *Let Our Gladness Have No End*

Harold Stover

***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: Matthew 2:1-12

KJV /CEB /MSG

Message:

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

Sacrament of Communion (*Our table is open to all, regardless of background or belief. A GF option is in the cup on each bread plate.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn:** We Three Kings (verses 1, 2, 5)

Pilgrim Hymnal 143

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Variations on an Ancient Polish Noel*

Alexandre Guilmant

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Ann Bradbury

Head/Assistant Deacons: Kathy Totten / Ann Bradbury & Brad Hart

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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

<i>Sun 1/6</i>	<i>Worship 10 AM</i>
<i>Tues 1/8</i>	<i>Building & Grounds Mtg, 2 PM</i> <i>Deacons Mtg, 7 PM</i>
<i>Fri 1/11</i>	<i>Book Group resumes, 12-2 PM</i>
<i>Sat 1/12</i>	<i>CONCERT: New Orleans Jazz w/ Hadacol Bouncers, 7:30 PM</i>
<i>Sun 1/13</i>	<i>Worship 10 AM</i>
<i>Tues 1/15</i>	<i>Budget & Finance Mtg, 10 AM</i>
<i>Wed 1/16</i>	<i>Church Council Mtg, 4 PM</i>
<i>Sun 2/3</i>	<i>Annual Mtg after Church Worship</i>

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 1/6-1/12: Mon: Day Off / Tue: Day Off / Wed: 10-4 / Thurs: Office 10-4 / Fri - Sat: Work from Home. Holly can be reached by phone or email as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

Amanda's Hours: Tues & Thurs 10-3 PM

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE Please prepare your committee/group reports so we can compile our annual report prior to the congregation's Annual Meeting on February 3rd. Thank you!

It's JANUARY! This month, we will be gathering donations of peanut butter and Jam for the Bath Area Food Bank. Please bring PB or other nut butters and jam to church and leave them on the blue bench in the narthex/entryway. Sandy Stenquist will be coordinating this effort; please contact her with any questions. Thank you!

FEAST OF EPIPHANY



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 S. Morrison, pastor & teacher

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