

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

December 24, 2018: Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

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

'Partita on From Heaven Above'

David Schack

'Noel Suisse'

Louis-Claude Daquin

Words of Welcome

Reading: "BC:AD" (U. A. Fanthorpe, England)

Phyllis Bailey

***Opening Hymn:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v.1-3) Red Hymnal #132

Lighting the Advent Candles

Reading: "When The World Was Dark" (Anon., Scotland) H. Morrison

The Lord's Prayer:

...we pray in the name of the Promised One, saying:

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 *Foretelling a savior's coming* George Langbehn

Reading: "A First Coming" (Madeleine L'Engle, USA) Sylvia Leuteman

***Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** (v.1 & 2) Red Hymnal #110

Reading: "Trees of Winter" (E. B. White, USA) Marcia Beach

***Carol: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**(v. 1-3) Red Hymnal #114

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 *The peace Jesus will bring* Kathy Totten

Reading: "Descent" (Luci Shaw, Canada) Kasi & Tristan McGraw

Carol: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (v.1 & 2) Red Hymnal #129

Children's Message

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v.1, 3, 4) Red Hymnal #134

Offertory: *'In Dulci Jubilo'* Arr. by Christine Harmon

***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

Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-38, 46-55 *An angel brings news to Mary* Isabel

Reading: "Cooking For A Crowd" Rev. Holly S. Morrison

Special Music: "What Child is This" Chip, Rob, & Chipper Simpson

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 *Luke tells of the birth of Jesus* Carol Langbehn

Reading: "Che Jesus" (Anon., Argentina) Chip Simpson

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-20 *Shepherds respond to the news* Peter Winter

Poem: "Shepherd Morning" (K. Connors, USA) Kevin Connors

***Carol: "Joy to the World"** (v.2 "Let all...") Red Hymnal #130

Sharing the Light of the World

(We will sing as we pass the light from one candle to another.)

***Closing Hymn: "Silent Night"** Red Hymnal #138

Benediction: "Christmas Comes" (Ann Weems, USA) Rev. Morrison
(please remain seated while the bell choir plays a response)

Choral Response: "All Through The Night" Bell Choir

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

Postlude: *'Meditation on Silent Night'* David Lasky
'Pastorale from Christmas Concerto' Archangelo Corelli

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Guest Musician: Margie Landis
Special Music: Handbell Choir, Chip, Rob, & Chipper Simpson
Head/Asst. Deacons: Berenice Knight / Laurie Simpson & Ann Bradbury
Thanks also to Readers & Flower Committee Members
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Welcome to the Phippsburg Congregational Church! We are an active, thoughtful, caring and diverse community of people who seek to walk in the Way of Jesus Christ. We are part of the United Church of Christ; we take the Bible seriously, but not literally. Our ministry in this place is 253 years strong, and we continue to reach beyond our doors to learn from, & serve, others. Visit us: www.phippsburgucc.org. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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CALENDAR

- Mon 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS, 7 PM
CELTIC CHRISTMAS COMMUNION, 11 PM
Tues. 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Sun 12/30 Worship 10 AM: COME-AS-YOU-ARE CAROL SING
Fri 1/4 Restore & Renew Yoga, 5:30-7 PM
Fri 1/11 Book Group resumes, 12-2 PM
Sat 1/12 CONCERT: New Orleans Jazz w/ The Hadacol Bouncers
Wed 1/16 Church Council Mtg, 4 PM

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 12/23-12/29: Hours by appointment this week. Holly can be reached as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

Amanda's Hours: Thursday 10-1 PM

A CALL FOR "STAR" STORIES

Last year on Epiphany, we handed out star words to guide you through the year. In January, we'd like to share some of the ways those words have been shining in your lives. Start thinking about your own star story. We'll share them during this year's Epiphany season!

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JOY TO THE WORLD!



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A SERVICE OF LESSONS, POEMS, & CAROLS

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