

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**January 14, 2018: Baptism of Christ 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**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Centering Prayer**

**Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights**

*Prelude on Rhosymedre*

*James Kantor*

**Call to Worship** *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes, adapted)*

Come, you who called Beloved, offspring of the delight of God!

**We come, unsure, unsteady, to the edge of grace.**

Come, for you are God's, in whom God delights!

**Offspring of light, we come, scattered, but shining.**

Immerse yourself in the river. Go into the deep.

**Let this be our balm, our healing, our salvation.**

Your only sin is your inability to trust this in your bones.

Soak in it. Practice believing it.

**We come, because we need practice!**

**Let us plunge in with faith, and emerge dripping with heaven!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** When Morning Gilds the Skies Pilgrim Hymnal 35

**Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Flowing God, your blessings pour over us. Your currents shape and reshape our lives. Thank you for bathing us with grace.**

**Fiery God, you energize us to rise and shine. You startle us with rushing wings and fresh visions. Thank you for lighting our fire.**

**Mighty Lover of humankind, awaken us to your elemental power, invested in our lives. May we be a force for good!**

**In the Way of Jesus, our beloved brother, we 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!**

**Lectionary Reading:** Acts 19:1-7 KJV 819/ CEB 848/ MSG 1522

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** Crashing Waters at Creation (NCH 326) 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:** *My Faithful Hearth Rejoices* Johannes Brahms

**\*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**

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:4-11 KJV 731/ CEB 761/ MSG 1377

**Message:** Fire and Water Rev. Holly Morrison

**\*Closing Hymn:** Many are the Light Beams (NCH 163) Insert

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *Variations on Kingsfold* Harold Rutz

**Thanks to today's service participants:**

Organist: Ann Harltzler      Lay Reader: Kathy Totten  
Head/Asst Deacons: Laurie Simpson/ Berenice Knight & Chip Simpson  
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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**

- Sat. Jan 13: CONCERT: State Street Jazz Band, 7:30 PM*
- Sun. Jan 14: Worship 10 AM*
- Sun. Jan 21: Deadline: All annual reports due to church office*
- Tue. Jan 23: Church Council 7 PM, LTMH*
- Sun. Feb 4: PCC Annual Meeting*
- Sun. Feb 11: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Event: Potluck and Game Night!*

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR NOVEMBER 12-18:**

Monday: Day Off  
Tuesday & Wednesday: Local visitation and office, 10 AM – 5 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM – 4 PM  
Fri & Sat: Visitation & working from home, reachable by phone/email  
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE:** Please get your end of year reports in to the office for inclusion in our annual report. Must be received by Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

**BRANCHES: CALL FOR ARTICLES & PHOTOS!** Please send your church news, photos, etc. to Amanda (pccoffice1@gmail.com) by Feb 4<sup>th</sup>!

**RIDES NEEDED: CAN YOU DRIVE THE JESUS BUS?**

Drivers needed for occasional rides to Dr's appointments, church, and other community services. Please sign the clipboard list or contact the church office (pccoffice1@gmail.com) to join our ride corps!

**GOING TO THE WOMENS' MARCH JAN 20th?** UCC Conference minister Deborah Blood invites Augusta marchers to gather at the Conference office (One Weston Ct, Suite 104) at 9:30 AM for hot drinks and sign making, and after the march for a Potluck Lunch. Let's march together for a better world!



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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.

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