

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

November 25, 2018: Thanksgiving Sunday

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

"Voluntary on 'Brother James' Air" James Leith Macbeth Bain

Greetings & Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Centering Prayer & Lighting of the Altar Lights

Call to Worship:

Now thank we all our God

with hearts and hands and voices!

Who wondrous things has done

in whom this world rejoices! Let us worship and give thanks!

***Opening Hymn:** "How Great Thou Art"

Hymn Binder

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Source and Sovereign, we gather with thanksgiving—some of us bringing in sheaves of bargains, some stressed from the bustle and fuss, some still sleepy from the feast. And yet, Dear God, we come hungry: hungry for reunions we cannot have, hungry for days free of worry, hungry for peace and healing, safety and love.

And so, still conflicted, we offer thanks. And we lift our empty plates to you. Fill our hearts, God, and help us share the feast. Hear us as 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!

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Joel 2:21-27 KJV 670 / CEB 694 / MSG 1244

Time for All God's Children

Choir Anthem: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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: "Pastorale"

W. A. Mozart

***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: Matthew 6:25-33

KJV 707 / CEB 737 / MSG 1338

Message: Crowdsourcing

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** "Amazing Grace"

Hymn Binder

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

Tune: Hyfrydol

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Sharon Bond Lay Reader: Phyllis Bailey

Head/Asst. Deacon: George Langbehn / Bill Gilman

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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. 11/25 *Worship 10 AM*
Tues. 11/27 *Vocal Choir Practice, 6 PM*
Wed. 11/28 *Church Council, 4 PM*
Thurs. 11/29 *Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM*
 Tai Chi, 10-11 AM
Fri. 11/30 *Book Group, 12-2 PM*
Sun. 12/2 *Worship 10 AM*
Sat. 12/8 *CONCERT: The Gawler Sisters, 7:30 PM*

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 11/25-12/1: Hours by appointment this week. Holly can be reached as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

GRACE STREET MINISTRIES WINTER GEAR DRIVE

We are once again gathering winter gear for Maine's homeless people through Grace Street Ministries. Coats, boots, toiletries, warm socks, scarves, mittens, hats and backpacks. Add them to the donation box in the Narthex. The box is filling up and there's still room for more – Thank you for your donations!

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to honor or remember someone with poinsettias, please sign on the sheet in the Narthex. Cost per plant \$10. (Flower Committee will purchase from Longfellow's.) Flowers will be displayed in church starting Dec 16th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Please give money to Ann Bradbury by Dec 1st.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WRAP-UP

Many thanks to everyone who has faithfully sent in your 2019 pledges. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please bring it in or mail it ASAP, so we can have a realistic guide for our 2019 ministries and missions. Again, THANKS!

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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 S. Morrison, pastor & teacher

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Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Who, from our mother's arms, Hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

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All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

Old Hundredth and Nun Danket Alle Gott,
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