



Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC

We share God's love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY AND SERVICE OF COMMUNION

JANUARY 6, 2019 • 10:00 A.M.

*Childcare is offered for 3 and under during Worship at “Kid’s Korner” in the hall behind the Sanctuary. We share at 9:50 our prayers for joys and concerns.
Fellowship Hour follows worship in the Social Hall.*

PRELUDE

(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise people, shine like the sun.

People: God’s glory shines on us like the brightness of the sun

One: The light of God’s presence is with us.

People: Where is the child, born to be the light of the world?

One: You have seen his star!

People: We have come to worship him.

*OPENING HYMN

The First Noel

Red No. 141

INVOCATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE (IN UNISON)

Creator of Light, shine through us. We have come to worship our God who is not on high, in some cloud, but who has chosen to come in Jesus to live among us. May we encounter God in our worship and may our eyes be opened to seeing our God in these coming days: in the places we live, the lives we live, and the people we meet. Amen.

In the name of Christ, who is the Way, and who taught us to prayer, saying...

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Tune: Red No. 144

Come, God of love, your promise bring

To raise our hope, a world waiting.

Create a stillness in our hearts

To know the joy your love imparts.

**Please stand as you are able*

ANTHEM *To Bethlehem* words and music by Nym Cooke, arr. Peter Amidon

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* words by Adger Pace,
music by R.Fischer Boyce, arr. Tom Fettke

***DOXOLOGY** Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Red No. 64

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (IN UNISON)**

O God, accept these our offerings which shows our concern for justice in your world, and our dreams and visions for this new year and your future. Help us to work to make shalom a reality for all people. Guide us as we walk into the future together, trusting in your way and supporting each other. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING—Matthew 2:1-12 Scholars from the East The Message (MSG)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory— this was during Herod's kingship—a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him." When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well. Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory. The prophet Micah wrote it plainly: It's you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land, no longer bringing up the rear. From you will come the leader who will shepherd-rule my people, my Israel." Herod then arranged a secret meeting with the scholars from the East. Pretending to be as devout as they were, he got them to tell him exactly when the birth-announcement star appeared. Then he told them the prophecy about Bethlehem, and said, "Go find this child. Leave no stone unturned. As soon as you find him, send word and I'll join you at once in your worship." Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time! They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh. In a dream, they were warned not to report back to Herod. So they worked out another route, left the territory without being seen, and returned to their own country.

MAPLE STREET NEWS

*Today is Epiphany Sunday, Service of Communion,
& Food Collection Sunday*



Today at Church

- 9:50 am Joys and Concerns
10:00 am Morning Worship. Childcare is offered for children 3 and under at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary
11:00 am **Volunteers Needed!** Church Growth needs volunteers after church today to help take the holiday decorations down.

Announcements

Today at Noon: DIP Youth Program Lunch

Youth grades 8-12th are invited to All Saints Episcopal in Danvers for an interfaith program of food, fellowship, and fun and the opportunity to learn more about mission, outreach, and events.

Today at 3pm: Chancel Choir at the Annual Choir Festival

Come hear our very own Chancel choir sing at the festival at St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Parish 59 Ashley Street, East Boston. All are invited and welcome to experience the joy of church choirs from various cultures and traditions as they share in song.

World Service Cereal Bowl Challenge

MSC has been challenged to donate 500 boxes of cereal during January 1st-January 31st for the Danvers Food Pantry. Cereal boxes will be collected on the stage in the Social Hall during the month.

World Service Committee Thank You

Thank you to the following people who made a donation on the Christmas Card Tree.

We collected \$149.00 and will be sending a check to the **DANVERS HELPING HANDS FUND** to help those in our community unable to meet winter fuel costs:

The Curda Family, Noreen Waters, Judy & Larry Drouin, Peggy Kuzma,
Sid & Diane Durkee, Marge & Lew Hathaway, Grace Phinney & George Jones,
Pam Perkins, Sally Shannon, Peggy Coyne, Eileen Russell, Don & Eileen Thomas,
Judy, Tom & Bella Manuel, Jan Moller

Thank you so much, every little bit helps. We hope you have a very Happy & Peaceful
New Year.

-The World Service Committee

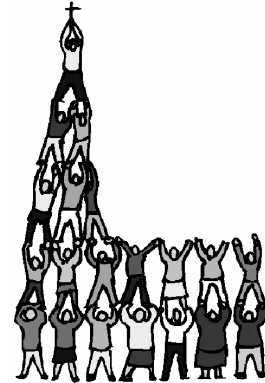
THIS WEEK

Monday

- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts in the Social Hall
6:00 pm Cub Scouts in the upstairs classrooms

Tuesday

- 9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
6:00 pm Prayer & Table Service in the Chapel
6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall
6:30 pm Deacons Meeting in the Reception Room



Wednesday

- 12:00 pm Brooksby Lunch Bunch
4:30 pm Alleluia Morning Practice in the Music Room
6:30 pm CE Meeting in the upper classrooms

Thursday

- 4:30 pm Rejoice Choir Practice in the Music Room

Sunday

- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship; John Soderblom preaching
11:30 am Joyful Noise Practice in the Music Room

Save the Dates

January 20th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Worship

All are welcome to celebrate with us this special day!

Men's Breakfast Saturday, January 26th at 9am

The men's group meet one Saturday a month at the Breakaway Restaurant on Rt. 1 at 9am. The cost of breakfast is \$15-20.

Sunday, January 27th Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting will follow worship in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, February 3rd First Sunday Family Worship and DIP Youth Program Lunch



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Our Worship Services are aired on Danvers Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 36, Sunday 10:00 am and 7:00 pm (one week delay)

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Bruce Billingham

Treasurer: Sheila Crofts

Clerk: Scott Spearing

Deacons Chairpersons: Alden Duffill; Phyllis Boyd Desmond

Trustees Chairpersons: Richard Donahoe; Richard Crofts

Christian Education Chairpersons: Pam Spearing; Alison Brennan

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm; Friday 9 am - 12 pm

MESSAGE

Where the Map Begins

Pastor Pam

***COMMUNION HYMN**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Black No. 330

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/SHARING OF THE LORD'S MEAL

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Meal

Invitation to the Table

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray, Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, and for being with us here and always. We feel your presence in the meal we have shared and we experience your love in our hearts and in our lives. We celebrate this Communion meal with all your followers around the world. May we be strengthened to carry your love and light with us in all we do and say. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Jesus, the Light of the World

Black No. 160

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M., adapted Michael Praetorius

POSTLUDE

Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction Response.

The Postlude is transitional music which inspires us as we go forth as disciples to serve God and one another. Worship has ended. Our Service Begins . . .





Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Our ushers and greeters are happy to answer any questions. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered during the worship service. **Sunday School** for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second Hymn except on "First Sundays."

The church of disciples who welcome you!

Visit our web page at www.maplestreetchurch.org

Sunday's Servants:

Deacon of the Month: Marge Hathaway

Ushers: Bill Cassidy, Natalie Cassidy, John Foss, Bob Wilkinson

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

Scripture Reader: Donna Mandriota

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of
Paul & Doris Drouin; John & Doris Osgood
Given by Larry and Judy Drouin*

*The Steeple is lit in loving memory of
Douglas Clark
Given by Amy Brierley*

**Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one.
If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Peggy Kuzma at 978-998-5007.**

Our lighted steeple is an important symbol of our presence in the community. Your contributions in memory of loved ones and friends or to commemorate a special event help keep the steeple lighted.

If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.

I would like the steeple lighted in memory: _____

OR in honor/celebration of: _____

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

Signed: _____

Telephone Number: _____

