

Maple Street Congregational Church United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,
You are welcome here!*



January 22, 2017 The Third Sunday after Epiphany 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. During coffee hour announcements may be given.*

PRELUDE *Gnossienne I* Erik Satie
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: **Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

People: **That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

One: The living Christ is with us.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

--Life in Liturgy



*OPENING HYMN



*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

One: O gracious and loving God, we come to you recognizing the wonders of life that you have given us. As winter falls around us, we pray that you will warm our hearts to your will and guidance in all of life, that we may truly live as your people, continually working for the reign of your kingdom on earth.

All: **Hear our prayers, O God, this day for all who are absent from us. Hear our concerns and hopes for them and all your people. Touch their lives with your grace that they may find healing, and peace, and love. May your Spirit touch us to ever reach out to them and to those**
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**Please stand as you are able.*

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**around us that all may feel your generous love in their lives.
Hear our prayers for your world. May we see the beauty of creation
and work for your peace throughout the world. *These and all our
prayers we lift to you in the name and Spirit of our life-giving Lord,
Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...***

--Life in Liturgy



***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. 241

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers and
make this world thy home;
descend with all thy gracious
powers, o come, great Spirit, come!**

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Pam



***HYMN**

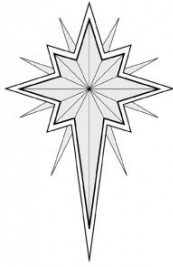
*(At the beginning of the hymn, Pre-K through 7th graders are invited to the
Education Wing for Chapel Time and Classroom Activities.
Youth grades 8 through 12 are invited to gather in the Reception Room.)*



SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory



Maple Street News

Today is The Third Sunday after Epiphany.

- 9:50 am Prayers for Joys and Concerns
- 10:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under.
- 11:30 am Join your Maple Street Family in fellowship and a *cup of justice (free-trade coffee/environmentally friendly)* in the Social Hall following Worship today.



Additional Worship Service Offered! Beginning this coming **Tuesday, January 24th, at 6:00 pm**, Rev. Pam and I will offer an additional worship



service in the chapel. The focus of this new service will be **"Prayer & Table."** Our new service will focus on offering up prayers for the congregation and the world, for each other, and offering the holy sacrament of communion. The service will be interactive with opportunities for all to engage in and discuss issues of faith. Everyone is welcome to attend! In the future, we will also offer a mid-day Sunday service. We will see what works for people--about when and how often the service is offered. Join us!

The **Women's Group of Maple Street Church** will meet this coming **Wednesday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church Reception Room. Judy Drouin and Adrienne Bradstreet will hostesses for the meeting, and we welcome our own Rev. Pam Cochrane as featured guest. If you need a ride, please contact Grace Phinney 978-774-9667





This coming **Saturday, January 28 at 8 am** in the Social Hall, the **Men's Group** will meet for breakfast made by the incomparable Frank Kilty.

He'll need some help setting up and cleaning up, so if a few of you can pitch in by arriving early and then everyone help with the clean-up that would be swell.

Inserted in this bulletin is a "Prayer Request Card." Please take and complete it. Our pastors will pray for you, and our "Prayer and Table" Worship Service will pray for you.

You may submit your prayer request by leaving your card in the collection, giving it to an usher, giving it to a pastor or leaving it in the metal box on the church office door.



Children and youth will create and share cards of care and love with the congregation during February. **January 29 - February 12 visit the**



"Cuvatent" Room where supplies await, for all are invited to make cards: glue glitter, sequins, cutouts and dollies are available to transform into messages of love. Hope you'll join in the making!

Coming Soon: **"Fat Sunday" on February 5.** Since the day before Ash Wednesday is known as Fat Tuesday, it seemed most appropriate to make our last First Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 5th, "Fat Sunday." The theme of this special First Sunday is "I am the word that leads all to freedom." This worship will be a joyous celebration. **Alleluia Morning** will present the morning message. **The Beverly Boys of Brass**, a brass quintet sponsored by the Artist Series, will offer some traditional New Orleans-style jazz. We will share in the celebration of communion together. Please plan to join us!



This Week

Monday

- 6:00 pm Scout Pack Meeting in the Social Hall
- 6:30 pm Webelos 1 in Tunnel Room 7

Tuesday



- 9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
- 6:00 pm **Prayer and Table Worship** in the Chapel
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall
- 7:00 pm **Trustees' Meeting** in the Reception Room

Wednesday

- 10:00 pm **The Women's Group in the Reception Room**
- 4:30 pm Alleluia Morning in the Music Room



Thursday

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room

Saturday Men's Club in the Social Hall at 8 am



Sunday 10:00 am Worship

Reminder

Your old eyeglasses can change another person's life! If you have used **eyeglasses** you no longer need, please put them in the collection box located on the shelf in the Social Hall near the Lost and Found board. Children's eyeglasses are particularly needed





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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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10 am-2 pm; Tuesday through Thursday 9 am-2 pm; Friday 9 am-noon
Pastor Kevin Smith is available for home visitation, member weddings, funerals, memorial services, baptisms, and pastoral counseling. Pastor Pam is also available. Feel free to contact Pastor Kevin or Pastor Pam if you need a listening ear, if you want to discuss the work of the congregation, or if you would like to join Maple Street Church!

Office schedules can vary for ministers as they attend meetings, attend to church business, write and prepare for Sunday worship away from the office, visit members of the congregation, and more, so it's always wise to call or e-mail to make an appointment if at all possible. Pastor Kevin's day off is Friday. Pastor Pam's day off is Monday. Pastor Kevin's worship preparation times are Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon when he will be out of the office. Pastor Kevin is available 24/7 in case of emergencies and also has office hours on Sunday until 2pm in addition to weekdays. You can contact both at the Church Office phone listed above, the e-mails listed above, or you can contact Pastor Kevin at 978-968-5020.

***Doxology**

Red No. 64, v. 5

Let all things their creator bless, and
Worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia. Praise,
Praise the Father, Praise the Son.
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

pew Bible pg. 966

SERMON

“Fellow Travelers Within the Mystery of God”

Pastor Kevin

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

God of Change and Glory

Black No. 177

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE--*As with Gladness Those of Old*

William C. Dix

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato

Filippo Capocci

*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 to Maple Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. If you are here for the first time, please fill out the “Connection Card” and pass it on to an usher or put it in the collection plate. Our ushers and greeters are happy to answer any questions. Our **Sunday School Program** 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:

Greeter: Lynne Duffill

Deacon of the Month: Dick Gilmore

Ushers: Casey Brennan, Alison Brennan, Tom Smith and Pat Newman

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of Douglas Strating
By Carol and Lynne*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in memory of Gilbert and Elizabeth Prescott
Given by Jonathan and Sarah Prescott5*

Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one. If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Priscilla Curda at 978-774-0793.

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 of: _____

I would like the steeple lighted in honor of: _____

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

(signed) _____ Telephone Number: _____