

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!*



**The First Sunday after Epiphany and
January 8, 2017 the Sacrament of Baptism 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 *Nocturne in E flat Major* Frederic Chopin
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP *(from John 1:1-5 and Genesis 1:27-28, 31)*

Leader: In the beginning was the Word

People: **In the beginning, we were created in God's image.
And the word was with God, and the word was God.**

Leader: God saw everything God had made, and it was very good.

People: **What has come into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light
of all people. We are created in God's image. We are created to be
good. We are created to be loved. We are God's light in this world.
Let us worship Christ and be the light. Amen.**

--Adapted, Rev Mindi, Rev-o-lution



***OPENING HYMN--Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)**

Black No. 160



***INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (IN UNISON)**

**Almighty God, Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation; You are
sweeping over us now, creating something new. Call us away from the
distractions of the world to experience what You are doing now, in us, and
through us, and in our world. Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning,
where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation, experiencing
all possibilities in You. Turn us away from the negative lens, and lead us to the
light. *In the name of Jesus, who leads us into life, and who taught us to pray...***

**Please stand as you are able.*



***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

Away in a Manger

W.J. Kirkpatrick
arr. David Willcocks

Chancel Choir; Cathryn Brierley, solo

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Carter Paul McKinney
Born August 20, 2016
Child of Gina and Xavier McKinney



***BAPTISMAL HYMN**

Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle

Red No. 277

*(At the end of the hymn, children and youth are invited to
go to the Covenant Room for an all-age activity and then to the Social Hall)*



SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

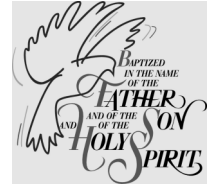
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Adger Pace and
R. Fischer Boyce
arr. Tom Fettke

Maple Street News



Today is The First Sunday after Epiphany, the Sacrament of Baptism and Food Collection Sunday. Today is also the all-age Epiphany Party!

- 9:50 am Prayers for Joys and Concerns
- 10:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under. We welcome the family and friends of **Carter Paul McKinney**, child of Gina and Xavier McKinney, who is being Baptized today.
- 11:00 am **Youth Brunch** in the Reception Room
- 11:30 am Join your Maple Street Family in fellowship and a *cup of justice* in the Social Hall following Worship today.
- 3:00 pm **The Chancel Choir** will sing in concert today at the St. Joseph/St. Lazarus Church. All are invited--please see the next page for details.
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Leaders' Meeting in the Social Hall



Alleluia Morning will resume rehearsals this coming Thursday, January 12.

Next **Sunday, January 15**, we are fortunate to have the Artist Series sponsor the internationally recognized baritone **Robert Honeysucker's** return to Maple Street Church to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in song and in word. His presentation in the Worship Service of both the anthem and the morning message will culminate in a stunning musical setting of the final portion of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream."

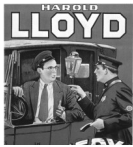


There is an open date of January 22 for an Altar arrangement. Please contact Priscilla Curda 978/774-0793 for information.

TODAY--CHOIR FESTIVAL IN EAST BOSTON!
The Maple Street Chancel Choir will travel to East Boston to be a part of the Annual Choir Festival at the St. Joseph – St. Lazarus Parish at 59 Ashley Street.



This event is a highlight of our Chancel Choir year and one to which we all look forward. Each participating church choir presents two or three anthems, and then all of us join together to sing familiar carols of the season. It is a joy to gather with people of various church cultures and musical traditions to sing and share in the glory and beauty of Christmas music. ***The festival is this afternoon, January 8th, at 3 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend.***



Save the Date--Saturday, January 21 at 7:15 pm!! Just don't miss this fun **Family Movie Night** appropriate for all ages in the transformed social hall where the Silent Movie "Speedy," starring Harold Lloyd, will be shown. Refreshments will be available for purchase prior to the movie. Admission is \$5 per person and \$15 per family. Artist Series sponsors will be admitted free. Come to share the joy and laughter--and the great piano music.

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



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



The Hymns You Love to Sing! Here's a great Epiphany gift idea for yourself or for your family: your own personal copy of the *New Century Hymnal*, the one with the black cover in the pew. New hardcover copies of the hymnal are available to order for the cost of \$19.00 + shipping (free shipping if enough orders are received).

Many of the great songs we sing in this hymnal are chosen and submitted as favorites for our Hymn-Sing Sunday service. You'll always have your favorite hymns to sing and appreciate with a copy of the hymnal at home. What a great way to sing and celebrate the new beginnings of Epiphany!



A signup sheet to order a personal copy of the *New Century Hymnal* is available in the Social Hall or see Jonathan Prescott to place your order.

This Week

Monday

6:30 pm Bear Scouts in the Social Hall, Weblos 1 in Tunnel Room 7 and Weblos 2 in Rooms 21/23

Tuesday



9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
6:30 pm **Deacons' Meeting** in the Reception Room
Boy Scouts in the Social Hall

Wednesday

12:00 pm Brooksby Lunch Bunch
4:30 pm Alleluia Morning in the Music Room
5:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting in the Social Hall



Thursday



11:30 am **Staff Meeting**
12:00 pm Church Office closed for the afternoon
6:30 pm **Music Committee Meeting** in the Reception Room
7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room

Sunday 10:00 am Worship with Guest Robert Honeysucker

Monday Church offices closed for the holiday



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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

Matthew 3:13-17

pew Bible pg. 837

SERMON

“Projection”

Pastor Kevin

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

We Limit Not the Truth of God

Black No. 316

BENEDICTION

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

William C. Dix

POSTLUDE

Impromptu No. 4

Franz Schubert

*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: Alison Brennan
Deacon of the Month: Dick Gilmore
Ushers: Donna Mandriota, Peggy Coyne, Donna Eovacious and Bob McBride
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of Frederick S. Wallis
By Ruth and Ann Wallis*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in memory of Edward Atkinson, Thelma Kimball,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dever
Given by Judy and Tom Manuel*

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: _____