

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!*



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the
October 15, 2017 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.

PRELUDE *O Thou, From Whom All Blessings Come* P. I. Tchaikovsky
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Welcome to this place of worship.

People: **God's presence is all around us.**

Leader: Greet the stranger near you with the love of Christ.

People: **God's presence is all around us.**

Leader: When you leave here, remember God never leaves you.

People: **God's presence is all around us.**

Leader: As you worship, feel God's presence in the embrace of your neighbor, in the sound of the congregation singing, in the quiet meditations of your heart.

People: **God's presence is all around us as we worship God.** *-Rev-o-lution*

***OPENING HYMN** *God of Abraham and Sarah* Black No. 20



*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE



Leader: Holy One, We are grateful for your daily presence in our lives.

People: **Lord, we thank you for your love that lasts forever.**

Leader: Remember us O God when you consider all your people.

People: **Bring us all into your arms of salvation.**

Leader: Lord, we are all in our own exile away from you.

We have chosen to sin against you and your children.

People: **Forgive us, save us, bring us back to you.**

Leader: Help us to rejoice in you God even we don't feel like doing it.

Help us to not be so anxious about things; instead help us to talk to you about our needs and requests. *(continued on next page)*

**Please stand as you are able.*

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People: Help us to know that peace that only comes from you when we are feeling worried.

Leader: Help us to keep our focus on you in our lives, no matter what.

People: Help us to learn the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. Help us to remember that we can do all things through you who gives us strength. Thank you for hearing and answering our prayers.

--RevGalBlogs

In the name of the one who teaches us to forgive one another, and ourselves, and who we turn to in times of hardship, and who taught us to pray, 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. 241

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

ANTHEM

River of Love

Mark Hayes

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lyla James Kiegel
Born August 5, 2016, in Beverly
Child of Jane and Matt Kiegel



***SONG**

Down in the River to Pray

Traditional

Please join in singing.

**As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear a starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, sisters,* let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down.
Oh, sisters,* let's go down. Down in the river to pray.
*substitute 2. brothers 2. sinners**



***BAPTISMAL HYMN** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Black No. 325

*(At the end 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.)*

Maple Street News



Today is the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Sacrament of Baptism

- 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. We welcome the family and friends of **Lyla James Kiegel**, child of Jane and Matt Kiegel, who is being Baptized here today.
- 11:30 am Fellowship time in the Social Hall—Join the Maple Street Church Family for a *Cup of Justice (free-trade coffee)* and fine fellowship.



If you need a ride to Sunday Worship and other church activities, know that the Deacons can make arrangements for you. Please call the church office (978-774-4510), call Deacons Ride Coordinator Gisela Turner (978-624-7901) or email her (imaboatertoo@aol.com)

Our next **Prayer & Table Service** will be on **Tuesday, October 17**, at 6 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!



Deadline for articles to be included in the November/December “inSpire”: **This coming Thursday, October 19, at noon.** Lots of activities coming up—be sure to have yours included.

ALL-CHURCH FALL CLEANUP DAY: this Saturday, October 21 at 9 am. *Families are welcome.* Chores include raking leaves, Reception Room closet cleanout, kitchen cleaning, and taking down the old outside church sign. Any questions, please contact Marj Simpson at 978-774-0434. Please sign up on the signup sheet on a clipboard in the Social Hall so that we can plan! (Rain date Saturday, October 28)





Earth Stewards will meet **next Sunday (October 22) at noon** at All Saints Episcopal Church and will tour the church's solar panel project. *All are welcome!*



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Group will meet on Wednesday, October 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Room. Grace Phinney and Eileen Thomas will be your hostesses for the meeting and Rev. Kevin will be our guest speaker. This group is open to all women of the church. *Hope to see you there.*



Don't miss the annual **Animal Pet Parade on Saturday, October 28**, beginning 1 pm at MSC with costuming, food court, photo booth, and animal treats. Please see the inserted flyer.

SAVE THE DATE: New Members Welcome Sunday, October 29. Vision Congregational Meeting Sunday October 29, following Worship. We will discuss "MSC History"—be there and have your voice heard.



Volunteers are needed to give rides to and from Sunday Worship services and other church activities for those in need of a ride. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Toiletries Needed for Lifebridge!

We will be making a monthly delivery of toiletries to Lifebridge in Salem. Please help those in need by bringing toiletries to church and placing them in the collection basket located on the shelf in the Social Hall near the Lost and Found board. This will be an ongoing project throughout the year. Thank you

Coming Soon:

- Community of Song Concert, Saturday, November 4
- MSC Holiday Fair, Saturday, November 11 (Veterans' Day)

This Week



Monday

- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts in the Social Hall
- 6:20 pm Cub Scouts in the Social Hall

Tuesday

- 9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
- 6:00 pm **Prayer & Table in the Chapel**
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall
- 7:00 pm World Service Committee at the Phinney home



Wednesday

- 4:30 pm *Alleluia Morning* in the Music Room



Thursday

- 3:30 pm FFFAMS
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room



Saturday All-Church Cleanup Day beginning at 9 am

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am Music Dedication Sunday



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. Thank you.



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Our Worship Services are recorded each week 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-12 pm

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. 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.

*You are invited to complete the "Connection Card" if you are new,
need to update information or if you have a special request*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***Offertory** *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Joel Raney

***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**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Philippians 4:1-9* pew Bible pg. 1024

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SERMON *"Falling Short"* Rev. Kevin

***HYMN OF RESPONSE—** *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* Red No. 370

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen, Alleluia!* John Bell

POSTLUDE *O Sing Unto the Lord* Hans Leo Hassler

*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 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 throughout the worship service. **Sunday School** for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second Hymn.

The church of disciples who welcome you!
Visit our web page at www.maplestreetchurch.org

Sunday's Servants:

Greeter: Marge Hathaway
 Deacon of the Month: Casey Brennan
 Ushers: Alden Duffill, Lynne Duffill, John Foss and Bob Wilkinson
 Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in loving memory of Donald C. Thomas, Jr.
 By Mother and Father Don and Eileen Thomas*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of her parents George and Alice Reid
 Given by Janice Tipert*

*The Narthex Basket is in loving memory of Carolyn and Roger Hooper,
 the Otto Richers Family and Bill Hilton
 Given by Priscilla Hilton*

**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 or
smkuzma1@gmail.com**

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: _____