



## **Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC**

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

# MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

## JANUARY 5, 2020 • EPIPHANY SUNDAY & COMMUNION

*Our worship services begin every Sunday at 10:00 am. Childcare is offered for 3 and under at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary. We share at 9:50 our joys & concerns. Fellowship hour follows worship in the Social Hall.*

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of God is shining on you!

People: **Shadows shall cover the earth, but the brightness of God's presence is upon us.**

One: Nations will be drawn to your light, and rulers to the dawning of your new day.

People: **Look around and see what is happening: people are gathering to come home!**

One: You will see this and be filled with joy; you will tremble with excitement.

People: **Great caravans of camels will come, bringing gold and incense. Everyone will tell the good news of what God has done!**

### \*HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Black No. 164

### \*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

**Loving God, we are filled with joy, and we tremble with excitement at the good news of what you have done. You have come to us as a little baby, drawing us to you as we are drawn to the trusting eyes of an infant. As the wise men did so long ago, we come to you in praise and thanks, bringing the gifts of our love and our lives to you...**

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

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*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**

*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

arr. Tom Fettke

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Keep God's Light*

Mark Patterson

**\*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 (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 LESSON** — Matthew 2:1-12 *Scholars from the East (The Message)*

*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 religious scholars in the city together and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory.*

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# MSC THIS WEEK



## Today at Church

- 10:00 am** Epiphany Sunday Family Worship & Communion  
**11:30 am** Stewardship Meeting in Reception Room  
**12:30 pm** DIP Youth Gathering in Social Hall  
**6:30 pm** Boy Scouts in Social Hall

## Monday

- 4:30 pm** Girl Scouts in Social Hall

## Tuesday

- 12:30 pm** Anniversary Committee Meeting in Conference Room  
**6:00 pm** Prayer & Table in Chapel  
**6:30 pm** Boy Scouts in Social Hall  
**7:00 pm** Church Council in Reception Room

## Wednesday

- 9:30 am** Yoga in Reception Room  
**4:00 pm** Girl Scouts in Social Hall  
**4:30 pm** Alleluia Morning in Music Room  
**6:30 pm** CE meeting in classroom

## Thursday

- 4:30 pm** Rejoice in Music Room  
**7:30 pm** Chancel Choir in Music Room

## Saturday

- 5:30 pm** Lifebridge in Salem

## Sunday

- 10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Jim Antal  
**11:30 am** Lunch following worship in the Social Hall

## **Announcements & Save the Dates**

**Food Collection Sunday:** is the second Sunday of each month. This collection benefits the Danvers People-to-People Food Pantry. Non-perishable food, canned proteins and diapers are needed. Any and all donations are very much appreciated!



### **A Message from the Flower Committee:**

Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor or to celebrate a loved one. There are 3 ways you can donate flowers: altar flowers, a chancel basket, or vase arrangements on Communion Sunday. The cost of flowers ranges from \$20-\$40 and the cost can be split between two donors on a given Sunday, especially on a Communion Sunday when there are 2 vases totaling \$40. To sign up or for more info please call Beverly Hayward at 978-774-5154 or Priscilla Curda at 978-777-0793. **Sunday, March 1st there is one vase available and Sunday, March 22nd is available.**

### **Light the Steeple:**

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 lit for one or more weeks, please fill out the form on the back page of this bulletin and send it with \$15 per week to the church office. **We have many dates available for 2020!**



### **Sunday, January 12: 175th Anniversary Sermon Series "Making Connections" welcomes Rev. Jim Antal**

Jim Antal is a denominational leader, climate activist, author and public theologian. He serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Antal's book, *Climate Church, Climate World*, was featured on Earth Day 2018 in the Chicago Tribune. From 2006-2018, he led the 350 UCC churches in Massachusetts as their Conference Minister and President. He is a graduate of Princeton University, Andover Newton Theological School, and Yale Divinity School, which recently honored him with the William Sloane Coffin Award for Peace and Justice.





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**Welcome!** If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. 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.”

***We share God’s love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.  
No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,  
you are welcome here!***

Everyone is welcome at Maple Street Church, people of all races, economic means, sexual orientations, long-time church people, and folks who have never been to church. We affirm that everyone is a child of God and is welcomed to participate in the whole life of the church. Join us in building a beloved community and finding greater meaning through faith and action.

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon, Tues, & Friday: 9:30am-12:30pm; Wed & Thurs: 9am-3pm

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*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.*

**MESSAGE**

"Twenty, Twenty Vision"

Pastor Pam Cochrane

**\*COMMUNION HYMN**

*Jesus Took the Bread*

Black No.343

**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.**

**\*HYMN**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Black No.160

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Keep God's Light (refrain)*

Mark Patterson

**POSTLUDE**



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

**Sunday's Servants:**

Deacons of the Month: Marge & Lew Hathaway

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

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

Scripture Reader: Lew Hathaway

Back Door Greeter: Donna Eovacious

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

*The Steeple is lit in loving memory of  
Lorne Hersey  
Given by Jean Hersey & Family*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

