



# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Serving Christ and Community since  
1754 Third Parish Church;  
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson

10:00 AM

## EPIPHANY

January 5, 2020



### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“If one completes the journey into one’s heart, one will find oneself in the heart of everyone else.” —Father Thomas Keating*

#### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

##### \*WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### PRELUDE

“Il Est Ne”

18<sup>th</sup> century Carol

##### \*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: O come, let us worship the Lord, and consider what wondrous things  
God has done:

**All: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord, and consider what wondrous things  
God has done:

**All: The people who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord, and consider what wondrous things  
God has done:

**All: The Christ who embodies the Word comes amongst us, fully  
human and fully Divine!**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord,

**All: for God has done wondrous things!**

#### \*HYMN

“As With Gladness”

No. 173

#### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *The Visit of the Magi—Epiphany Sunday*, The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have fallen short, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God. Amen.

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

(NRSV p. 649; RSV p.654<sup>†</sup>)

Matthew 2:1-12

(NRSV p. 1; RSV p.1<sup>†</sup>)

## THE SERMON

“Goodwill For All”

Rev. Amelia Edson

## \*HYMN

“We Three Kings”

No.172

*During this song, Ushers will collect prayer cards for the Pastoral Prayer.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

**All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.**

One: Let us pray.

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER

## PRAYER RESPONSE

“The Lord’s Prayer”

No. 307

## THE FEAST OF COMMUNION



*Visiting Falmouth Congregational this morning? Please fill out a blue visitor card and put it in the offering plate so that we can send you a (personal, non-spam) welcome email!*

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Guest Organist:** Brian Wilson  
**Greeter:** Carol Kauffman  
**Liturgist:** Laurie Davis  
**Ushers:** Jack Davis & Jim Parr  
**Communion Servers:** Mollie Mason, Virginia Eddy  
Eunice Wilcox & Laurie Davis  
**Bus Driver:** Paul Davis

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*The chancel flowers are given by Carol Kauffman  
in memory of her parents, Andrew and Wilma Iverson*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Maureen Grubb  
Ginny Hamilton  
James Klenk  
Rev. Beinema  
Don Worthen  
Zack Couture**



**Barbara Wood  
Doris Krueger  
Joan Bamel  
Bee O'Brien  
Myron Krueger  
Maytha Southard**

*Please let the church office know if we have missed someone and please update us so that we may better pray for them. Thank you.*



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:24-43; Matthew 3:13-17

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and fill out a **blue Welcome card**.

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Have a good joke, theological question, or just low on caffeine? Drop by for **Coffee with the Pastor**, every **second and fourth Tuesday from 12:30-2:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. **Next Coffee with the Pastor will be January 14 and 28. No Meeting Christmas Eve.**  
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### **Stewardship 2020 Update:**

As of the end of December, the total amount pledged is \$178,000 or 89% of our goal of \$200,000! Thank you all for making the effort to make a pledge so we can develop a budget for all the ministries in January.

If you have not sent in your pledge or do not understand what pledging is all about, email the office at [fcocffc@gmail.com](mailto:fcocffc@gmail.com) and request the letter and pledge card. There are also letters and pledge cards on the table just outside the sanctuary doors.

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**Interested in learning more about membership** at Falmouth Congregational Church? There will be a short meeting on January 12 after worship, and a joining ceremony on January 26.  
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**Hospitality table:** The Hospitality Table will be set with goodies and available on Communion Sundays and special Sundays. If you would like to contribute to the Hospitality Table, there is a sign up poster is located in Fellowship Hall!

And anytime you are baking, you may like to save a few extra contributions for our "Feed the Freezer" campaign. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

### **The Falmouth Food Pantry is open the following days in January:**

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Mondays,                    January 6, 20:                    9:00 - 11:00 AM  
Tuesdays,                January 14, 21, 28:                9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Thursdays,                January 9, 16, 23:                4:30 - 6:30 PM  
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**Nursery News:** The Children's ministry and Elena Parr are still in need of volunteers to become "on-call" nursery helpers. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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**FCC BUS DRIVERS Please call if you need to cancel your ride.** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Jack Davis, 233-1707 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Paul Davis, 332-7268 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Phil Pierce, 781-3769 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Ann Sanborn, 318-6906 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Mark Horton, 838-1544  
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**The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 6 for Staff Vacation.**  
**Contact Pastor Amelia with any urgent needs.**

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Communion**

### **No Choir**

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 7:00 PM Scout Committee Mtg.

## **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Church Office Closed**

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
- 6:00PM Fiddle-icious Steering Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Worship & Covenant

## **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 AM Food Pantry Open
- 10:00 AM Bible Study: Ocean View
- 11:30 AM Staff Meeting

## **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 PM Women's Spiritual Book Club: Parlor
- 1:00 PM Called to Care Meeting
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30 PM Food Pantry Open
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting

## **Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 PM Coffee House

## **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Congregator Deadline**

- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Council of Ministries Meeting

## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday**

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