



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 Michael H. Richards
Pastor and Teacher*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD


 THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The misplaced gift may be the most important gift of all. The giving and the gift are not complete until the gift has been located and used.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HONORING OUR CALL TO BE PEACEMAKERS

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, we invite you to turn and greet those around you sharing the peace of Christ saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you.")

PRELUDE

"Behold That Star"

Thomas W. Talley
Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A star shining brightly in the East,

All: Discovered, by those who have eyes to see the unusual and the challenging.

One: A journey into unknown territory,

All: Taken by those who have courage and curiosity.

One: An encounter with an evil, commanding presence,

All: Evil that was faced yet resisted with care.

One: The Holy One recognized, in spite of humble origin,

All: The glory and the gifts, given to God's Chosen Child.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: We recognize Your Epiphany gifts, O God. As one of the Magi brought frankincense,

All: So we bring our wholehearted worship to You and ask that You will bless our praise and prayer.

One: As one of the Magi brought myrrh,

All: So, we bring our recognition of Jesus your Anointed One, whose life and death is salvation for us and our world.

One: As one of the Magi brought gold,

All: So, we affirm our joyful loyalty to Jesus, who brings Your glorious Realm closer.

Bless every gift that we bring to Jesus Christ, O God and enable us to use these gifts in compassionate service. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Three Kings"

No. 172

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 60:1-6	(NRSV p. 649; RSV p. 654†)
One: This is the Word of the Lord	All: Thanks be to God	
New Testament Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12	(NRSV p. 1; RSV p. 1†)
One: This is the Word of the Lord	All: Thanks be to God	

SERMON "Watch for Epiphanies" **Pastor Michael**

***HYMN** "What Child Is This" **No. 162**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER **Pastor Michael**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" **Danish**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory ***Behold That Star*** **Thomas W. Talley
Frank Cunkle**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: Bless our offerings, O God!

All: In offering, we will receive Your gift of challenge in offering, we will receive Your gift of compassion in offering, we will receive Your gift of gratitude; in offering, we will receive Your gift of peace.

One: We offer our gifts in the name of Jesus Christ,

All: whose self-offering completes ours. Amen

HYMN OF PREPERATION "The First Noel" **No. 151, Vs. 1,2,5**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION **See Communion Insert**

The Gifts of God for the People of God
(Communion is offered by intinction.)

CLOSING HYMN "We Are Walking" **No. 442**

***BENEDICTION** **Pastor Michael**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new Life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE

“March of the Kings”

Traditional
Cri Simone

(During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.)

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in **bold**, words may be spoken together in unison.

(*) Please rise in body or spirit.

† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side of the sanctuary and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

Please silence or turn off your cell phone before you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.



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

**Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Bee O’Brien
Maytha Southard
Kerry Golding
Missy Gage
Myron Krueger
Priscilla Hobart**



**Florence Wescott
Joyce Harmon
Hazel McLeod
Beth Fogg and Alan Doughty
(Judy Currier’s daughter and grandson)
Stuart Eddy *(Phoebe Horne’s brother)*
Ruth Ann Doty *(Pam Carroll’s niece)*
Jack Horton *(who is serving in Iraq)***

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.



***Our deepest sympathy is with Florence Wescott and all the members
of the Wescott family.***

Arthur Wescott passed into his eternal rest on Jan. 1, 2019.

“In life and in death we hold fast to the promises of the Gospel.”



Worship Participants

Greeters: Phil and Rae Pierce

Liturgist: Cathy Bowden

Ushers: Pam Carroll, Judy Nilsen and Lorraine Bergen



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalms 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship. If you are visiting us today, please be sure to pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and sign the guest book.

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**Ministry of Community Life** January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled to February 6 at 1:30 PM in Grant room.

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the date for the **2019 Annual Meeting and Lunch** on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at 11:30 AM in Beinema Hall. Snow Date is the following Sunday, February 3, 2019.

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The **Falmouth Food Pantry** will be open the on the following days in January: Mondays, January 7 and 21, 9:00 – 11:00 AM; Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, from 9:30- 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, January 10,17, 24, from 4:30-6:30 PM.

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Would you like to provide **Chancel** Flowers for a Sunday? Please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall The office will order flowers from Skillins unless otherwise specified or you may supply your own. Call or visit the church office to fill out a Chancel Flower form. Cost of flowers from Skillins is \$38.00, delivered to the Church.

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**Can you use a hand?** Are you moving something heavy in your home, taking down you Christmas tree, installing a smoke detector or lifting something off a high shelf? If you could use help with these projects, please contact Jess or Elaine in the Church office and they will get in touch with Ministry of Missions members, who are eager to help members of our church family.

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January 11, 2019, the **Side Door Coffee House** will feature **Cumberland Crossing**, a 4-piece acoustic band that plays a mix of traditional and contemporary bluegrass, folk, Americana and some original numbers. With a wonderful blend of vocal tunes and tight instrumentals this quartet performs regularly in the greater Portland area at venues, such as: Blue, Andy's Old Port Pub, Lenny's Pub, Woodhull Public house and Allagash Brewery.

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Beginning January 2019, the **Hospitality Table** will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and special Sundays only. Coffee Fellowship will still be held every Sunday.

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Church Mini-Bus Drivers Needed! We need volunteer drivers, over the age of 25, with good driving records who are willing to operate the bus on church excursions. Please contact Jess in the Church office at: 781-3413 or by email with questions or to volunteer at: fccofficemanager@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org.



Church Office Hours

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

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 6 Communion Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service & Kids' Church

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship ~ featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee

7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting (Beinema Hall)

Monday, January 7

7:00 PM Ministry of Worship and Covenant (Grant Room)

Tuesday, January 8

9:00 AM Aerobics (Beinema Hall)

10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View

6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 36 (Beinema Hall)

Wednesday, January 9 ~

8:30 AM Aerobics (Beinema Hall)

12:00 PM Women's Spiritual Book Club (Parlor)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10

7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 93 (Beinema Hall)

Friday, January 11

9:00 AM Aerobics (Beinema Hall)

6:30 PM Coffee House featuring Cumberland Crossing

Sunday, January 13 ~ Congregator Deadline

9:00 AM Choir Practice

10:00 AM Worship Service & Kids' Church

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship ~ featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee

11:30 AM Council of Ministries