

CALENDAR	
MONDAY, January 13	
Church Office	9:30-12:30
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30
Vision Meeting (Kraft)	
AA (Hall)	6:30-7:30
TUESDAY, January 14	
Church Office	9:30-1:30
WEDNESDAY, January 15	
Church Office	9:30-1:30
Prayer Circle	9:30
Faith Family Kitchen	4:30
AA Women's Group	6:30—8
THURSDAY, January 16	
Church Office	9:30-1:30
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30
Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:00
FRIDAY, January 17	
AA	7:00

SATURDAY, January 18	
Private Event	11:00-2:00
SUNDAY, January 19	
Worship	10:00
Coffee Hour	11:15

REMINDER: If you holding a meeting at Cotuit Federated Church, please let the office know so we can avoid scheduling conflicts. Thank you in advance for your help!

MOVIE NIGHTS

DEC 21 **ELF**
 JAN 11 **LION KING**
 FEB 8 **FROZEN**
 MAR 8 **INSIDE OUT**

6:30 PM IN HAMILTON HALL
 COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH
 40 SCHOOL STREET
 COTUIT, MA 02635
 USE HIGH STREET ENTRANCE

FREE POPCORN, HOT CHOCOLATE
 BRING A WATER BOTTLE, STUFFIE, BEAN BAG, CHAIR OR
 BLANKET TO GET COMFY!



First Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 12 | 10 o'clock in the morning

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Beloved Is Where We Begin

If you would enter
into the wilderness,
do not begin
without a blessing.

But I can tell you
that on this path
there will be help.

Do not leave
without hearing
who you are:

I can tell you
that on this way
there will be rest.

Beloved,
named by the One
who has traveled this path
before you.

I can tell you
that you will know
the strange graces
that come to our aid
only on a road

Do not go
without letting it echo
in your ears,
and if you find
it is hard
to let it into your heart,
do not despair.

such as this,
that fly to meet us
bearing comfort
and strength,
that come alongside us
for no other cause
than to lean themselves
toward our ear
and with their
curious insistence
whisper our name:

That is what
this journey is for.

Beloved.
Beloved.
Beloved.

I cannot promise
this blessing will free you
from danger,
from fear,
from hunger
or thirst,
from the scorching
of sun
or the fall
of the night.

—Jan Richardson
from Circle of Grace

GUEST INFORMATION: Thank you for worshipping with us today! Pick up a welcome brochure to learn more about our church. Join us for coffee hour following today's worship — just follow the crowd to our community room (Hamilton Hall). Both our sanctuary and community room are accessible at the High Street entrance. Handicapped parking is available on High Street and in the driveway to Hamilton Hall. Please ask a Greeter or Deacon to answer any questions.

PRAYER CARDS: You will find prayer request cards at the Welcome Center and in the pew racks. You are invited to fill out a card and place it in the offering basket.

OUR E-LIST: The "Weekly Word" is an e-mail newsletter for our members and friends. If you do not receive it and would like to, please complete the New Comer form available in the Welcome Packet, or call the Church Office at (508) 428-6163 or e-mail cfc436@gmail.com to sign up.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate flowers on any given Sunday, please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet or contact Shannon in the office—(508) 428-6163— with your dedication.

Please join us today in Hamilton Hall for coffee and refreshments following the service.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*
Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*
Deacon: *Carol-Jean O'Toole* | Worship Steward: *Kristin Mawhinney & Cindy Kenna*
Lay Reader: *Chris Lynch* | Greeters: *Linda Lynch & Mary Beth O'Brien*
Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*
Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

Thank you to all those who serve!

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- **Worship**
- **Coffee Hour**
- **CraftFest Steering Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Thursday, January 9th, Wednesday, January 15th & Tuesday, January 28th

The Salvation Army (100 North Street, Hyannis) is back up and running. Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared there on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday of each month. The Faith Family Kitchen is also back and is the 3rd Wednesday of the month 4:30 –7 p.m. For more information about volunteering for either of these wonderful programs, contact Ken Molloy at kmacape@comcast.net.

OFFERTORY

CFC Choir

Wade In The Water

arr. Patty Ford Simms and Andy Beck

Invitation to Offering

***Doxology:**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Please join in singing.

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Borning Cry

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(liturgy by Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, adapted Psalm 29)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are invited to participate by crossing your hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace. or offering a hug or handshake.

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION**

Chris Lynch

One: Give to our God, O heavenly beings,
Give to our God glory and strength.

**Pulpit Side: Give to our God a glorious name;
worship our God in holy splendor.**

**Lectern Side: The voice of our God is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

**Pulpit Side: The voice of our God is powerful;
the voice of our God is full of majesty.**

**Lectern Side: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
Our God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

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Pulpit Side: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Lectern Side: *The voice of our God flashes forth flames of fire.*

Pulpit Side: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
Our God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Lectern Side: *The voice of our God causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"*

Pulpit Side: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.

One: May our God give strength to the people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

All: **Creating, Calling, and Faithful God,**
we come to this time and place to be with you,
to worship you, and to learn from you.
May our time together
be like your creation of light in the darkness
that you called good.
May it be that you would call us good
while we respond to your call and as we listen to
you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Please join in singing.

Shall We Gather At The River

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A Unison Prayer:

**O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received.
We thank you that you claim us,
that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us,
that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling.
In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.
Establish us to be places of refreshment.
Root us and nurture us in love,
that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you.
Fill us with your fullness
that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer in Song:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song

Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Prayer in Song

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISM

Introduction:

Our God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos, embraced them, and called them good. Jesus, baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, became living water for us and embraces all of us. Jesus embraces those who are poor, oppressed, marginalized and all others who come seeking. We follow Jesus with our Baptism, marking a starting place for new life and new ways of being. We join Jesus in love and service. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to see, feel, and hear again the vows of Baptism.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

One: Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your Baptism?

All: I do.

One: Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

All: I do.

One: Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

All: I do.

One: Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

All: I do.

One: Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?

All: I do.

One: In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your Baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.

Remembering our Baptism

All are invited forward to receive a blessing of the remembrance of your baptism.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Lynch

One: People of God, we desire to be refreshed, renewed and changed.

Let us listen again to God's calling our names to encourage us and strengthen our resolve to be God's people in faithfulness and peace-loving justice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chris Lynch

**All: O God, we hear your voice
and we see the way of Jesus set before us.
But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again
to live up to our baptismal vows
and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world.
In repentance we ask you to forgive us.
Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still
arr. Cathy Mokelbust

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN**

Please join in singing.

Down To The River To Pray

Down To The River To Pray
As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the 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 to the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

Oh brothers, let's go down... etc...

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

Oh fathers, let's go down... etc...

Lyrics

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

Oh mothers, let's go down... etc...

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

Oh sinners let's go down... etc...

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Luke 3: 1-22

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Chris Lynch

Revelation 22: 1-5

SERMON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Keeping It Holy