

***This month's theme is
PLURALISM***

***First Parish in Malden,
Universalist***

Mission Statement | Worship is what we do when we gather together, take risks for justice, embrace difference, and give back. Worship is what we do. This is what it looks like.



Blue Holidays

December 8, 2024

*Sign up for our
weekly
newsletter*



*Give to the plate
electronically.*



*New here?
Fill out a
guest card.*



*Join our
Discord server*



Prelude	Nouvelle Etude No.2 by Frederic Chopin
Hymn	Chico Gospel by MaMuse
Opening Words	Aisha Cruse
Lighting of the Chalice	<p><i>We light this chalice, here in the darkness of winter as we wait.</i></p> <p><i>This temporary space is one filled with prayers to be answered, love to be given and received, miracles to be witnessed.</i></p> <p><i>May this light guide us until the light of the sun returns again.</i></p> <p><i>By JeKaren Olaoya</i></p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	Winter Song
Land Acknowledgement	FPM is on the native land of the Massachuset, Naumkeag, Pawtucket, and Pennacook people.
Our Covenant	<p><i>We, the members of the First Parish in Malden, covenant in friendship to create together a community of respect, equality, openness, trust, and compassion. We pledge ourselves to hospitality, understanding, spiritual growth, sharing, and participation.</i></p>
Time for All Ages	The Grinch Who Stole the Holiday Party, adapted from Dr. Seuss by Karen Gonzalez
Children's Recessional	Welcome Christmas (Whoville Grinch song)

Reading	When Merry Meets Mess
Music	I'll Be Home for Christmas
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	<u>First Parish Emergency Shelter Fund</u>
Offertory Music	New Orleans Blues by David Carr Glover
Offertory Dedication	#1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#241 In the Bleak Midwinter
Extinguishing the Chalice	<i>We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.</i>
Our Story	David Zerega
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Spleen by Alexandre Tasman

Join us for coffee hour in Durgin Hall after the service.



For all announcements, see the newsletter for more details!

To share an announcement, please email it to admin@fpmalden.org.

To meet with Rev. Otto, go to www.calendly.com/revottoconnor.

Rev. Otto's office hours will be 12/23 from 4p-6p at Tous Les Jours. Join Rev. Otto and others for coffee (on us!) and discussion.

Meditation Group Wednesdays 7-8:30pm. Beginners & longer term meditators warmly welcomed.

Our annual No-Rehearsal **Holy Chaos Christmas Pageant** is on December 15 this year.

We have been matched with a family of 4 kids for gift buying through **Merry Malden!** If you would like to donate to the gift buying fund, email Therese at perkt4@gmail.com.

Participate in a rally on Friday, 12/13 at 3:30pm at the JFK Federal Building in Boston: **Action to Defend Our Communities from Deportation and Criminalization!** We are coming together for an important action to unify our movement, mobilize our communities, and demand protection for refugees and immigrants at all levels of government.

Did you know that the **First Parish Board Meetings** are open to everyone? The next one will be held from 7-9pm on December 19th. Join us via Zoom.

This month's book for Rev. Otto's **monthly book club** will be "Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families." We will meet in the library after the service on December 22. All are welcome! We hope to see you there.

Religious Education (RE) Announcements:

- We are starting a junior youth group for 5th-8th graders -- see newsletter for more info.
- Coming up:
 - Dec 8 - RE classes, OWL
 - Dec 15 - Christmas pageant (multi-gen service)

Want to share an announcement in the newsletter? The deadline is Tuesday night by 9pm! Email admin@fpmalden.org.

Want to follow along with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 812 3701 2069; Passcode: 940238

