

*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.



***Holy Chaos! Our
annual No-Rehearsal
Christmas Pagaent***

December 15, 2024

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weekly
newsletter*



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electronically.*



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Prelude	Medley of Christmas Carols — arr. Phillip Keveren
Hymn	#226 People, Look East
Opening Words	Erika Claire
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>
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>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	Bogoroditse Devo by Sergei Rachmaninoff
Pageant	Mary with Angel & Caesar Augustus
Hymn	#246 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Pageant	Going to Bethlehem & Staying at the Inn
Hymn	#243 Jesus Our Brother

Pageant	Jesus is Born
Hymn	Happy Birthday!
Pageant	Angel, Shepherds
Hymn	#231 Angels We Have Heard on High
Pageant	Wise People and Wrap
Offering and Thanksgiving	First Parish Emergency Shelter Fund
Offertory Music	Still, Still, Still — German Carol arr. Robert Wetzler
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#245 Joy to the World
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	In Dulci Jubilo — Zachau/Paul Manz

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.

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.

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:

* Coming up: 12/22 RE Classes, 12/29 and 1/5 All-Ages Children's Chapel

* Want to learn to raise children who are thoughtful, informed, and brave about race? Register for our 6 series workshop: www.fpmalden.org/embracerace

* Want to volunteer with Religious Education? Know someone who might want to work in our treehouse? We are looking to grow our team! Email Sara@fpmalden.org.

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: 898 9147 9072; Passcode: 375102

