## 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.

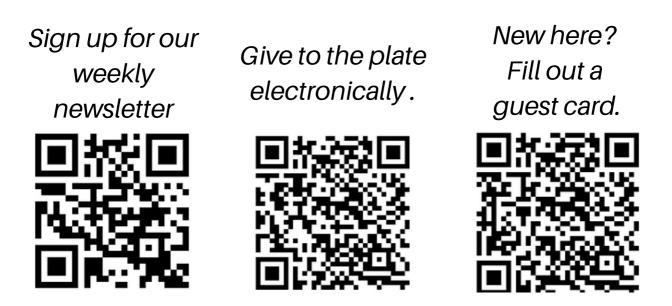


## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 2024

Prelude	O Holy Night Julian McDonald
<b>Opening Words</b>	Erin S.
Lighting of the Chalice	This Night of Mystery We kindle a small flame, in the dark of the year remembering the promise of life abundant, of a possible peace. We pause on this night of mystery, to tell the stories, to sing the songs, and to bring more love into the world. By Linda Hart
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	O come, o come, Emmanuel
Land Acknowledgement	FPM is on the native land of the Massachuset, Naumkeag, Pawtucket, and Pennacook people.
Our Covenant	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.
Music	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Invocation	What are you Here for? By Quinn G. Caldwell adapted by Rev. Otto Concannon
Music	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming <i>Erika Claire Kuttner</i>
Reading	An Angel Appears to Mary Luke 1:26-33
Reading	Christmas Is Subversive By Kendyl L. R. Gibbons

Music	Coventry Carol Choir
Reading	The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7
Time for All Ages	Refuge by Anne Booth & Sam Usher, Published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
Music	The first nowell
Reading	An Angel Appears to the Shepherds Luke 2: 8-20
Reading	The Risk of Birth, Christmas 1973 by Madeline L'Engle
Music	O Come All Ye Faithful
Reading	A Star Appears and the Wise Men Follow Matthew 2:1-12
Reading	Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem By Dr. Maya Angelou
<b>Christmas Homily</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabellal
Lighting the Candles	
Carol	Silent Night
Meditation on the Light	
Carol	Joy to the World
Extinguishing the Chalice	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.
Hymn	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	

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



A family-oriented Unitarian Universalist congregation that celebrates and affirms our LGBTQ+ community. We are proimmigrant and unapologetically support Black lives. We believe our differences are our strength.

> Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am 2 Elm Street in Malden www.FPMalden.org

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