

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.



Why You Should Come to Church

November 16, 2025

*Join our
newsletter*



*Give to the plate
electronically.*



*New here?
Fill out a
guest card.*



*Join our
Discord server*



Prelude Love Will Guide Us - Lisa Redfern

Hymn We Are The Ones

Opening Words

**Lighting of
the Chalice**

Greeting We invite you to greet your neighbor.
Take time to go over to someone you
haven't met.

Hymn #1028 Fire of Commitment

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.*

Time for All Ages

**Children's
Recessional** Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading by Karen Van Fossan

Hymn # 100 Peace Like a River

Message

**Offering and
Thanksgiving** First Parish in Malden Help Fund

Offertory Music May I Be Light (Sing Out Love)
1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,
and Milestones**



Pastoral Prayer

**Sounding of the Bell
and Time of Silence**

Hymn # 1020 Lean On Me

**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.*

Our Story

Benediction

Postlude Peace Like a River

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.

Seeking **grocery donations!** On 11/30, the youth of First Parish will prepare food for people in need and for donating locally. Please email dre@fpmalden.org if you are interested in helping.

Rev. Otto's Book Club will meet 11/16 at noon to discuss Star-Spangled Jesus: Leaving Christian Nationalism and Finding a New Faith by April Ajoy. Copies of the book are available at the church for pickup. All are welcome.

After today's service, there will be a **volunteer orientation** for anyone interested in learning about how **our sound system and microphones** work.

The **outreach committee meets** on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm - next meeting is 11/17.

The Chapel is reserved for **quiet(er) conversation during coffee hour** today.

Save the Date for Pie Sunday! The best coffee hour around will be on November 23rd! Pie Sunday is a First Parish Malden tradition. Bring a pie or just show up to eat pie at coffee hour after service!

Join us for a **Community Thanksgiving Meal** with Malden's Food Not Bombs chapter on Saturday 11/29 at 12:30pm! Come share food, connect with neighbors, and celebrate community spirit in Durgin Hall.

Our Music Director Soren will be on Sabbatical from 11/26/25 through May 2026. See the newsletter for details about the Sabbatical, and how the music program will continue to run during this time.

Join us for **Monday night Magic!** We'll play Magic: the Gathering every first, second & fourth Monday of the month from 6pm to 9pm in the library. If you've never played or don't have your own cards, premade decks will be available.

We'll be watching **one episode of the first season of "Andor"** each Friday and discussing it after. Screening will be held in the chapel and will start at 7:30pm. Kids welcome at parents' discretion.

Save the date for **our first retreat** at Ferry Beach in Maine, April 24-26. See the newsletter for details and to register your interest.

Beautiful Lotus in a Sea of Fire Meditation Group: Join Rev. Ralph's meditation group on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 in the library or on Zoom.

Choir and band meet weekly this fall! All are encouraged and welcome to join, even if you can't attend all rehearsals. Band is Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm; Choir is Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm

Register your child(ren) for **Religious Education:**
<https://tinyurl.com/FPMaldenREReg25>

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 878 4065 3019; Passcode: 113924