

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: The First Parish Christmas Pageant

December 21, 2025

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Prelude	Angels We Have Heard on High French Carol, arr. Keveren Janna Bruene
Opening Words	Elise Milller
Lighting of the Chalice	May This Light Guide Us By JeKaren Olaoya We light this chalice, here in the darkness of winter as we wait. This temporary space is one filled with prayers to be answered, love to be given and received, miracles to be witnessed. May this light guide us until the light of the sun returns again.
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to walk over to someone you haven't met.
Gathering Hymn	#226 People, Look East
Our Covenant	<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>
Introduction to the Holy Chaos	
Hymn	#235 Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly
Living Under Occupation & Empire	
Hymn	Mi Burrito Sabanero

No Room at the Inn

Hymn #243 Jesus Our Brother
verses 1 and 6

Angels & Shepherds

Hymn #239 Go Tell it on the Mountain

The Wise People

**Offering and
Thanksgiving** Worthy Now Prison Ministry

Offertory Hymn #251 Silent Night

Offertory Dedication #1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,
and Milestones** Rev. Otto Concannon

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Otto Concannon

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

Hymn #245 Joy to the World
verses 1 and 2

**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 Dave Zerega

Benediction Rev. Otto Concannon

Postlude The First Noel
English Carol, arr. Keveren

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.

The **Christmas Eve Service** this year will begin at 4:30pm.

Join us for this family-friendly service as we sing, light candles, and reflect on the meaning of the Christmas story.

The service will be followed by a **Hot Chocolate Social Hour**.

Monday night Magic is on break until January 12. Join us when we resume playing Magic: the Gathering every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month from 6-9pm in the library. Premade decks will be available.

Malden is gearing up for a ballot question to raise our tax rates to cover our city gap, invest in our schools, library, parks, public health and more. Talk to Carey McDonald about getting involved with **"Yes for Malden!"**

Friday night "Andor" episodes are on break until January 9, when we will be starting season 2! Screening will be held in the chapel starting at 7:30pm on Fridays. 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.

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

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. Please note, there will be **no meditation group on Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve will be online only.**

Choir and band meet weekly on Tuesdays, all together during Soren's sabbatical. All are encouraged and welcome to join, even if you can't attend all rehearsals. Rehearsals are Tuesday 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

