

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.



The Vulnerability of Joy

December 7, 2025

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Prelude	<i>The Promenade</i> by Jacques Ibert Janna Bruene
Gathering Hymn	#396 I Know This Rose Will Open
Opening Words	Aisha Cruse
Lighting of the Chalice	"Let there be joy..." By Carl Seaburg
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	##225 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
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>
Time for All Ages	Sara Krakauer
Children's Recessional	<i>Be Open</i> by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	"Don't Hesitate" by Mary Oliver Aisha Cruse
Hymn	#241 In the Bleak Midwinter

Message	Ashley Mulcaire
Offering and Thanksgiving	Worthy Now Prison Ministry
Offertory Music	<i>Dreams</i> by Alexandre Tansman #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	#226 People, Look East
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	Patrick Mayfield
Benediction	Ashley Mulcaire
Postlude	<i>Shindig</i> by Darwin Wolford

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 **Pastoral Care Team** is holding a card-writing session in the Library today around noon to write cards to community members who could use some love. Come write a card or two!

Join us for **Monday night Magic!** We'll play Magic: the Gathering every 2nd, & 4th Monday of the month from 6-9pm in the library. Premade decks will be available.

The next **Board Meeting is on 12/12** in the library and on zoom. All are welcome.

Join us on **12/13 from 4-6pm for a many-holiday winter celebration** in true UU tradition! We'll play dreidel, celebrate the solstice & decorate a tree. We'll have treats & food. This is a family friendly event, & all are welcome.

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

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!"**

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.

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.

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