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.

Samhain

November 1, 2026

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Prelude	Ashokan Farewell — Jay Ungar
Gathering Hymn	#389 Gathered Here
Opening Words	Hailey Edwards
Casting the Circle	
Lighting of the Chalice	*As we kindle this the flame, we honor and remember* *Those who have passed into the mystery.* *Their brightness lives on in our vision;* *their courage lives on in our commitments;* *and their love continues to bless the world through us.* All Souls Chalice Lighting By Florence Caplow
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	Samhain Song by Lisa Thiel
Covenant	*As a community, we promise to celebrate, care for, and challenge our true and imperfect selves. Together, we will show love for each other and the greater world through our words, actions, and traditions.*
Reading	All Hallow Eve by Audre Lorde
Time for All Ages	Costume Parade
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Music	Where Do We Come From? / Perfume & Milk
Reading	When Death Comes By Mary Oliver

Message	Rachael Gorton
Building the alter of beloved dead /ancestors	
Offering and Thanksgiving	
Offertory Music	Scherzando — Bela Bartok #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys & Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	#347 Gather the Spirit
Close the Circle	
Chalice Extinguishment	*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	Abi Harper
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Solfeggietto — C.P.E. Bach

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.

Join us for **Coffee Hour Activism Table** (CHAT). This week's topic is voting. We can't wait to see you.

Each year First Parish sponsors a family through **Merry Malden**. We buy holiday gifts off the lists provided by the kiddos. If you'd like to be involved, email perkt4@gmail.com

Next **New Member Ceremony** will be November 22nd during service. If you're interested in becoming a member of First Parish, speak with Rev. Otto to learn what it means to be a member.

Taizé Service: November 1 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us for this hour-long contemplative service. We invite you to participate in singing simple songs or listen. No preparation needed.

How can our values and spiritual commitments inform our ethical understanding of artificial intelligence? Weijia Cheng will host a **workshop on AI literacy & discernment** on 11/15, 12-1:30pm in the Chapel.

Task Force assemble! A "Future of First Parish" team has been established to take a look at all the options for what comes next for our congregation, our space, our future. Questions? perkt4@gmail.com

Speed Friending is Back! Who am I? Who are You? Let's find out. Join us for a low pressure & fun way to get to know each other. Sunday November 8th at 12:00 in the chapel. perkt4@gmail.com

Want to hang out with our congregation's awesome children and youth? The RE team is seeking **additional adult helpers**. There are lots of options, most requiring a commitment of <1-2 hours a month.

Recruting designers and painters to **help paint a tree on the stairwell** up to the Treehouse. If you are interested in being involved, email Sara@fpmalden.org.

Scary Saturday movie screenings: Saturdays at 7 pm in the Parish Library.

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

Register your Child for Religious Education: tinyurl.com/FPMaldenRE2627.

Choir and band meet weekly on Tuesdays! All are encouraged and welcome to join, even if you can't attend all rehearsals.

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 851 4376 2427; Passcode: 912975