

October, 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	2 AA 7:30-8:30 am Pie Making 10 am AA 11-noon	3 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30 Pumpkin Patch 9-5
4 Guest: Kirsten Snow Talk: Musings on Fall Pumpkin Patch 9-5	5 AA 11-noon 12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	6 Out of the Blue Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm	7 AA 11-noon Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	8 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	9 AA 7:30-8:30 am Pie Making 10 am AA 11-noon	10 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30 Pumpkin Patch 9-5
11 Rev. Liz Georgakopoulos Sermon: Now What? Second Sunday Collection: MIRA Coalition Pumpkin Patch 9-5	12 AA 11-noon Food Pantry Set Up 2:30-4:00 12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	13 Food Pantry 9-noon Out of the Blue Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm	14 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Food Pantry 12:30-2:00 Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	15 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	16 AA 7:30-8:30 am Pie Making 10 am Greater Boston Food Bank Delivery 10:30-11:15 AA 11-noon	17 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30 Pumpkin Patch 9-5
18 Rev. Ken Read-Brown Sermon: What's Going On Here? Leadership Board Meeting after coffee hour Pumpkin Patch 9-5	19 AA 11-noon 12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	20 Out of the Blue Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm	21 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	22 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	23 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	24 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
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About Us

Second Parish is an independent church affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association. We strive to combine the traditional with the innovative in honoring many different expressions of faith. Here are some details about our worship service and other activities.

Second Parish has a **sound enhancement system**. If you would like headphones, please ask an usher.

Children spend the first part of the service with their parents in the sanctuary. After *Time for All Ages*, they go upstairs for Sunday Adventures, where they engage in activities centered on how to treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated, a basic teaching in all major world religions.

Adults and children come together for **coffee hour** in Cushing Hall after the service. Please join us - we are very friendly and like to eat!

To help our online viewers follow our **Joys and Concerns**, please write them on the cards in the pews and hand the card to an usher during the Solo. The ushers will take the cards to be read by the minister.

Second Sunday Collections Most second Sundays of the month, we give our collection to a local charity.

We are proud to house the **Hingham Food Pantry** in our lower level. The food pantry serves about 100 Hingham families year-round, and many more during the holidays. To learn more or to volunteer, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HinghamFoodPantry> or call 781-740-8180.

To learn more about these announcements, to sign up for our Weekly Updates, or to make an online donation, please visit our website at www.secondparish.org or use this QR code.



Announcements for October 18

Rev. Ken Read-Brown is minister emeritus at First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship Church), having retired in 2022 after 35 years as minister there. We are very grateful to welcome him to the Second Parish pulpit on a regular basis.

Leadership Board meeting today after coffee hour.

Fill the Pew for the Hingham Food Pantry. We will again be collecting nonperishable food items for the Hingham Food Pantry. This month the following items are on the HFP wish list: **jars of pasta sauce, rice side dishes, boxes of granola bars and crackers.** When you are shopping this week, think about adding some of these items to your basket.

Herbstlied Poem by Johann Gaudenz von Salis-Seewis (1762-1834)

The woods are already bright with color,
The stubble fields are yellow,
And autumn is beginning.
Red leaves are falling,
Grey mist is swirling,
The wind is cooler as it blows.

How the swollen grapes
Behind the vine leaves
Are glowing, colored crimson;
Ripening on the railings
Are peaches with stripes
Colored red and white.

Translated by Malcolm Wren
(<https://www.schubertsong.uk/text/herbstlied-bunt-sind-schon-die-walder/>, accessed 10/12/26)

☞ Order of Worship ☞

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Centering Thought: “There was never a more holy age than ours, and never a less.” Annie Dillard

Prelude: Michaelmas (Autumn), from *Embertides* (2013)
Hilary Tann (1947-2023)

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Autumn Charles Ives (1874-1954)

Call to Worship

* **Opening Hymn #42** Morning, So Fair to See

Lighting of Chalice and Reading of

The Second Parish Covenant (in unison):

With love for each other and with respect for each person's search for truth and meaning, we unite to be of service to our neighbors and the larger world.

Time for All Ages

Go Now in Peace (Hymn #413) Natalie Sleeth (1930-92)
Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere,
You may go.

Responsive Reading #540 The Peace of Autumn

Solo: If We Only Have Love (*Quand on n'a que l'amour*)
French words and music by Jacques Brel (1929-78)
English words by Mort Shuman and Eric Blau

Reading of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Spirit of Life (Hymn #123) Carolyn McDade, 1981
Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Silent Meditation

The Prayer of Jesus (Parker Palmer version)

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Offertory: *Herbstlied* (Autumn Song) Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
(See Insert)

* **Doxology:**

From you I receive, to you I give,
together we share, and from this we live.
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together we share, and from this we live.

Reading: read by Pam and Chip King
from "For the Time Being" by Annie Dillard
chapter 16 of the "Tao Te Ching" trans. by Ursula Le Guin

Sermon: What's Going On Here? Rev. Ken Read-Brown

* **Closing Hymn #163** For the Earth Forever Turning

Benediction

Postlude: III. *Allegro*, from *Autumn*, from *The Four Seasons*
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

* *Congregation Standing*
Please greet your neighbors at the end of the service.

IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Susannah Thornton, mezzo-soprano
Karen Delano and Nancy Troland, Ushers
Gayla Godby and Jane Shute, Social Hour

The flowers for today's service are given by Karen Delano.

Sunday Adventures

Haley Mosher, Director of Faith Formation
Violet Deveau, Annie Hughes and
Molly Stevens, Teaching Assistants

A warm welcome to all who have come to share the
beauty of our Sanctuary, the experience of our prayer,
and the fellowship of our church community.
If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the guest book
and stay for coffee hour which follows the service.

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