

January, 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 AA 11-noon	3 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
4 Rev. Liz Georgakopoulos Sermon: Joy, Love and Resistance	5 AA 11-noon Food Pantry Set Up 2:30-4:00 12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	6 Food Pantry 9:00-noon Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	7 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Food Pantry 12:30-2:00 Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	8 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	9 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	10 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
11 Rev. Ken Read-Brown Sermon: Perpetual Peace? Second Sunday Collection: Empower	12 AA 11-noon 12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	13 Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	14 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	15 AA 7:30-8:30 am	16 AA 7:30-8:30 am Greater Boston Food Bank Delivery 10:30-11:15 AA 11-noon	17 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
18 Rev. Paul Sprecher Sermon: Our Chosen Faith Book Group after coffee hour	19 AA 11-noon Food Pantry Set Up 2:30-4:00 12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	20 Food Pantry 9:00-noon Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	21 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Food Pantry 12:30-2:00 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
25 Lauren Hannah-Murphy Sermon: Finding Optimism in Horror: What Stephen King tells us about optimism and altruism Leadership Meeting after coffee hour	26 AA 11-noon 12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	27 Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	28 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	29 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	30 AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	31 Code Wiz 8:30-12:30

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.

Announcements for January 25

Lauren Hannah-Murphy grew up in a suburb of Chicago, IL but found herself in Massachusetts while a student at Harvard Divinity School where she got a Masters in Theological Studies (MTS). She is currently a Program Manager and Chief of Staff at Google, but has also contemplated starting a bakery, becoming a minister, and a librarian. She began leading services while a part of the UU group at Harvard Div, has been leading services at Channing Church in Rockland, MA since 2008 where she also led the congregation in its efforts to become a Welcoming Congregation in 2009, and lives in Abington, MA with her wife and two children.

The **Leadership Board** will meet today, after coffee hour.

Annual Chocolate Auction! Sunday, February 8

Start thinking about what decadent treat you might contribute to our annual auction. The auction will take place after we have coffee. Robyn will again be our auctioneer, with help from the Sunday Adventures kids. This is a must-attend event!

Galentine's Luncheon! Tuesday, February 10 at 12:30 pm

Come celebrate female friendship and warm up with some soup on a cold winter's day. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend! RSVP using the Google form in the Weekly Update or by chatting with Carly Wilks.

Fill the Pew for the Hingham Food Pantry. The holidays are over, but food insecurity remains a problem for many Hingham families. Let's fill the front pew with items from their January wish list of cookies, sandwich crackers, beef stew and decaf instant coffee.

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.



∞ Order of Worship ∞

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Centering Thought: “Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow.’”
Mary Anne Radmacher

Prelude: *Lacrimosa*, from *Requiem*, KV 626
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Stand By Me Ben E. King (1938-2015)

Call to Worship Shel Silverstein and Richard S. Gilbert, adapted

* **Opening Hymn #21** For the Beauty of the Earth

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 Rev. Liz Georgakopoulos

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 from *Lifting Our Voices* #149

This is where we are. Martin Luther King Jr., adapted

Where do we go from here?

First, we must massively assert our dignity and worth.

We must stand up amidst a system that still oppresses

and develop an unassailable and majestic sense of values....

What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive,

and that love without power is sentimental and anemic.

Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice,

and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love,

And this is what we must see as we move on.

Solo: Canvas Unfinished Peter Dean Morgan (b. 1999)

Reading of Joys and Concerns

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Lord’s Prayer: Father, Mother Parker Palmer

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: The Climb Miley Cyrus (b. 1992)

* **Doxology:**

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise,
Let beauty, truth and good be sung
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

Reading: Excerpts from *A Memory of Light*
Brandon Sanderson and Robert Jordan

Sermon: Finding Optimism in Horror: What Stephen King tells us
about optimism and altruism Lauren Hannah-Murphy

* **Closing Hymn #118** This Little Light of Mine

Benediction Anne Frank

Postlude: *Toccata* (excerpt), from *Suite gothique*
Léon Boëllmann (1862-97)

IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Karen Delano, Worship Associate
Peter Dean Morgan, tenor
Karen Delano and Nancy Troland, Ushers
Susan Weisenbeck, Social Hour

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

Sunday Adventures

Rev. Liz Georgakopoulos, Director of Faith Formation
Brennan and Nola Carney, 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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