

## November, 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
<b>2</b> Rev. Ken Read-Brown Sermon: Why I Love Cemeteries	<b>3</b> AA 11-noon Food Pantry Set Up 2:30-4:00  12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	<b>4</b> Food Pantry 9-noon  Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>5</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Food Pantry 12:30-2:00  Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	<b>6</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	<b>7</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon	<b>8</b> Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
<b>9</b> Rev. Bill Zelazny Sermon: How I Got Here (as a UU) Second Sunday Collection: Hingham Food Pantry	<b>10</b> AA 11-noon  12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	<b>11</b>  Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>12</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon Food Pantry noon-1:30  Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	<b>13</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am Food Pantry Drive Through Distribution 9:00-10:30 AA 11-noon	<b>14</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am A Greater Boston Food Bank Delivery 10:30-11:15 A 11-noon	<b>15</b> Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
<b>16</b> Rev. Liz Georgakopoulos Sermon: How Much is Enough? Leadership Board Meeting after coffee hour	<b>17</b> AA 11-noon  12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	<b>18</b>  Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>19</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon  Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	<b>20</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am Food Pantry 9-noon AA 11-noon	<b>21</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am Food Pantry 9-noon AA 11-noon	<b>22</b> Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
<b>23</b> Rev. Ken Read-Brown Sermon: Gratitude's Harvest Pack the Pews after church	<b>24</b> AA 11-noon Food Pantry Set Up 2:30-4:00  12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm	<b>25</b> Food Pantry 9-noon  Out of the Blue Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>26</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am AA 11-noon  Code Wiz 3:30-6:30	<b>27</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	<b>28</b> AA 7:30-8:30 am	<b>29</b> Code Wiz 8:30-12:30
<b>30</b> Rev. Ken Read-Brown Sermon: What - or Who - Are We Waiting For? Wreath Decorating Workshop 11:30-1:30	<b>Dec 1</b> AA 11-noon Wreath Decorating Workshop 12:00-2:00  12 Step 7:30-9:00 pm					

## 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 after 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 November 30

**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.

**Wreath Decorating Workshops** Please help decorate wreaths! It's fun, and we will train you. Workshops will be:  
**Today, 11:30 to 1:30 and tomorrow, 12:00 to 2:00**

The **Book Group** will meet December 7 and will be reading *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* by Sonia Purnell. All are welcome!

**Fill the Pew for the Hingham Food Pantry.** The Food Pantry has updated their request list for the holidays. Please see the Weekly Update for the complete list, select a few items on your next shopping trip, and bring them to church on Sunday.

Gifts for the **Friends of the Homeless Christmas Gift Project** are due back at church on **Sunday, Dec. 7 or at Peggy's house by Dec. 12.**

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](http://www.secondparish.org) or use this QR code.



# ☞ Order of Worship ☜

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**Centering Thought:** “Even in December the earth will turn nearer the sun, darkness will turn to dawn.”

Mary Hoxie Jones, Quaker writer and poet

**Prelude:** Fantasia on "Savior of the Nations, Come", BWV 659  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** Chorale Prelude on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"  
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1730-80)

## **Call to Worship**

\* **Opening Hymn #225** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## **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:** Blessed are You Who Bear the Light  
Jan Richardson

Blessed are you in whom the light lives,  
**in whom the brightness blazes—your heart a chapel,**  
an altar where in the deepest night can be seen  
the fire that shines forth in you  
**in unaccountable faith**  
in stubborn hope, in love  
**that illumines every broken thing it finds.**

**Solo:** Chorale Prelude on ""Drop Down Dew, O Heavens"  
Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

## **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**

### **Unison Prayer**

Parker Palmer (inspired by Matthew 6: 9-13, Luke 11: 2-4)  
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.

**Offertory:** Noël on "Good Joseph Listen to Me"  
Michel Corrette (1707-95)

### \* **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:** Christmas Will Come Rev. Earl K. Holt, III

\* **Hymn #55** Dark of Winter

**Sermon:** What - or Who - Are We Waiting For?  
Rev. Ken Read-Brown

\* **Closing Hymn #226** People, Look East

## **Benediction**

**Postlude:** Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come",  
BWV 661 Bach

\* *Congregation Standing*

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**IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

Mark Slawson, organ  
Art Edwards and Gayla Godby, Ushers  
Anna Burns and Susan Weisenbeck, Social Hour

The flowers for today's service are given by Susan Weisenbeck.

**Sunday Adventures**

Rev. Liz Georgakopoulos, Director of Faith Formation  
Brennan and Nola Carney, Violet Deveau, Annie Hughes and  
Molly Stevens, Teaching Assistants

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# Second Parish in Hingham

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A warm welcome to all who have come to share the beauty of our Sanctuary and the fellowship of our church community. We hope you find a peaceful space for prayer or reflection on this special day.

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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