

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 16, 2022



"My hour has not yet come."

2022 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

2022 pledge envelopes are available for pickup in the Parish Hall foyer.

PHOTO GALLERY OF "JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Check out our photo gallery from our Christmas Pageant, *Journey to Bethlehem*, performed live on the steps of the church, on Sunday, December 19, 2021. You can find the photos on our website under "Photo Galleries" on the "Getting to Know Us" tab. *Our thanks to Leslie Dooley and to Sue Tonkiss for the photos.*



RED CROSS FACING NATIONAL BLOOD CRISIS

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis, posing a concerning risk to patient care. With less than a one-day supply of critical blood types, doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available. The Red Cross is working around the clock to meet the blood needs of hospitals and patients, but we can't do it alone. We need your help!

Upcoming Blood Drives at The Plymouth Church

Thursday, January 13, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 27, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

American Red Cross: 800.733.2767

GARDEN HELP WANTED

We are looking for help maintaining the Bell Garden and Courtyard beginning next spring. One big project we hope to accomplish is to divide some of the perennials in the Bell Garden. Our hope is to plant them in the border of that area where the bushes will add more color and free up space for annuals and memorial plantings in the garden itself. Other help includes weeding and dead-heading and some watering on a rotating schedule. If interested, please contact Jody Comley, at 508.353.2724, or scusset07@gmail.com.

WORSHIP HELP WANTED

Sunday mornings depend on *you!* And not just you worshipping in the pews or online! Worship is a collective project and everyone has a part to play! We are always looking for volunteers who can help out. As meaningful as our liturgy can be, it is the people who make the church a spiritual home for long-time members and first time guests. Sign up online to be a Welcomer in the Parish Hall, a Greeter in the Sanctuary, a Lay Reader in the service, or to support our Families and Faith Discovery programs with Mending Church, Games & Activities, or Nursery Care. ***Signup links can be found in your weekly Wednesday Email.***

ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

You may now order Chancel flowers online, via our website. Go to plymouthchurchframingham.org and click on the "Church Family" tab. You'll find "Order Chancel Flowers" in the drop-down menu. Upon receipt of your order, the Church Office will confirm your date.

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Prelude

Prayer Song

Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

ALL: The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

One: You shall no more be termed Forsaken,* and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;*

ALL: you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,* for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

One: For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder* marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

(Isaiah 62:1-5)

John 2:1-11

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem

My Lord! What A Morning

arr. Diemer

Sermon

Benediction

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

Broughton

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT & COVID UPDATE - JANUARY 2022

COVID Regulations and Expectations for all groups meeting at The Plymouth Church in Framingham

Vigilance and intention are still necessary. Therefore, everyone gathering indoors is required to wear a mask and to maintain social distance. For every event, groups are expected to enforce at least two levels of protection. With variants still spreading and realizing not everyone in our community has been vaccinated these extra precautions are one way we demonstrate our love for our neighbor.

Worship Update

Sunday morning worship, along with funerals and special worship, will continue in-person, with a live-stream option on our YouTube Channel. In addition to the expectations above, the following additional protocols will be in place.

1. We will open the windows slightly to increase airflow
2. Please dress warmly and expect the Sanctuary to be chilly!
3. We will suspend congregational singing.
4. Proper masking over the nose and mouth will be strictly enforced, by Deacons and by Clergy.
5. According to recent guidance, we encourage folks to wear surgical masks under their cloth masks, double-mask, or wear a N95 or equivalent.
6. Physical distancing will be more strongly encouraged.
7. We have closed every other pew (thanks, Meg!) to help facilitate this.

After the service, we encourage worshipers to exit the Sanctuary and to gather, safely distanced, in the Parish Hall and in the Parish Hall foyer for conversation. Worship will be intergenerational, including a message for children and a shorter overall duration. We welcome all children and all stages of faith — wiggles, squiggles, squeaks and all!

Staff Policy

All staff must be vaccinated against COVID or provide weekly negative PCR COVID tests to confirm they are COVID-negative. In addition, all staff must wear a mask at all times when indoors and outdoors when in the presence of others.

Office Hours

Church staff are working their regular hours. During this surge, however, the Church Office will be open to the public on **Monday**, **Wednesday**, and **Thursday**. Please make an appointment before stopping by. While we may be your only contact in the day, you might be one of many for us. To help keep staff healthy and able to serve the church, please be sure to put your mask on before entering the building. Thank you!

Masks

As a church community we show our love and concern for one another, from the youngest to oldest, by following proper masking guidelines. In order to keep each other safe, and protect the most vulnerable in our midst, we will be offering gentle reminders for worshipers to correct their masks before and during the worship service. When asked to fix your mask, try not to take offense. As with all our interactions at church, we lean into graciousness and gratitude!