

# First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

## New Year's Eve



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Welcome and Announcements

\*Opening Hymn                      *Go Tell It on the Mountain*                      #12 (booklet)

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Gracious God,  
When we hear the news about war and conflict and strife...  
Lord, remind us...  
When we are in conflict, doubt or full of worry...  
Lord, remind us...  
When hardship or ingratitude plagues us...  
Lord, remind us...**

**Remind us Holy God...**

**That the shepherds heard the angels break the silence in the field  
That the wise men found a baby and they could not help but kneel  
That the one who heard our weeping, became a child in manger sleeping  
Lord, remind us to remember your precious gift to the world on Christmas  
morning. Amen.**

Blessing

Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you!**

Luke 2: 8-20

Blessing

Carol Sing

Prayers of the People

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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, forever. Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn

*Joy to the World*

Benediction



# Epiphany

Sunday, January 7, 2023, 10:30 am  
First Congregational Church of Natick  
2 East Central Street, Natick

A shared worship service among four congregations of the United Church of Christ.  
Edwards Church in Framingham, The Eliot Church of Natick,  
First Congregational Church Natick, The Plymouth Church in Framingham

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**AFTER THE THREE MAGI LEFT, BY ANOTHER ROAD, MARY, JOSEPH, AND  
JESUS WERE FORCED TO FLEE TO EGYPT.  
WHAT CAN OUR FAITH TEACH US ABOUT THE MIGRANT JOURNEY?**

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The Rev. Elizabeth Garrigan-Byerly, Executive Minister for Area Conference Ministry, for the Southern New England Conference will preach. After worship, Lucia Panichella, LCSW, will lead a discussion. Lucia is the Senior Director, Programs and Partnership for Jewish Family Services.

A special collection will be taken for Jewish Family Services of Metro West Immigrant & Resettlement Services.



Show up at 9:30 a.m. to join our Pick-up Choir!

Bring a snack to share at Coffee Hour.

Learn how to access worship remotely at [www.fcc1651.org/content/worship](http://www.fcc1651.org/content/worship)