

# Epiphany: The Baptism of Jesus

*Sunday, January 9, 2022*



*And a voice came from heaven,*

*"You are my Child: Beloved; and with you I am well pleased."*

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## 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 for the photos.*



### RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY

The Racial Justice bookshelf in the Library has been updated recently. Thank you to those who donated new titles. We invite everyone to spend a few minutes browsing the shelves when you are in the building. If you choose to take out a book, please use the sign-out clipboard, so we have a record of borrowed books. Also now on display in the Library are three framed articles (*see photo below*) that provide information about Framingham's history with slavery, with specific references to individual slaves in our early church years, and, a century later, to the abolitionist period.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 *Baptism of The Lord* McKelvey

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: And then, the Holy One, our Creator spoke: "Do not fear,  
for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

**All: And we received God's wisdom: "When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you."**

One: "For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

**All: We will not fear, for God is with us; When we are scattered,  
God will gather us together again. Amen.**

*(Isaiah 43:1-7)*

Luke 3:15-22

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 *Still. Still. Still.* arr. Larter

Sermon

Benediction

Postlude *O That I Had A Thousand Voices* Reger

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# 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.

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### 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!