

# Third Sunday After Epiphany

*Sunday, January 23, 2022*

**Budget Meeting**



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## TODAY'S GREETER & USHER

Leslie Clark, Robert Clark

### **INTRODUCING: FAMILY DINNER CHURCH WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-6:30 P.M., VIA ZOOM!**

Every family has to eat dinner at some point, so why not eat together as a family and while you do, join your pastors and your church family on Zoom for a half hour, dinner church, worship service? Remember: This is a church experience designed for young kids! Good table manners? Optional. Picture perfect meals and tidy backgrounds? Forbidden. An open spirit of love, grace, and FUN? Required!

### **ORDER FOR FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS**

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com.

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

Find the order link in your *Wednesday Email!*

### **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 27, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
American Red Cross: 800.733.2767

### **SURVIVING THE LOSS OF A PET**

Kelly Johnson and other professionals in grief care partnered with the Parmenter Foundation to create educational and supportive videos about pet loss. (They filmed the videos right here at The Plymouth Church!) The Parmenter Foundation supports families in the Metro West area with the many ways we grieve beloved members of the family, and they have extended that compassion to the non-human members as well. Please take a few minutes to watch the videos included in the most recent *Wednesday Email*, especially if you or someone you care about has lost a pet.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFERS IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING**

The Racial Justice Ministry Team invites you to join us for Implicit Bias Training, offered via *Zoom* by the Town of Wayland, on Monday, **January 31**, from 6-8:30 p.m. The training is free and open to all.

Implicit Bias is defined as attitudes or stereotypes that are activated unconsciously and involuntarily. The goal of this workshop is to enhance our self-awareness about possible unconscious bias and white privilege. Registration link in your *Wednesday Email*. To join our Racial Justice Team or for more information about our work contact Rob Schadt (rschadt@bu.edu).

### **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 *Andante from Piano Sonata* Mozart

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: The heavens are telling the glory of our Creator; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their wisdom goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**All: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which runs its course with joy.**

One: The law of the Most High is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Holy One are sure, making the novice wise; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

**All: The commandments of the Lord are to be desired more than gold, sweeter than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Amen.**

Luke 4:14-21

Blessing

Sermon

Anthem *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me* arr. Larson

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

Sermon

Benediction

Postlude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Broughton

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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!