

**The Plymouth Church in Framingham**

# **Advent**

## **Home by Another Way**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**10:00 AM In-person and on YouTube**

***“And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the Magi left for their own country by another road.”***

***(Matthew 2:12)***

# DEACONS, USHERS, & GREETERS

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## 2022 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

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

## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE...THROUGH DECEMBER 12

New toys/gift items can be left in the Parish Hall foyer. You can find the "Wish List" in your Wednesday Email. We will offer these unwrapped gifts to *Timothy's Toy Box*, a local organization that has made a serious commitment to making the holidays special for children and for youth in less fortunate situations.

## SAVE YOUR GLASS JARS

On **December 21**, for *The Longest Night* service we will place tea lights in glass jars to illuminate the Sanctuary. Please wash your jars thoroughly and remove all labels. We do not need any lids. Drop your jars off in the Sanctuary Vestibule, between December 12 and 19.

## ONLINE HOMECOOKING & CRAFT SALE

Are you ready for some great home cooking and amazing handcrafted gifts? Our online store is stocked with delicious soups, delectable tea breads, tasty pies, tempting *Tonkiss Toffee*, and the sweetest sweets, as well as fresh cut greens and branches, handcrafted bows, and an amazing array of wonderful handcrafted gifts. The store is open to everyone! Pass the word to your *local* family and friends! This is a great opportunity to enjoy some amazing food from your Plymouth Church family, while at the same time bolstering our 2021 operating budget.

## Online Sale Hours

8:00 a.m. Saturday, **December 4** through 1:00 p.m., Saturday, **December 11**.

## ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ONLINE

We are now taking orders via our website for poinsettia plants given in memory, in honor, or in celebration of a special person (or persons) to decorate the Sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services. Please place your order no later than **Saturday, December 11**. NOTE: This year, we are purchasing our poinsettias from Frugal Flower. While the price remains the same, at \$20/plant, the pot size is reduced from 7 ½" to 6". (See *Wednesday Email* for link to order.)

## MAMA JUNIOR'S HOPE TREE

The Youth Group is raising funds to help Aisha's family recover from the fire that destroyed their home. You can sponsor an item on their wish list by choosing an ornament from Mama Junior's Hope Tree! Fill out your ornament, place it and your donation in the provided envelope, and add it to the offering plate any Sunday during Advent. *Please do NOT bring physical items to donate as shipping to Tanzania is cost prohibitive.*

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUP!

This year's Christmas pageant is a Living Nativity with a petting zoo! Families and individuals are encouraged to sign up to present a scene which they rehearse at home in advance of the pageant on December 19. Sign up online by **December 12**.

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## ADVENT PREVIEW

**December 5: Advent Spiral, 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.**

**December 12:** Online Home Cooking Sale Pickup

**December 19:** Living Pageant, with Petting Zoo!

**December 21:** The Longest Night, 7:00 p.m.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.

**December 26:** Online only, *Facebook & YouTube*

**January 2:** Online only, *Facebook & YouTube*

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# The Second Sunday of Advent

*Mary greets the angel Gabriel*

Prelude Divinum Mysterium, Of The Father's Love Begotten *Held*

Welcome

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

Invitation

**One:** Advent is a spiritual journey to discover the full meaning of God's showing up in our lives. What does it mean that God is born as a baby like us? How will we choose to respond? Such a journey as this cannot be taken alone. We need each other. Let us join our hearts together in prayer.

**One:** "Behold," God declares, "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to the temple."

**All: We wait for the messenger of the covenant in whom we find delight. But who, O People, can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?**

**One:** The Messiah will be like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

**All: Then may our offering be pleasing to the Holy One as in the days of old and as in former years.** *(Malachi 3:1-4)*

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Blessing

Lighting of the Advent Candle for Love

**One:** May this candle blaze brightly for all who journey in LOVE

**All: May this candle light the way home.**

Message for All Ages

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming *arr. Rocherolle*

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**For all that you give us and all that you beckon us toward, we give you thanks. For the daily bread that you offer us, and for sustaining us on the journey, we give you praise. For the unity that you create, we lift up your name: Emmanuel, God with us, Amen.**

Closing Carol What Child Is This?

Benediction

Postlude A Maiden Most Gentle *Gant*

Announcements

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## What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.