

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
December 19, 2021

Welcome to the Church of the Messiah
We are delighted to have you worshiping with us.



My soul sings in gratitude

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I'm dancing in the mystery of God.
The light of the Holy One is within me
and I am blessed, so truly blessed.

This goes deeper than human thinking.
I am filled with awe
at Love whose only condition
is to be received.

The gift is not for the proud,
for they have no room for it.
The strong and self-sufficient ones
don't have this awareness.

But those who know their emptiness
can rejoice in Love's fullness.
It's the Love that we are made for,
the reason for our being.
It fills our inmost heart space
and brings to birth in us, the Holy One.

- *from John Shelby Spong's website "A New Christianity for A New World" 19 Dec 2007 on the website: www.progressivechristianity.org*

The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Carole Costa
by Peg Nicholson

Church of the Messiah
Mission Statement

The Church of the Messiah is an inclusive and welcoming community

- *Committed to serving God by serving neighbors near and far;*
- *Affirming the dignity of every human being;*
- *Believing we are called to be stewards of creation.*

- adopted by the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah on February 10, 2015.

ALL ARE WELCOME: A Word from the Rector and Wardens

As an Episcopal parish, our intention is to welcome any and all who come into our midst whether physically or virtually. We are delighted to have you here. Welcome!

ZOOM AND LIVE-STREAMING INFORMATION

Our 10 AM Sunday worship service will be live-streamed via Zoom.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DOWNLOAD ZOOM:

1) Go to this link: <https://zoom.us/download> and follow the directions to download Zoom. Depending on what type of device you are using, the link will take you to the Zoom website or the App Store if you are on a mobile device. Zoom is **free**, and **there is no need to sign up or create an account**. All you need is the software/app installed on your device.

2) Then join us for Sunday services at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/632447285> We suggest you plan on getting to our virtual church at 9:45 AM to give yourself plenty of time to get settled. You can go ahead and test this link now ahead of time to make sure that everything is working. Because virtual church hasn't actually started yet, you will end up looking at a screen that may show a live video of you if you have a camera. On Sunday at 9:45AM when you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary.

REMINDER: WE ARE NOW OFFERING TWO SUNDAY SERVICES: 8 and 10 AM

Last month the vestry voted to have us offer two services on Sundays: 8 AM and 10 AM. Unless, otherwise noted, both services will be Holy Communion.

The 10 o'clock service will also be available on Zoom for all who wish to attend the service remotely.

ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL CONTINUE: including practicing social distancing, wearing a mask throughout the service and giving your name and contact information (if we don't have the latter) for contact tracing purposes.

RE: HEAT AND DOORS Because everyone has been very conscious of following the safety protocols above, the vestry and rector agreed that doors can remain closed (unless the nave is close to capacity, in which case a door will be opened) and the heat and overhead fans will be on during services.

Thank you very much for your continuing patience as we share in the worship of God as a community caring for one another.

~ The Vestry and the Rev. Deborah Warner

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from racial profiling, addiction, anxiety, abuse, dementia, cancer, emotional distress, are suffering from or ministering to those with COVID-19 here and around the world. We pray for all who are unemployed or homeless, are refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries and for all who are ministering to their needs and for those in the armed forces. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate and for the people of Afghanistan, and Haiti.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, Robert, Michael, Miyoko, Richard, Emily, Fredrica, Steve, Janet, Bunk, Sarah, Sandy, Johnny, the Lutynski family and especially their daughter, Emma.

PLEDGE LETTERS MAILED for 2022 BUDGET PREPARATION

Pledge letters have been sent out, first to let people know how much it costs for the parish to meet our financial obligations, and second, strongly encouraging everyone to identify their intended financial commitment for 2022 as the vestry prepares the 2022 budget. If you have any questions, please email the church office (messiahfisher@comcast.net) or call (508-548-2145). We will direct your question to the appropriate person. Thanks very much.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE

Contributions may also be made **online** through Vanco Payment Solutions. These can be scheduled on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. If you wish to donate now, please go to the church website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org and click on the *Donate Now* tab on the upper right of the page.

We also have the capacity to receive stock transfers. For further information on any of the above, please call the church office at 508-548-2145 and leave a voice mail.

PATHWAYS UPDATE

Complications mostly related to the Covid-19 pandemic substantially delayed construction of the planned new pathways linking the Stone Church with the new Parish and Community Center. In October, the Vestry created a new Pathways Committee (Paul Graney, Charles Mann, Susan Morse, Terry Soares, Jean Taft) with a mandate to review plans and move the project forward.

Following the Committee's on-site review with PCC project landscape architect, Tom Lee, the Vestry has commissioned Lee to develop detailed plans for the construction of the pathways and schematic designs and sketches of potential replacements for the existing wooden ramp to include stairs. The new structure would accommodate the expanded use of the Stone Church's side entrance that provides the most direct approach to the PCC patio and the preferred access door to the Woods Hole room. At some point, it will be necessary to remove the aging rhododendrons that have grown up against the present ramp, but their removal will be delayed as long as feasibly consistent with the demands of the project. The Capital Campaign raised some funds specifically earmarked for the pathways, but how far these will go will depend upon completion of the project plans including options for replacing the ramp structure.

OUTREACH

The Church of the Messiah shares in welcoming a New Family from Afghanistan to Falmouth

On Monday, November 22nd, the Town of Falmouth opened our hearts again to welcome newcomers into our midst. An interfaith and secular community of support has been formed to provide clothing and food for a refugee family of eight (2 adults, 6 children from age 5 months to teenagers) from Afghanistan. Our Outreach committee delivered 14 bags of groceries including fruits, vegetables, nuts as well as non-perishable food and some dental supplies. It is anticipated that two more families from Afghanistan will be moving here. As this resettlement process gets underway, we will keep you posted in how you might be able to support our new neighbors. In the meantime, we continue to pray for those who are seeking refuge and a new home in this country, those whom they have left behind and those who are working on many levels on their behalf.

– DMW and the Outreach Committee

2021 CHRISTMAS OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Following the recommendation of the Outreach Committee, the vestry voted on November 8th, to divide the 2021 Christmas offering in the following manner. One half of the offering will be divided between two human service organizations.

The first is *Maya Childcare Program* in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (www.mayachildcareus.org) Maya supports the Acorn Childcare Center, as they provide infants, toddlers, children and their parents with educational, nutritional, physical and emotional support.

The second organization is *Ascentria Immigration Services* (www.ascentria.org) which assists immigrants from Afghanistan and other countries in their resettlement efforts in Massachusetts and beyond. This organization is working closely with the Neighborhood Support Team, a Falmouth committee supporting the Afghan family who have recently arrived in Falmouth.

Third, as in the past several years, the other half of the Christmas offering will remain at the Church of the Messiah to support our ongoing operating expenses of carrying forward our ministry. Christmas donation offerings should be payable to the Church of the Messiah with “Christmas offering” written on the memo line.

On behalf of those whom your generosity will support and help in transforming lives, thank you very much.

- *The Rev. Deborah Warner and the Vestry*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**MASKS MUST BE WORN BY EVERYONE OVER AGE 2
THROUGHOUT ALL SERVICES**

Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

**4:00 PM Family Carol and Simple Communion Service
(especially suitable for younger children)**

**7:00 PM Festival Eucharist
(suitable for older children, their parents and grandparents)
*This service will also be on Zoom.***

9:00 PM Festival Eucharist

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (no music)

Sunday, December 26th, the First Sunday after Christmas

**Pre-Recorded Service of Lessons and Carols will be available through our website:
www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org**

NO in person worship this day.

BEWARE OF SCAMS TARGETING CHURCHES

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Lists are only for church members and church business. They are not to be shared by anyone at any time beyond the church community. If you do not have a current parish list, please contact Nancy McDonald who will be happy to mail you a copy (through the US Mail.) - Thanks very much, Deborah



Please like us on [Facebook](#)

December 2021 - January 2022

December 2021							January 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Dec 19</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>4:00pm Family Service</p> <p>7:00pm Festival</p> <p>9:00pm Festival</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Lessons & Carols - Pre-Recorded</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>New Year's Eve (United States)</p>	<p>Jan 1, 22</p> <p>New Year's Day (United States)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)</p> <p>5:00pm Vestry mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>11:30am WHWC (WH Room/PCC)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>10:00am Outreach</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Live-streamed)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>

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2021 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Nancy Rea	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
John Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

Open	2022	Paul Graney	2022
Charles Mann	2023	Peg Nicholson	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024

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Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Denise Jay	Deanery Representative

Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
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Nancy McDonald	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jennifer Kelly	<i>Bookkeeper & Financial Recorder</i>
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