

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
January 16, 2022

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



A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours,
dedicated to you and the ministry entrusted to us.

Use us to serve the welfare of all people
and the creation of which we are a part and on which life depends.
This we pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

- *Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 832-833 adapted by DMW*

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

In an effort to combat the psychological isolation and depression that is increasing from the rise in COVID infections, as long as the bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts allow us, the rector and technology team at the Church of the Messiah are committed to continuing to gather safely and offer two services in person 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 virtually.

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), windows in the chancel will be open, 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 whether in person and online.

~ 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, Miyoko, Richard, Emily, Steve, Janet, Bunk, Sarah, Johnny and Bruce.

No Place for Hate-Falmouth Presents Its 15th Annual
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Event
“A Musical Tribute to MLK”

Featuring Naomi Westwater

Singer/songwriter/storyteller

Cape Cod Native

2021 Boston Music Award Nominee

2020 617Session Artist

2020 Boston Opportunity Recipient

2019 Iguana Music Grant

Berklee Post Masters Graduate Fellow

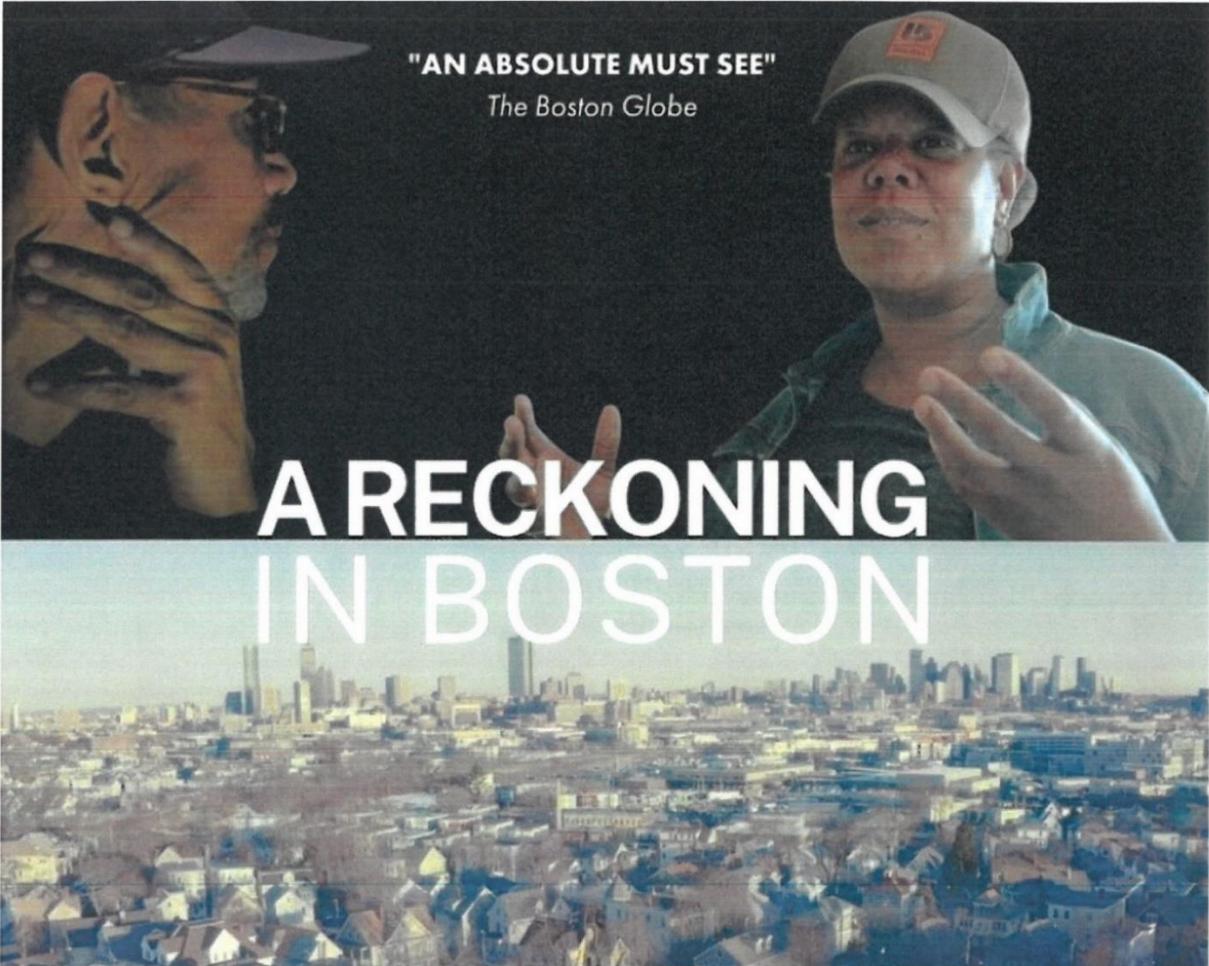


Monday. Jan. 17, 2022 · 10 AM
Free on Zoom or FCTV Channel 13
Register on Zoom: npfhfalmouth.org

NPFH-Falmouth Civic Leadership Award
Dr. Sandra Faiman-Silva

PBS INDEPENDENT LENS – Monday, January 17, 10 PM, In honor of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
“A white filmmaker collaborates with Clemente Course students of color to reckon with Boston’s racial history.”

Follow the link: pbs.org/reckoninginboston for details and more information.



The poster features a black and white photograph of two men in conversation. The man on the left is wearing a graduation cap and glasses, with his hand near his face. The man on the right is wearing a baseball cap and gesturing with his hands. Below the photo is a wide-angle aerial view of the Boston city skyline. Text on the poster includes a quote from The Boston Globe, the title 'A RECKONING IN BOSTON', the broadcast date and time, the hashtag #ReckoningInBostonPBS, the website pbs.org/reckoninginboston, and the logos for PBS and Independent Lens.

"AN ABSOLUTE MUST SEE"
The Boston Globe

**A RECKONING
IN BOSTON**

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 | 10/9c

#ReckoningInBostonPBS
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**INDEPENDENT
LENS**

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH at 11:30 AM on Zoom

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30th at 11:30 AM on Zoom.
If you are a chairperson of a committee, please submit your report by email to the church office by
Monday, January 17th summarizing the committee’s work in 2021.
Thank you very much.

OUTREACH

2021 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

To date we have received \$3,100 for our 2021 Christmas offering. Based on the recommendation of the Outreach Committee and voted by the Vestry, it will be allocated in the following way:

One quarter of the offering will be sent to the *Maya Childcare Program* in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (www.mayachildcareus.org) This program supports the Acorn Childcare Center in providing infants, toddlers, children and their parents with educational, nutritional, physical and emotional support.

One quarter of the offering will be sent to *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.

One half of the Christmas offering will remain at the Church of the Messiah to support our ongoing operating expenses of carrying forward our ministry.

Should you wish to send in a Christmas donation, the checks 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 by transforming lives, thank you very much.

- The Rev. Deborah Warner and the Vestry

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.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE

Contributions may 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.



Please like us on Facebook

January 9, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is with a heart filled with deepest gratitude and thanksgiving that I thank you once again for the honor of serving you first as the Priest-in-Charge and then as Rector of the Church of the Messiah over the past sixteen years. Your presence and our work have been some of the greatest gifts in my life. I shall be forever grateful to God for these years together as your priest and pastor.

After much thought and conversation with friends and The Right Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, I am announcing my retirement as Rector of the Church of the Messiah on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

The work to which we have been called has been extraordinary. Some is visible to the community as we have extended our ministry of hospitality through worship, different kinds of gatherings and creating the exceptionally beautiful and welcoming space of the Parish and Community Center. Other work is far less visible, but nonetheless urgent and vital for the times in which we are living.

On a church wall in England, there is the following description of the Service of Evensong: *“Evensong is as though you are entering into a conversation which began before you arrived and will continue long after you leave.”*

This describes the essence of serving as a parish priest. We are invited to join conversations, hear the stories and share in the lives of those who are part of a congregation before we arrive, during the time we serve, and honor the gift that the parish’s ministry will continue after we leave. As parish clergy we are here only for a season. The seasons change. And so, after a period of discernment, the time will come when a congregation welcomes new clergy to share the work they are called to do together.

While I will continue to live in Falmouth in retirement, in keeping and respecting the boundaries established by the diocese for clergy no longer serving the parish to which he or she was called, I will no longer provide pastoral care or lead worship at the Church of the Messiah after May 1, 2022. This includes officiating at baptisms, marriages, funerals or memorial services of parishioners. This responsibility will be in the hands and heart of the interim clergy and new rector whom you call.

I look forward to the next three and a half months to celebrate and carry out the ministry to which we are called. And, I look forward to Sunday, May 1st when Bishop Gates will join us in giving thanks to God for our shared ministry to each other, the community and the creation of which we are a part and for which we are stewards.

With heartfelt gratefulness,

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner

January 2022 - February 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Jan 16</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>10:00am Outreach</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> <p>11:30am Ann. Mtg. -</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p> <p>Groundhog Day (United States)</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</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

Deanery Representatives

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

Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Brittany Lord	<i>Music Director, Organist</i>
Nancy McDonald	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jennifer Kelly	<i>Bookkeeper & Financial Recorder</i>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
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