



First Parish in Concord 2024 Holiday Guide  
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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP: ADVENT**

**Sunday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.**

*Ordinary Magic*, Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Music: The Conchords & Simon Andrews, organist

**Sunday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.**

*The Gift of Presence*, Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Music: Lincoln Ringers & Simon Andrews, organist

**Sunday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.**

*Love on Tap*, Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Music: First Parish Choir and Festival Orchestra,  
Elizabeth Norton, director & Simon Andrews, organist

**Sunday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.**

*All Ages Service: No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant*

Rev. Amy Freedman & Dawn Van Patten

Music: First Parish Choir, Elizabeth Norton, director &  
Simon Andrews, organist

## **WORSHIP: SEASONAL VESPERS**

**Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.**

*Nourishing Our Winter Spirits*

Rev. Jennifer Johnson & Beth Norton

## **WORSHIP: CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Service led by Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Music by the Gospel Ensemble & guests

**Tuesday, December 24, 8:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Service led by Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Music by the First Parish Choir

## **CREATE**

**Children's Holiday Craft Workshop**

**Saturday, December 7, 1 to 4 p.m.**

First Parish children and teens are invited to join us for a magical afternoon of crafting, gift-making, and holiday spirit. You can simply show up, no registration needed, and friends are welcome; but parents should stay with young children. \$15/child, \$45/family.

## **ENJOY**

**Holiday Concert & Tea**

**Saturday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.**

To add much joy to your holiday season, the Women's Parish Association cordially invites all First Parish folks and their families to a very special holiday concert by Molly Flannery and her Jazz Ensemble in the Sanctuary followed by a festive tea in the Parlor and Parish Hall. Reservations are not required, but they are very helpful for planning purposes. For reservations, contact Dian Pekin at [pekinc@comcast.net](mailto:pekinc@comcast.net). There is no charge for this event. Bring plated sweets to share if you like.

## **SING!**

**Caroling, Cookies & Community**

**Friday, December 20,**

**6 p.m. bring your own supper & cookies to share  
7pm singing begins!**

Each December we have a "special edition" of our monthly Rise Up Singing session to celebrate the Holiday season. Here is your chance to sing all of those holiday carols you love, and to share them with your family and friends! Come early with a take-out supper to eat in community. Or bring a plate of cookies to share. At around 7pm we'll begin singing. Word sheets and

chords will be provided. Let's celebrate the season together in song!

## SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

### Join the Bucket Brigade

In partnership with Concord Council on Aging, First Parish delivers buckets of sand for Concord seniors to use on icy sidewalks, driveways and steps. All ages are welcome to help! Buckets will be available for pick-up at First Parish on Sundays, December 15 and 22. If you wish, you can decorate the bucket! A name, address, and drop location are provided for each bucket. The sand is available at two locations in Concord. If you would like to help deliver one (or more) buckets, please email Rev. Amy Freedman: [afreedman@firstparish.org](mailto:afreedman@firstparish.org)

### Share the Warmth

In preparation for CityReach (an overnight urban outreach program), our Coming of Age group is holding a Winter Clothing Drive. The housing insecure community in Boston is in critical need of the following items: new socks, new underwear, hats, gloves, gently used clothing: warm coats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, sweaters, boots, small suitcases with wheels, blankets, sleeping bags, and travel-size toiletries. Large sizes are in high demand. Almost all guests want practical unisex clothing. If you can help by donating any of these items, please drop them off in First Parish Coat Closet by Sunday, January 5.

## PLAY & SING

### No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.

Wanted: Angels, donkeys, sheep, shepherds, wise men... This all ages service will feature our no rehearsal pageant! We'll cast the parts that morning and provide props and costumes. Join us for an energizing retelling of the Nativity story with music and carols. If you'd like to join the all-ages "Pop-Up Choir" for the service, come at 9:00 to learn easy, fun songs. All ages and whole families are encouraged to sing!

## REMEMBER

Our Holiday Memorial Wreath will be in the Sanctuary during the month of December. All are welcome to add ribbons in memory of loved ones who have died.

## HONOR & SHARE

### Honor Your Loved Ones with Flowers Participate in Holiday Flower Delivery Sunday, Dec 8 and Sunday Dec 15 at Coffee Hour

We invite you to donate a memorial plant in honor of a loved one. The plants will decorate the Sanctuary over the holiday season and later are delivered to members who are grieving or more isolated.

For a suggested donation of \$25 per honoree, your name and the name of your loved one will be included in a memorial listing at the December 22 service. Sign up at coffee hour on Dec 8 or 15 or mail a check made out to First Parish with Poinsettia Donation in the memo to Fifi Ball at First Parish. Checks must be received by Tuesday, December 17.

Volunteers are needed to help us to spread holiday cheer by delivering the plants to members following our Christmas Eve services. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rev. Elizabeth Ide: [eide@firstparish.org](mailto:eide@firstparish.org).



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