

The Sunday Teaser

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Arlington
dedicated to encouraging you to look at our full array of activities

December 10, 2023

Today

10:00 am	Worship
11:45 am	Sample Covenant Group
11:45 am	Reckoning/Repair
7:00 pm	OWL & Youth Group

For more information,
see our website
firstparish.info/news
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TODAY at First Parish

Sample Covenant Group session (after service, Parlor) Hosted by Rev. Marta Flanagan and Peter Heller. If you want to register for a Covenant group, sign up for the sample session, or simply have more questions, please contact Kate Lenox at covenantgroups@firstparish.info.

Reckoning and Repair - Next Steps (after service, Sanctuary) Please join the Reckoning & Repair working group in the Sanctuary for more thoughtful dialogue. We will review the concept of reparations and discuss what other institutions have done to address repair. Please bring your questions and concerns. If time allows, we will view a 13-minute film on the Tulsa Massacre of 1921. Light refreshments provided. RJCC@firstparish.info

This week

A Long Road Home: Roots of Homeownership Inequity (Tuesday, December 12, 6:00pm, Zoom) Join the UU Urban Ministry for "The Long Road Home," the latest discussion in its series about gentrification and dislocation in Boston. Aja Kennedy of Boston Indicators will address the history of Boston's racial homeownership gap. Visit www.uuum.org for details.

Women Aging Well (Thursday, December 14, 10:00am, Vestry) Our goal for this group is to foster engagement and build community among women over fifty who wish to explore themes related to planning and consciously living out our later years. Some meetings have guest speakers; others include small-group or large-group conversations.

Older Men's Lunch Meeting (Thursday, December 14, 12:00noon, Zoom) First Parish's Older Men's group continues to meet, using Zoom. The sessions will be held at noon every other Thursday. Email mensgroup@firstparish.info for more information.

Our Partner Church in Transylvania (Sunday, December 17, 11:45am, Parlor) Please join pilgrims who travelled to Gagy, Transylvania to learn more about our partner church. Might you be interested in a journey of broadening cultural and spiritual horizons next summer? Or contact us to learn more: partnerchurch@firstparish.info

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Celebrate and Honor with Poinsettias Whether you want to express gratitude, remember someone special, celebrate the arrival of child, honor a friendship or anniversary, or simply acknowledge something that has touched your heart, a poinsettia is the perfect gift. These flowers will adorn our Sanctuary during the holiday season. Visit [Visit Realm](https://www.visitrealm.com) to order your flowers.

Giving First Nominations for 2024. Members of the congregation may submit nominations to the Social Justice Coordinating Committee. The Social Justice Coordinating Committee is accepting 2024 Giving First Nominations until-December 22, 2023.

This Week

- Mon** 2nd Monday Covenant
1:15pm (Zoom)
Spirit Talk
4:00pm (Zoom)
In-Person Meditation
6:00pm (Parlor)
2nd Monday Covenant
7:00pm (Damon)
- Tue** **Lectio Divina**
7:00am (Zoom)
Zoom Meditation
6:00pm (Zoom)
2nd Tuesday Covenant
7:00pm (Parlor)
Human Resources
7:30pm (Zoom)
- Wed** **Lectio Divina**
9:00am (Zoom)
2nd Weds Covenant
7:00pm (Parlor)
Worship Associates Meeting
7:00pm (Shinn)
Covenant Convenors
7:00pm (Damon)
- Thu** **Lectio Divina**
8:00am (Zoom)
Women Aging Well
10:00am (Vestry)
Older Men's Lunch
12:00pm (Zoom)
RJCC meeting
6:00pm (Zoom)

Holiday Season Services

Sunday, December 17:

"Merrily We Sing!"

Rev. Stevie Carmody
Rev. Marta Flanagan
This intergenerational service includes decorating our tree.

Sunday, December 24:

10:00am: In person only "Festival of 9 Lessons"

David Whitford
Meets in the vestry.

4:00pm: in-person only "Candlelight Service"

Rev. Erica Richmond
Meets in the sanctuary.

6:00pm: hybrid service "Candlelight Service"

Rev. Erica Richmond
Meets in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

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Weekly & Monthly Events at First Parish

These events are open to everyone. Please reach out by email as indicated below, or visit the First Parish website and click on “Events & News” to learn more; or email office@firstparish.info

Lectio Divina

Meets Tues. 7am-8am, Weds. 9am-10am, Thurs. 8am-9pm

Lectio Divina is a method of reading and listening, lingering with, and sharing personal responses to selected biblical texts. Responses to the text provide new insights and help us grow in our spiritual lives.

Email lectio@firstparish.info for more information.

Meditation at First Parish

Meets Sun. 9am-9:30am, Mon. 6pm-6:30pm, Tues. 6pm-6:30pm

Looking for support for your meditation? Beginners and experienced meditators welcome. No ongoing commitment required. To receive information and Zoom Link, please email meditation@firstparish.info.

Spirit Talk

Meets every Monday via Zoom at 4pm

Weekly Spirit Talk discussions provide an opportunity for a small group to reflect together on a spiritual theme inspired by a different quote each week. Email spirittalk@firstparish.info for the Zoom link.

Men's Group

Meets every other Sunday, 7:00 pm, Zoom. Next meeting December 17.

Men of all ages and backgrounds connect with and support each other on our spiritual journeys. Email mensgroup@firstparish.info for info.

Older Men Lunch Meeting

Meets every other Thursday, 12 noon, via Zoom. Next meeting December 14.

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The Diversity Book Club

Monthly, third Tuesday 7:00pm, Zoom. Next meeting December 19.

All are welcome, please join us! Email diversitybookclub@firstparish.info

Grief Support Group

Monthly, fourth Tuesday, 7:30pm, Zoom. Next meeting December 26.

Monthly Lay Ministry led support for individuals who have lost loved ones.

Zoom link available on firstparish.info/events.

Women Aging Well: Changing Life Purpose

Monthly, fourth Thursday, 10:00 am, Zoom. Next meeting December 14.

Aging Well meets once a month, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month. Zoom link available on firstparish.info/events.

Women's Book Group

Monthly, ex. summer, first Thursday, 7:00 pm, Zoom. Next meeting Jan 4.

Email womensbookgroup@firstparish.info with questions or for the Zoom link. Information available on firstparish.info/events.

Racial/Social Justice and Racial Awareness

Diversity Book Club (monthly)

All are welcome, please join us, generally on the third Tuesday each month. Please email diversitybookclub@firstparish.info, to obtain the link and to RSVP to join the discussion or with any questions.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, when we'll discuss “The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship and Hope in an American Classroom” by Helen Thorpe.

The Racial Justice Coordinating Committee

RJCC continues to help First Parish more fully live up to our mission of being welcoming to all and challenging the excesses and injustices of our time. Our working group, Reckoning & Repair, is dedicated to educating ourselves about First Parish's entanglement with slavery in the 18th century and to facilitate discussions about what we, as a progressive and liberal organization, plan to do about this ugly past. Reckoning & Repair will sponsor upcoming events, one of which is happening after services TODAY

RJCC@FirstParish.info

Religious Education: Youth Group and OWL do meet tonight

Gift Drive Each household is reminded to bring the unwrapped gift (with unwrapped paper) next Sunday, December 17th. Some of our gift drive requests come from Scouts BSA Troop 306, with their drive for teens. Please drop those gifts off in the First Parish lobby by *this Tuesday, December 12th*.

To publish a piece of news or event, visit firstparish.info/publish