

A VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Sunday, January 4, 2026

“Morning has broken - praise with elation.”
Eleanor Farjeon

- Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
- Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez
- Worship Associate WA Marya Dantzer
- Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA Lay Pastoral Care Team
- Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers
- Choir Director MD Brad Conner
- Youth Choir Director LCD Janet Welby
- Steve Sussman, piano

A Warm Thanks to Today’s Volunteers

Bob Batt, Craig Jackson, Sandy Currier, Sarah Dorer, Paul Bradford,
Carla Bradford, Lee Vorderer, Larry Foresman

Focal Point

Donated by Donald Marshall

In memory of my wife, Barbara, who passed away on January 6, 2017

If you are visiting today, Welcome!

After services, all are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee in the Common Room. Stop by the Welcome Table and complete a blue card to be added to our email list.

Assistance & Accessibility

Hearing assisting devices are located at the back of the Sanctuary and in Page Room. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. All floors are accessible by our elevator at the Elm St. entrance. If you prefer privacy, the back two rows of pews and the upstairs Bacon room will not appear on zoom. Our masking & fragrance-free room is located on the 2nd floor. Noise cancelling earphones are available. Ushers are on hand to help. Please wear a name tag. New tags can be requested at the Welcome Table.

Youth

†All children, 4 to 14, are invited to join classes. Childcare for infants and children under 3 is available most Sunday mornings in our downstairs nursery.

Today’s FD Classrooms

- PreK - 5thRm L02
- 6th-7thRm 204

ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

*OPENING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” No. 38

**UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES DFDC

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

May your mind be open to new learning
May your lips bring truth into the world
May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice
as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

MEDITATION HYMN

“The Lone, Wild Bird” No. 15

REFLECTION WA

“Change is Hard” by Marya Dantzer

OFFERING WORDS SM

OFFERTORY

SERMON SM

“A Vision for the New Year” by Rev. Jamie

CLOSING HYMN

“We Sing of Golden Mornings” No. 44

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

A digital infrastructure projects survey is open till Jan 5. Everyone is invited to complete the webform <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y5TRVC9> which covers infrastructure problems, proposed solutions, cost alternatives & community values. Your thoughtful responses to this survey are greatly appreciated!

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Sr. High Youth Group will once again participate in the [CityReach](#) urban homeless outreach program in downtown Boston. We accept clean and immediately usable items. Please limit your donations to size L or larger.

We will be taking donations through January 18th.

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG
	11:30 AM	Talk Back
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign Committee - Zoom
	7:00 PM	Oates SGM
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Meditation
	7:15 PM	AI-Anon Parent Group
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	7:00 PM	Grief Group
	7:30 PM	BFC Book Club
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group - ZOOM
	1:00 PM	Carlton Willard Village Forum
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	6:00 PM	Potluck Dinner

SATURDAY

*Please rise in body or spirit.

**See back of

~check the website calendar for more details~

OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

Faith Development

Sunday (PreK - 7th) during Sun Service
Jr. Youth Group (6th - 8th) Wed 3:30 - 5 pm
Sr. Youth Group (9th - 12th) Sun 2:30 - 4 pm

Choirs

Adult Choir Thur 7:30 pm
Sr. Youth Choirs (6th - 12th) Thur 4:00-4:15pm
Jr. Youth Choirs (3rd - 5th) Thur 4:00-4:15pm
KidSing (age 5-2nd) Contact Janet Welby

Drop-In Meditation Group 1st, 3rd, 4th & last Tue 7pm

Vespers 2nd Tue 7 pm

Women's Book Group monthly Sun. 6 pm

Short Story Group Thur 9:30 am

Join a Small Group contact Rev. Annie

Multigenerational Gaming Gathering 3rd Sun 2 pm

Friday Night Potluck Dinner 1st Fri 6 pm

Immigration Justice Committee contact Cecile Mercado

UNISON AFFIRMATION

Love is the spirit of this church
And service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia
y el servicio es su ley.
Este es nuestro gran pacto:
Vivir juntos en paz,
buscar la verdad en espíritu de amor,
y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

“Connect” with us to be added to our email list.



Volunteer



Connect



Donate

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Gallery@FirstParish Maria Green, Doris Smith
Hospitality: Catherine Van Praagh
Immigration Justice: Cecile Mercado
IT: Sandy Currier
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Membership: TBA
Music: Lisa Tohline
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Partner Church: Sharon McDonald
Personnel: Carol Gregory
Physical Plant: Joel Parks
Stewardship: Sarah Dorer, Bill Rabinowitz
Social Responsibility: Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw

UU Urban Ministry Delegates: Cecile Mercado & Robert Schmalz

**FIRST PARISH
IN BEDFORD**

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION



ORDER OF SERVICE

**JANUARY 4, 2026
10:00 AM**

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