

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 6

Budget Meeting



Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

Luke 5:10

Following worship, we invite everyone to join us on *Zoom* for our Budget Meeting.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL HOLDS CHICKEN PIE FUNDRAISER

PHNS is excited to partner with *Harrows Chicken Pies* for a winter fundraiser! You can order family-sized chicken pies (with or without veggies) for \$20 (normally \$25) and they will be delivered and ready for pickup on Wednesday, February 16. The pies will be frozen, so you can save them for an easy, delicious dinner, ready for the oven! PHNS will earn 35% of all sales. Orders are due by the end of the day on **Tuesday, February 8** and can be paid for with cash or with a check made out to Plymouth House Nursery School. Feel free to share with local family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Gunnell at director.phns@gmail.com or 508.875.1001. *Find the order form in your Wednesday Email.*

INTRODUCING: FAMILY DINNER CHURCH WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-6:30 P.M., VIA ZOOM!

Every family has to eat dinner at some point, so why not eat together as a family and while you do, join your pastors and your church family on Zoom for a half hour, dinner church, worship service? Remember: This is a church experience designed for young kids! Good table manners? Optional. Picture perfect meals and tidy backgrounds? Forbidden. An open spirit of love, grace, and FUN? Required!



American Red Cross

February Blood Drives at The Plymouth Church

Thursday, **February 10**, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, **February 24**, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

KNIT4KIDS IS HERE!

Get out your knitting needles, grab some yarn, and knit a scarf, a hat, or some mittens to send kids living in foster care the message that folks in their communities care about them! Start the year off by being creative, kind, and generous. Be the person who makes sure our kids in foster care are wrapped in warmth and love. *For details, see flyer in Wednesday Email.*

ORDER FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com.

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

Find the order link in your *Wednesday Email!*

ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

You may now order Chancel flowers online, via our website. Go to plymouthchurchframingham.org and click on the *Church Family* tab. You'll find *Order Chancel Flowers* in the drop-down menu.

SURVIVING THE LOSS OF A PET

Kelly Johnson and other professionals in grief care partnered with the Parmenter Foundation to create educational and supportive videos about pet loss. (They filmed the videos right here at The Plymouth Church!) The Parmenter Foundation supports families in the Metro West area with the many ways we grieve beloved members of the family, and they have extended that compassion to the non-human members as well. Please take a few minutes to watch the videos included in the most recent *Wednesday Email*, especially if you or someone you care about has lost a pet.

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Prelude *Blessed Assurance* Near

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Psalm Invocation

One: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;
I thank you for your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

**All: On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.**

One: May all the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Most High,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**All: For though you are high, you regard the lowly;
though you are powerful, you have compassion for the meek.**

One: Though we walk in the midst of trouble,
Preserve me against the temptations of anger and apathy.

**All: Fulfill your purpose for us;
for your steadfast love, O God, endures for ever. Amen**

(Psalm 138)

Acts 8:26-31

Blessing

Sermon

Anthem *As The Deer, Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Hayes

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Holy Communion

Benediction

Postlude *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* arr. Wood

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT & COVID UPDATE

COVID Regulations and Expectations for all groups meeting at The Plymouth Church in Framingham

Vigilance and intention are still necessary. Therefore, everyone gathering indoors is required to wear a mask and to maintain social distance. For every event, groups are expected to enforce at least two levels of protection. With variants still spreading and realizing not everyone in our community has been vaccinated these extra precautions are one way we demonstrate our love for our neighbor.

Worship Update

Sunday morning worship, along with funerals and special worship, will continue in-person, with a live-stream option on our YouTube Channel. In addition to the expectations above, the following additional protocols will be in place.

1. We will open the windows slightly to increase airflow
2. Please dress warmly and expect the Sanctuary to be chilly!
3. We will suspend congregational singing.
4. Proper masking over the nose and mouth will be strictly enforced, by Deacons and by Clergy.
5. According to recent guidance, we encourage folks to wear surgical masks under their cloth masks, double-mask, or wear a N95 or equivalent.
6. Physical distancing will be more strongly encouraged.
7. We have closed every other pew (thanks, Meg!) to help facilitate this.

After the service, we encourage worshipers to exit the Sanctuary and to gather, safely distanced, in the Parish Hall and in the Parish Hall foyer for conversation. Worship will be intergenerational, including a message for children and a shorter overall duration. We welcome all children and all stages of faith — wiggles, squiggles, squeaks and all!

Staff Policy

All staff must be vaccinated against COVID or provide weekly negative PCR COVID tests to confirm they are COVID-negative. In addition, all staff must wear a mask at all times when indoors and outdoors when in the presence of others.

Office Hours

Church staff are working their regular hours. During this surge, however, the Church Office will be open to the public on **Monday**, **Wednesday**, and **Thursday**. Please make an appointment before stopping by. While we may be your only contact in the day, you might be one of many for us. To help keep staff healthy and able to serve the church, please be sure to put your mask on before entering the building. Thank you!

Masks

As a church community we show our love and concern for one another, from the youngest to oldest, by following proper masking guidelines. In order to keep each other safe, and protect the most vulnerable in our midst, we will be offering gentle reminders for worshipers to correct their masks before and during the worship service. When asked to fix your mask, try not to take offense. As with all our interactions at church, we lean into graciousness and gratitude!