



January 2, 2022

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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*Indicates time to rise as you are able.

We Gather

Prelude	
Welcome	Rev. Doug Cederberg
*Opening Hymn	<p>#500 Precious Lord, Take My Hand</p> <p>Precious Lord take my hand, lead me on, let me stand I am tired, I am weak, I am worn Through the storm, through the night Lead me on to the light Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home</p> <p>When my way grows drear Precious Lord, linger near When my life is almost gone Hear my cry, hear my call Hold my hand lest I fall Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home</p> <p>When the darkness appears and the night draws near And the day is past and gone At the river I stand Guide my feet, hold my hand Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home</p>
Passing the Peace	Rev. Doug Cederberg
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14 - Bill Hackett
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer	Rev. Doug Cederberg
Second Reading	John 1:10-18 - Bill Hackett
Message	Rev. Doug Cederberg
*Song of Response	<p><u>We Respond</u></p> <p>#300 In the Garden</p> <p>I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.</p> <p>And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.</p> <p>He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.</p> <p>And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.</p> <p>I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.</p> <p>And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.</p>

<p>Invitation to Communion</p>	<p>The peace of the Lord be with you And also with you</p> <p>Lift up your hearts We lift them up to the Lord</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give God our thanks and praise</p>		
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Rev. Doug Cederberg</p>		
<p>*Closing Song</p>	<p>#218 Go, Tell It on the Mountain</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born</p> <p>While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a Holy light</p> <p>Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! Above the Earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth</p> <p>Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born</p> <p>Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born and God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born</p> <p>While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a Holy light</p> <p>Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born</p>	<p>The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! Above the Earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth</p> <p>Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born</p> <p>Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born and God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn</p>
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<p>Benediction</p>	<p>Rev. Doug Cederberg</p>		
<p>Postlude</p>			

Altar Flowers



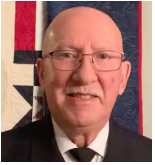
**In memory of our parents,
Vasil and Bessie Christo and
Fred and Florence Nims
Dot and Dennis Christo**

Coffee Fellowship



Join us for coffee hour after worship.

Sunday, January 2, 2022
Hosted by Michelle & Dennis O'Malley



Happy New Year!

DENNIS CHRISTO | GPC GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR | DECEMBER 29, 2021

Dear Congregation Family and Friends,
The Governing Board wants to wish everyone, our GPC Congregation Family and Friends, a very **Happy New Year!** May the New Year be happy, healthy, and safe to each of us and our loved ones. We look forward to what God has intended for us as individuals and as a Congregation. Be assured God knows us as individuals, and as a church family, because we part of His family. We know Him and His Son Jesus whom He sent to us.



We just celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, and we welcomed him into our hearts and minds. Let us have and share an **Attitude of Gratitude**, giving thanks

to God for our blessings. We are truly thankful for our Faith, Family, Friends, and Freedom.

The Governing Board (GB) is preparing for the following:

a. The **Annual Congregation Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 30, 2022**. This will be a virtual and in-church congregational meeting. A meeting business packet will be prepared with instructions for advance ballot mail-in and for submission during the church meeting following Sunday worship service. Packets will be mailed to those on the mail list for the weekly Newsletter and sent via email to all congregants with an email address; advance packets will be available in the Narthex two weeks prior to our meeting.

b. As stated in my prior GB Notes, the Board has agreed to convert the status of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg from a 2-year term Intentional Minister to be our Settled Pastor.

c. For many weeks earlier this year, the GB outlined a church Operational Concept called **"The Way Forward"** to guide the future course of action and direction for our church. This was a synthesis of months of work by the **Mission Implementation Team** tasked to recommend how to implement the years of work by the Mission, Vision, and Values Team, and the GB.

d. In accordance with our By-Laws, there will be an election of three (3) GB members to replace the expiring term of 3 existing members. Please consider volunteering for this vital service to our church. Submit your name to our GB Clerk, Kim Pare, of your intention/desire to serve for a 2-year term, by 31 December 2021.

e. Our **Annual Report (2021)** is being prepared. All Church Teams are requested to submit their 2021 Annual Report Input to the Church Office by Friday, **December 31, 2021**.

f. The Treasurer and the Finance Team will present the Proposed Operating Budget for 2022.

g. The Board wishes to thank those who supported the Deacons clothing drive, Angel Tree gifts for Child Development Center children, our own Food Pantry donations, and the matching funds for Worcester Fellowship resulting in our \$500 donation. Thanks to those who organized each activity and for your generous donations/contributions.

h. There is still time to respond to our Stewardship Team's campaign program called: **"Be a Vehicle of God's Love."** Please return the Declaration of Intention Form in December.

The recent Governing Board meeting discussed the following:

1) The current 2021 operating budget will likely result in a deficit. Monies from our endowment funds have been used to meet all expenses this year. Endowment fund gains have basically covered our withdrawals this year.

2) Lack of volunteers is hampering our Social Media Team's ability to share our good news on various social media platforms.

3) The parking lot lights are working nicely, thanks to Ken White. The white lights on new Fales Street hedges along the parking lot look terrific thanks to Carlo Cimato's installation.

4) Contracts renewals for Food Hub, CANA, and WIMS were discussed.

5) Annual meeting topics and processes were discussed and affirmed. A packet will be prepared with Agenda, Annual Report, a ballot for voting to affirm Pastor Doug as our Settled pastor, Governing Board nominees, The Way Forward as mission implementation, and 2022 Budget.

Blessings and Peace,

Dennis Christo

Chair, Governing Board.

Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am | Parking entry



Donna and I have been reorganizing and cleaning the food pantry. We have arranged all the products by expiration date to keep everything within code.

The weather wasn't very good this week, but we had 6 hearty souls come into the pantry. One was a first time visitor. Our needs this week include mac and cheese, baked beans, and white tuna if possible. Please take a minute to read our operation entry to the Annual Report when it comes out!

A special year end thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry. We are happy to be the face of your generosity. Happy New Year!!

GPC News

HAPPY New Year



As we begin a new year, new and exciting opportunities to renew our faith and love await. Open your heart to Jesus and follow his example by loving

and serving our fellow brothers and sisters.

2021 was a challenging year that came with setbacks and struggle, but through the struggle, we discovered new ways to connect, serve and connect.

Let's end this year with a thankful heart and start the new year with boundless hope, health, joy, and faith.

Thank you for another year full of memories and blessings.

We look ahead to 2022 with hope and seeking to put God's love into action!

Envelope Request!



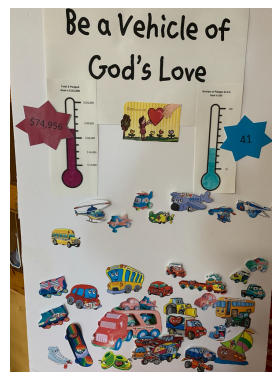
Envelope requests: If your requested envelopes for 2022, please note that these are in the mail this week. Please be patient as the USPS is still recovering from the Christmas rush. If you do not have them by mid-January, please let me know, and thank you for your continued support.

REM Scholarship is back!



Applicants for the Reverend Ralph E. Marsden Scholarship Fund must complete the application available at GreendalePeoplesChurch.org and email the application to: Office@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org or mail/deliver to the church office, 25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA 01606 before **January 31, 2022**

2022 Declaration of Intention Cards are in the mail!



2022 Declaration of Intention Cards are available! The theme for this year is "Be a Vehicle of God's Love." You are all so special to God and He has sent many blessings to all of us. This is when GPC asks to know your plans for financial giving in the new year. If you have any questions, please contact Karen

Allen, Financial Secretary, at karenallen2006@aol.com or leave a message for her at the church office at 508.852.7727

Flower Chart for 2022 is posted!



There are still some January and February dates available!

Check the bulletin board outside of Fisher Hall to sign up for dedicating flowers for a Sunday in 2022. These are \$35 per Sunday. Please make your check to Greendale People's Church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. These may be in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of a person or event. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteer Opportunities

Help GPC get involved in our community!



Do you have ideas to get GPC involved in our community? Have you considered joining our **Social Media Focus Group** led by Russ Vickstrom? Help GPC make a difference in our our community! For more details contact Russ at rwickstrom@gmail.com

Sunday Scripture Readers!



We need Sunday scripture readers, if interested please contact our deacons:

Chapel: Nancy Cimato | nancy4yoga@verizon.net
Sanctuary: Bill Hackett | bhackett@qbdstrategies.com

Do you own a smartphone?

Help produce a live worship service for congregants to access online. No experience required.

Production Team.

For more details contact Carolina at carolina@greendalepeopleschurc.org



Grow Spiritually

Wednesday's Thoughts

Wednesdays on FB, YouTube and GPC website



Don't miss new episodes every other Wednesday. Episodes are available on GPC's website, FB, and YouTube channel. If you have questions or topics that you'd like us to explore send us an email to Carolina@greendalepeopleschurch.org

Women at the Well

2nd & 4th Monday | 10:30 am | Conference Room



Classes meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 10:30 am in the Conference Room of the church. Self-study videos will be available every other week on our website and YouTube channel. Contact Karen Allen if you have any questions at 508.942.2401 or by email at karenallen2006@aol.com

Wednesday Study Group

Wednesdays | 6:30 pm | GPC Library



Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church's library. We will read "Jesus Through Pagan Eyes" by Rev. Mark Townsend. For details contact Dennis O'Malley at:

owensinned@yahoo.com

Weekly Calendar

GPC office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm

Wednesday, January 2

10am-12noon.....Food Pantry | Parking Lot Entry
6:30pm.....Weds Study Group | Library

Sunday, January 9

9:30amWorship Service | Chapel, FB Live

Please carry this with you or place it on your table or beside your bed. As you include the following names in your prayers remember that your brothers and sisters in faith are also praying with you.

Nancy Raphael	Don Wilbur	Charlotte & Ray LeBlanc
Beverly	June Ayres	Sheryll O'Brien
Janice	Dee Freeburn	Michael Nothe-Taylor
Stephanie Kissiday	Patricia Harnois	Eddie Mekka
Jessica Angers	Laura Giurleo	Russ Vickstrom
Jim & Marie Wilmot	Clara Carreno	Dorothea Simmons
Brandon S.	Karen Allen	Sheri Kline
Teresa LaFleur	Sandy Grayson	Cheryl
Don Hebb	Karen Legere	Amy Lachapelle

Connect with GPC members by sending a postcard and telling them how much you care!

Andy LaFlamme

117 North Lake Ave.
Worcester, MA 01605

Barbara Lohnes

19 Sandy Glen Drive
Holden, MA 01520

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/04 Nick Giurleo	01/13 Mark Strait	01/23 Dot Christo
01/06 Betty Robinson	01/13 Nicole Grensavitch	01/26 Brenda Eisenlord
01/06 Barbara Veinot	01/17 Wilson McLaren	01/26 AvaMarie Wood
01/07 Paul Calimeris	01/18 Andrea Marsden	01/29 Cindy Wilder
01/12 Harold Supernor	01/18 Aaron Lohnes	01/30 Nancy Raphael
01/13 Sandra Grayson	01/19 Anna Morse	01/30 Laurie Daley

Ministering to the Congregation

Our Team

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Food Pantry

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Camp Selah Use

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Membership Liaison: Nancy White

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January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 Office Closed New Year's Day
02 9:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary/FB Live	03 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm NA Group Fisher Hall	04 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm	05 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Food Pantry Parking Entry 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wed. Study Group Library	06 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm Epiphany 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts Eden, Genesis rooms	07 Office Closed	08 Office Closed
09 9:30 am Worship Service Chapel/FB Live 10:45 am Diaconate Mtg Conference Room	10 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:30am Women at the Well 2nd Conference Room	11 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm	12 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Food Pantry Parking Entry 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wed. Study Group Library	13 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts Eden, Genesis rooms	14 Office Closed	15 Office Closed 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm Fellowship Group Fisher Hall & Kitchen
16 9:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary/FB Live	17 Office Closed Martin Luther King Day 11:30 am Proto 4 Fisher Hall	18 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm	19 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Food Pantry Parking Entry 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Stewardship Team CR 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wed. Study Group Library	20 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Mustard Seed Kitchen 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts Eden, Genesis rooms	21 Office Closed	22 Office Closed
23 9:30 am Worship Service Chapel/FB Live	24 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:30am Women at the Well 2nd Conference Room	25 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 6:30pm - 8:30 pm Governing Board Mtg 2nd Conference Room	26 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Food Pantry Parking Entry 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wed. Study Group Library	27 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Sandwiches for All Saints Church Kitchen 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts Eden, Genesis rooms	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed
30 9:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary/FB Live Annual Congregational Meeting Immediately after worship	31 Office Hrs: 9am-3pm	01	02	03	04	05

Other Activities

Cana Community Church | Sundays, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Chapel
 WIMS Church | Sundays, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Sanctuary
 Central Mass NA Group | First Monday of the month, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Fisher Hall
 Cub Scouts | Thursdays, 5:30 - 7:30 pm | Eden and Genesis Room