

# First Baptist Church in Needham

Rev. Daryn Stylianopoulos, Pastor



**Bulletin for Hybrid Worship  
January 23, 2022, 5pm**

**(Annual Business Meeting to follow worship)**

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship:

One: We are many, yet we are one.

**All: We are one in the body of Christ.**

One: We bring many gifts to the table.

**All: We are one in the Spirit.**

One: We bring many perspectives into view.

**All: We are working toward a common purpose and a common good.**

**In this time of worship and beyond, we offer ourselves to one another, toward the better care and love of our neighbors and our world, and commit our whole lives to Christ, our God.**

### Lighting the Candle of Life

We light the candle of life - a candle that represents community, spirit and the fullness of all of life – birth and death, and all of the transitions in between and beyond.

### Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4: 14-21

**Sermon**        “One Body in Christ”

**A Time of Blessing Honoring  
Rev. Dr. Holly Benzenhafer**

**Hymn 389**    Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands

**Prayers of the People**

**Communion**

**Hymn 689**        One Bread, One Body

**Benediction**

### Extinguishing of the Candle of Life

One: We extinguish the candle of light, but the light continues to shine within us. As we pass the peace, we carry the light of the candle of life from this hour, into this world, and beyond, offering peace, hope and light wherever the journey leads.

**Passing of the Peace**

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By-Laws Special Committee 2021: The By-laws Special Committee and Administration Ministry recommend the following amendments to the bylaws:

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