

WELCOME GUESTS! We are grateful you joined us in worship today at First Parish Church. Please fill in the “Invitation” card in your pew pocket, especially if you would like to receive our Pastors’ regular email devotional messages. Just drop it in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please introduce yourselves to the pastors as you leave the sanctuary or to a member of our Hospitality Team (wearing yellow name tags). Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments and meet our friendly fellow parishioners.

CHURCH SCHOOL INFO: All children come into church with your family. After the Children’s Message, children will meet their teachers in the narthex. PreK-4th grade will be in the lower level classrooms of Fellowship Hall and grades 5-8 will be in the second floor classrooms. After services, parents are asked to come to your child’s classroom to meet their teacher and pick up your children.

NURSERY CARE: is available every Sunday for children under 4 years old in our nursery in the downstairs of the church. Sabrina, Bailey & Linda welcome you and your children.

TODAY’S GREETERS: Greeting you this morning are Brad, Tina, Nate and Elise Chandler.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for coffee in Fellowship Hall after worship.

PASTORAL CARE: We want to provide care for you always, and in particular we hope you will let us know if you or a family member are or will be hospitalized, so we can give you our care. York Hospital, if a patient requests, will call us directly. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, we will know of your hospitalization only if you ask your family member or hospital staff to call us and let us know.

EXITING THE SANCTUARY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. The front half of the sanctuary will exit to the front of the church through the two side doors. The back half of the sanctuary will exit to the back of the sanctuary and either out the side ramp, or the front doors of the church. The Deacons will help anyone in the lower level of the church exit out the back doors of the lower level.



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First Parish Church
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Welcome

Vision

Following the way of Jesus, we aspire to *authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve* all with compassion and grace.

Mission

Following the way of Jesus, we celebrate *inspirational worship; create life-changing experiences* for children, youth, families, and individuals; and practice *meaningful congregational care*.

While *respecting our diversity, we courageously advocate* for justice and mercy, and *intentionally respond to the needs* of our community and the world.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

** Please stand if you are able. All people are invited to read bold face liturgy.*

PRELUDE “MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE” Norwegian melody, arr. D. Hamilton

THE INVITATION God’s grace, mercy, and peace be with you. Pastor Dan Hollis
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION “WERE IT NOT FOR GRACE”
by McHugh and Hamilton

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *adapted from Psalm 35 and 1 Kings 3* Kathy McQueeney

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

I am in the midst of people you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Lord, help us to understand your way!

***OPENING HYMN** “SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT” No. 134

***HOSPITALITY MOMENT** Pastor Dan Hollis

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

(Please greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.)

GATHERING PRAYER Kathy McQueeney

Holy Wisdom, be present with us. Fill us with an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Guide us to action as instruments of your loving desire for creation, working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. In the name of Christ, who taught us to pray...

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, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Dan Hollis

ANTHEM

“THE TIME FOR TURNING” Craig Courtney
*To everything a season, to everything a time;
a moment to move forward and leave the past behind.
As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring,
there comes a time for turning to every living thing.*

*Now is the time for turning and this the place to start;
for yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart;
a moment to surrender the things we should release,
forgive, and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace.*

— Pamela Martin

Sweet Spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN “BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD” No. 461

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 3:4-15 O.T. 283 Kathy McQueeney

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERINGS “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS” by C. Converse, arr. T. Fettke
“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING” by W. L. Thompson, arr. T. Fettke

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. We offer these gifts as prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “HERE I AM, LORD” No. 559

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU” W. H. Doane, arr. C. Berry

*Flowers are given in loving memory of my sister, Dawn and dad, Bill Branagan
from Gina Connolly.*

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, October 28th	9:30am Worship 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, October 29th	8am Zumba
Tuesday, October 30th	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty
Wednesday, October 31st	8:30am Zumba 9am Women's Bible Study
Thursday, November 1st	8:30am Aerobics 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal 5:30pm Thursday Evening Service 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 2nd	8:30am Aerobics
Saturday, November 3rd	9am-12pm Dress a Girl-Sew a Thon
Sunday, November 4th	9:30am Worship/Communion/Bow Tie Guys 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Music Notes:

Wendell is on a "busman's holiday" today playing the worship service in honor of his friend Rick Gremlitz's 50 years as organist/choir director at Dover First Parish Church. Rick served as choir director/organist here at York First Parish for two years prior to his assuming the position in Dover. Barbara Elkhorn sang in the sanctuary choir at the time that Mr. Gremlitz was here, and she is singing with the Dover choir this morning to mark the occasion. Thanks be to God for over 50 years of Rick's ministry of music and his dedicated service to the church.

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dan Hollis

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

Janet Cassidy, Church School Coordinator

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Jan Jonas, Moderator

Thom Kearns, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



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FALL FAITH FEATURES



Hope & Women INTERNATIONAL HAWI.org

Dress a Girl Around the World

SEW-A-THON

Saturday, November 3
9am - 12noon
Fellowship Hall
Sign Up at the Opportunity Table
in Fellowship Hall

Gratitude Sunday, November 18th

Fill the Van

Fill the van for the
York Food Pantry



We will have the opportunity to help our neighbors. We will fill the van, then it will be brought to the Food Pantry. Your donations are not only for families with children, but also for our Seniors on fixed incomes who need our help, too. These are the same who spent their younger years helping others.

Bring your donations into church and they will be loaded into the van after the service. LET'S FILL IT UP!

THE CENTRAL BEAN & BAKERY PRESENTS

Watercolor & Wine

WITH KATHRYN CARTER
OF SEACOAST SCHOOL OF ART

Women on the Move Event

Tuesday, November 6th from 6pm-8pm

127 Long Sands Road, York, Maine

Paint your own winter scene of a Cardinal on a Holly Branch while enjoying The Central Bean's signature spirits and treats.

Kathryn Carter of Seacoast School of Art will lead the event and bring out your inner Picasso!

\$35pp includes all painting materials. Beer, Wine, Coffee, Tea & Snacks are additional.

Must register in advance by calling The Central Bean at 207-606-0744.

Register early as space is limited and fills up quickly.

For more information call Tricia Gosselin 508-259-3420

The 2018 Pumpkin Patch

Did you know at last count 72 pumpkin patch volunteers worked 148 (!) shifts in our pumpkin patch, spreading good will, making people smile as they stopped or drove by, and selling LOTS of pumpkins. In addition, our awesome "collector team" showed up every morning and evening, to open and close the pumpkin trailer and patch.

It takes a village, and what a village First Parish is!



Helping Through Loose Change

The Stewardship Committee asks you to share your loose change as you leave church and put it in one of the wooden boxes in the Narthex labeled "Helping Through Loose Change." The loose change from the month of October will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The boxes are secure so anytime you go by with loose change you can feel confident the proceeds will go to a worthwhile church ministry.

SAVE THE DATES

NOVEMBER 18

Thanksgiving Dinner of Gratitude following worship

NOVEMBER 20

Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving 7pm

DECEMBER 9

Christmas in the Village Concert 4pm

DECEMBER 15

Drive Through Nativity

DECEMBER 16

Lessons & Carols Concert 4pm
Trinity Church

Thursday Evening Worship

5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Informal, Relational, Inspirational

Food for Body and Soul

Come join the Thursday family!

5:30pm – 5:50pm Simple Supper is served

5:45pm – 6:00pm Music with Joyce, Harvey, and Kent

6:00pm – 6:50pm Worship

PS: If you want to help out by making soup and salad every once in a while, check with Carolyn Dupre (cdupre78@aol.com) or sign up at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall. The church will reimburse you for any ingredients!