THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Pastor Anna V. Copeland

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune in D Major C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

Flowers are given in loving memory of Althea and Horace Harrington by Virginia Brodsky and family.

WELCOME GUESTS! We are grateful you joined us in worship today at First Parish Church. Please fill in the "Invitation" card in our pew pocket, especially if you would like to receive our mid-week e-mail devotional message the "Pastor's Pen." 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 and grades 5-8 will be in the second floor classrooms of Fellowship Hall. After services, parents are asked to come to your child's classroom to meet their teacher and pick up your children.

TODAY'S GREETERS: Greeting you this morning are Julie and Gus Alexander.

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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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, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

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

9:15AM HYMN SING

THE INVITATION God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Anna V. Copeland

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Hymn Prelude on "HE LEADETH ME"
Arr., Gail Leven Pollock (b.1947)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Dan Hollis
Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise God in the heights above.
Praise the LORD. Praise God, all God's angels, praise God, all God's heavenly hosts.
Praise the LORD. Praise God, sun and moon, praise God, all you shining stars.
Praise the LORD. Praise God, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
Praise the LORD. Praise God, kings of the earth and all nations.
Praise the LORD. Praise God, young men and women, old men and children.
Praise the LORD. Together we praise the name of the LORD, God's awesome everything above earth and below the heavens;
Praise the LORD!

***OPENING HYMN** "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE" No. 59

***HOSPITALITY MOMENT**
"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 *(based on psalm 148)* Pastor Anna V. Copeland
We gather to praise you O God, for the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather: We gather to praise you, O God, for the presence of angels, the gifts of creation, and the peoples of the earth. We gather to praise you O God, for all the things in life that we experience with joy. We gather with deep and abiding gratitude for your abundant grace, mercy and peace, in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray….

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")
Our Father…forgive us our debts…Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "WITH A VOICE OF SINGING" Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard:
Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name.
Make his praise to be glorious.
Firs Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Genesis 6:16-22 and 9:8-15 O.T. 5 Larry Cassidy

HYMN "AS THE DEER" No. 471

SERMON Pastor Anna V. Copeland

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

OFFERING
All that we have, all that we are, all that love, come to us by God's gracious love and mercy. Give thanks.

OFFERTORY Hymn Setting on "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"
Arr., Dale Wood (1934-2003)

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34
As we commit our lives and our resources to your service, so place before us this day the people you would have us serve. Open our eyes to see you in them, and to offer freely what you have given us, to ease their burdens and bring them joy for your glory. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** "I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD" No. 31

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, September 9th	9:15am Hymn Sing 9:30am Worship/Rally Day 10am Christian Education Breakfast 11am Men's Ensemble 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, September 10th	8am Zumba 5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting 6:30pm Women on the Move-Sandy Nelson's Residence
Tuesday, September 11th	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty 6:30pm Assessors Meeting
Wednesday, September 12th	8:30am Zumba 9am Women's Bible Study Breakfast-Fellowship Hall
Thursday, September 13th	8:30am Aerobics 6pm Handbells Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 14th	8:30am Aerobics
Sunday, September 16th	9:30am Worship 10:45am Three Centuries of FPC History-James Kences 2pm Godspeed Gathering 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Ministers
All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland
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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SUMMER FAITH FEATURES

SAVE the DATE

Estate Sale at the Parsonage **September 21 – 9am-4pm**
Pre-Sale for Church Members September 15 – 9am-12noon

Worship and Farewell to the Copeland's **September 23 - 9:30am**
Please Join Us for a Coffee Hour of Gratitude to the Church. Hosted by the Schriefer's and the Copeland's following worship in Fellowship Hall.

First Parish Church
Village Faire at Marketfest
September 22, 2018
"Time and Talent" Sign Up

There is an opportunity for us all to use our "Time and Talents" to support the work of First Parish, enjoy time together, and welcome members of our community and beyond. The Village Faire signup table will be available after worship. There you can select a time (usually 2 to 3 hours) and area where help is needed. Please consider being part of this annual event! The offerings are: Tent Raising (Friday), Books, Tool Shed, Children's Puzzles and Games, Attic Treasures, Antiques and Collectables, Handbags and Jewelry, Furniture and "Taste of Heaven" Soup Café.

Messages and Cards

If you would like to leave a personal message to Pastor Anna and Ellis, there will be a basket at the Goodspeed Gathering on Sunday, September 16 and

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Women of all ages
Wednesday, September 12,
Women's Pot-Luck Bible Study Breakfast
Fellowship Hall from 9am-10:30am

If you haven't come before, we'll read the scripture lesson for the upcoming Sunday, pray together, and share prayer concerns and joys over muffins, fruit, yogurt, eggs, or whatever you decide to bring. Pastor Anna will join us for the start of this season. Welcome.

Great Bay Boardwalk Hike
Scamman Farm Corn Maze
Today, September 9

Hike the ½ mile boardwalk through the hardwood forest and along the saltmarsh of the Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland, NH. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy along the way. Learn about the diverse habitats found along Great Bay. No admission charge. FMI:https://www.greatbay.org/

Then head over to Scamman Farm on Rte. 108 in Stratham explore 6 acres of twists and turns in their corn maze. Maze admission: Adults (13+) $9.00; Children (5-12) $7.00; Military and Senior (65+) $7.00; Children under 5 free with paid adult. FMI: https://www.scammanfarm.com/corn-maze

Meet at 10:45am (right after worship) at Fellowship Hall to carpool, sharing the cost of gas.

The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming!
They will arrive on Saturday, September 29.
Volunteers needed to unload the truck at 9am.

The 5th Annual Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week, for four weeks or until the pumpkins are sold. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted.

No experience necessary.

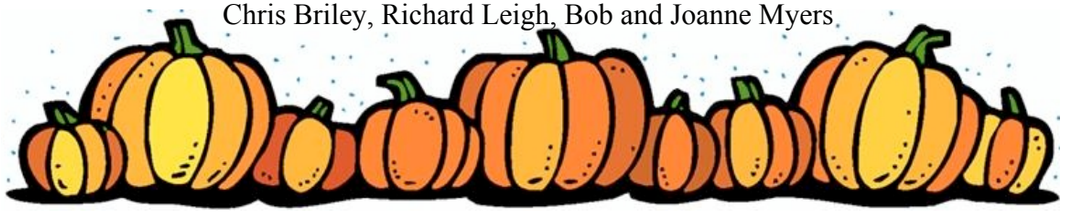
Plan to make it a family affair. What could be more fun than spending a beautiful fall day outdoors making everyone happy?

And who knows, perhaps the Great Pumpkin will rise out of our pumpkin patch?

As Linus would say, "I don't see how a pumpkin patch can be more sincere."

Check your calendars now!

Chris Briley, Richard Leigh, Bob and Joanne Myers



Three Centuries of First Parish History
displayed and presented by James Kences
Sunday, September 16
during Coffee Hour

For anyone who is interested a tour of the Old Burial Ground is offered to provide background prior to the program on September 16. Please see James Kences if you would like a tour.

From the Java Mamas and Papas

The Java Mamas and Papas have had a busy summer! Thank you to our friends who supplied goodies for all to enjoy. With the summer ending (sniff!) we are hoping you and your neighbors will want to choose a Sunday and supply the snack our folks always enjoy with their cup of coffee. We often have trays of fruit or vegetable snacks, cheese and crackers, or store bought or homemade baked goods. We make and serve the coffee. Please consider helping on a Sunday this fall. If you are unable to do that, we enjoy Folgers coffee and would be happy to accept donations.

Linda Hart

Open Membership to All
is being celebrated on
Sunday, September 23rd
during worship.

Please come and join us in covenant with Christ.

Wherever you are on life's journey, wherever you are on your faith path, whatever your questions, welcome. First Parish Church supports your journey wherever your future may lead. When I joined our church six years ago, I invited all those who had not yet become members to join with my husband Ellis and me. If you have been coming for a short time and find comfort, friendship, renewed faith or just more questions, we invite you to join us now in membership. If you've been coming for years and never joined, perhaps this is your time. We invite you to join our crew during this transition time: all hands on deck, all oars in the water as this wonderful church moves forward into the future. Open membership to all is being celebrated on Sunday, September 23rd during worship. Please come and join us in covenant with Christ.

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