

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in the back of the seat in front of you, or at www.firstparishyork.net.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building, which is accessed by stairs in the foyer. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found across the drive in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children’s faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings look like.

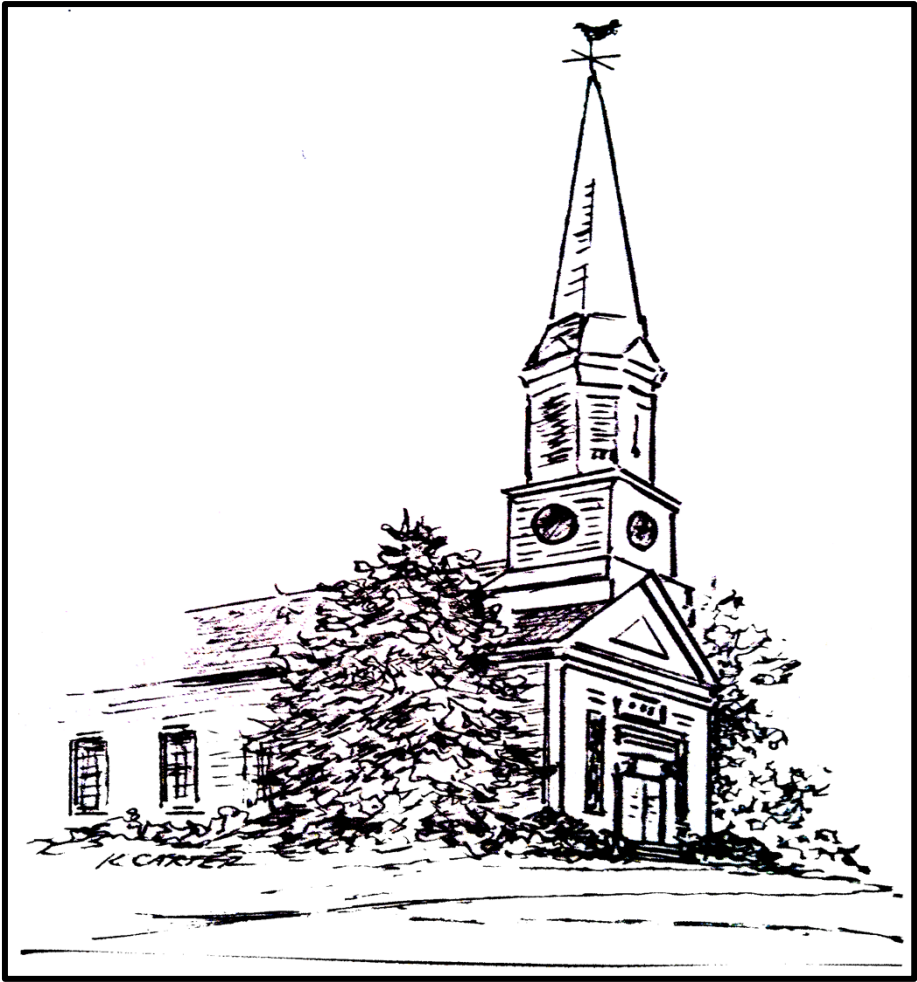
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child’s image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

Sunday School: During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to to attend Sunday School. We ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the children make their way outside. Partway through Sunday services, children are invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way to the Fellowship Hall to take part in fun and faith-based activities centered around a theme from the Bible. (Family members are always welcome to attend Sunday School if you wish!) After worship is over, families can go across the drive to sign out their children with the teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

**No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are On Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here!**

We covenant with God and with one another as members of First Parish Church to be an Open and Affirming Church. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We are one body with many members: people of every age, marital status, family structure, faith background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, racial and cultural identity, and socio-economic status. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we invite all into the full life, ministry, and sacraments of the church. We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's message of unconditional love.

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**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Indicates a time when you are invited to stand if you choose.*

PRELUDE Three Pieces from “WATER MUSIC” G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Hornpipe — Allegretto Giocoso — Aria

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Sue Wierzbza
God of all people, we come to worship today, because we recognize our need for you. We cannot learn without a teacher; we cannot teach without knowledge; we cannot comfort without a tender heart; we cannot praise without joy. Only you can meet our deepest needs, and so we continue to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER *(together)*
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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “JESUS, COME, FOR WE INVITE YOU” No. 669

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Message for All Ages.)

ANTHEM “I HAVE A DREAM” Arr., George L. O. Strid

*I have a dream for all humanity, that we may know truth and dignity,
that peace on earth becomes reality, and that someday
we'll stand arm in arm, hand in hand.*

*I have a dream that we may come to a place in time
when we will know that true peace of mind
comes when we share, when we learn how to care.*

Words and Music: Mary Donnelly

First Parish Vocal Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11 N.T. 89 Sue Wierzba

SERMON “Mother Knows Best” Rev. Eric Dupee

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “DEEP RIVER” African-American spiritual
Gina Connolly, soloist

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** *(together)* No. 34
You are free to sing inclusive lyrics (below) or traditional lyrics (from the hymnal).
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND” No.500**

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

“WE SHALL OVERCOME”
Arr., David Byron Arneson (1929-2020)

*We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.
However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.*

*Flowers are given in gratitude to the First Parish Church family
with warm wishes for a happy and healthy New Year from Eileen Ott.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, January 19th

10am Worship
3pm Seacoast Community Chorus concert
“A Choral Celebration: Music of Bach, Handel
and More!”

Monday, January 20th

8am Cardio & Tone

Tuesday, January 21st

8:30am Yoga

Wednesday, January 22nd

8am Cardio/Strength
9:30 Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, January 23rd

8am Zumba
5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal

Friday, January 24th

8am Aerobics

Sunday, January 26th

10am Worship
11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Eric Dupee

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

John Covino, Moderator

Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk

Coffee Hour: Please come to Fellowship Hall, directly across the one-way road, for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome.

Open Sanctuary: 11am to 1pm everyday. We are excited to share that we have had a number of visitors from the community - not affiliated with our congregation. Some come to pray, to reflect or simply enjoy our historic building. Each person has shared how much they appreciate that we do this. We have a wonderful group of volunteers, if you would like to join us as a greeter, please contact me, Kim Clauson 207-361-7073.

First Parish New Office Hours: Tuesdays 9am-2pm, Wednesdays 9am-12noon, Thursdays 9am-2pm. The Office Manager, Betty Roker will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember when the office manager is not in the office you can contact her Monday through Friday 8:30am-4pm. Just call the office and leave her a message and she will get back to you immediately.

Green News/Tips: New book to read for 2025! “What If We Get It Right?” Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, marine biologist, policy expert, writer, co-founder of All We Can Save Project. “As you can probably tell by now, in this book you’ll find no sugar coating or downplaying of scientific projections or of the speed and scope of change required to flourish. You also won’t find wallowing. We are learning lessons and looking forward. Fundamentally changing how we interact with nature and with each other certainly will not be easy. This transformation will be messy. It will require new ideas and technologies, and ancient ones. But we can do hard things. Onward to the glorious mess. The only way out is through.”

Seacoast Community Chorus Concert

First Parish Church

Sunday, January 19

3pm

“A Choral Celebration: Music of Bach, Handel and More!”