

**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](http://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](https://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.

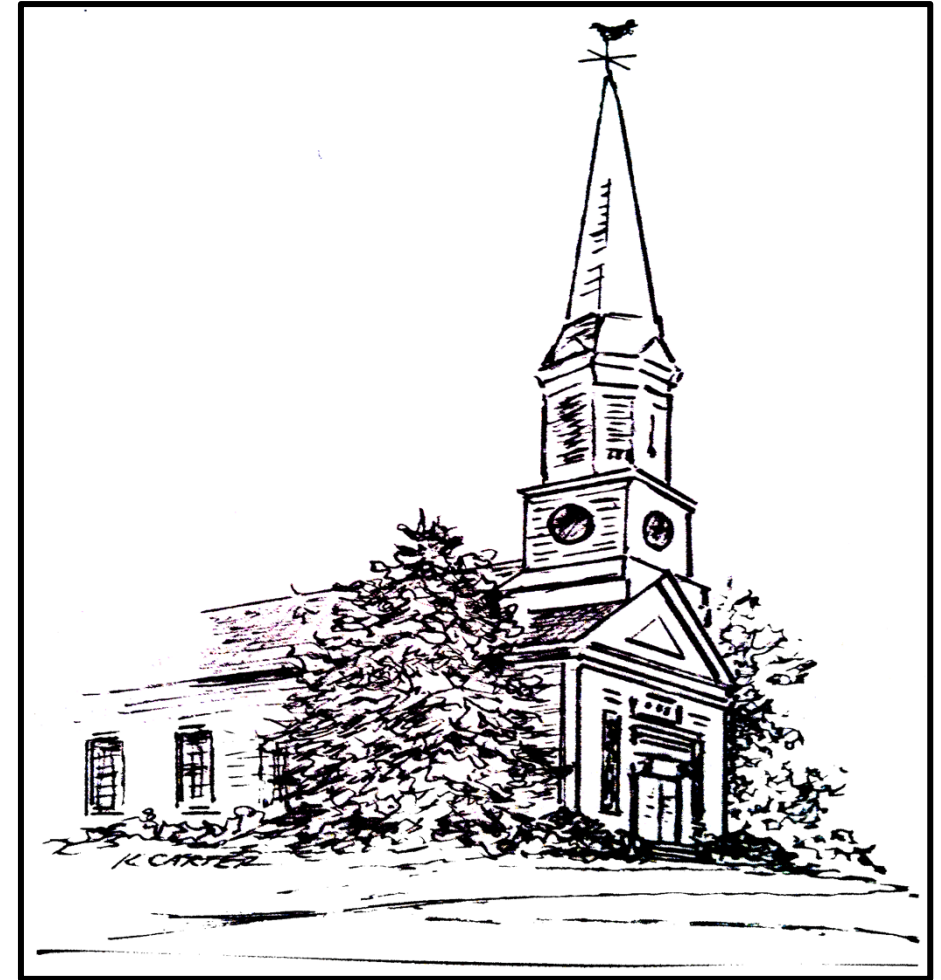
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**Sunday School:** During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to 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 26, YEAR ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP  
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

**PRELUDE** Two Pieces W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)  
1. Allegretto  
2. Adagio (for the Glass Harmonica)

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Eric Dupee

L: Come, all who are poor in spirit; come, all who mourn.

**P: Come, all who would be pure in heart; come, all you peacemakers.**

L: Let us come together – the weak, anxious, the powerless, the foolish.

**P: Let us worship the God of every blessing.**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Linda Drew

**With different gifts, with a variety of talents, with an array of interests, we come to worship you, our creating God. We are here to unite our spirits, to be made one with Jesus Christ, to find hope. May the unique gifts and perceptions of each strengthen our oneness. We pray in the name of the living Christ, who taught us 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** "GOD IS HERE!" *(verses 1-3)* No. 1

**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** "CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION" Dale Wood (1934-2003)

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in One. Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today. With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray. And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

— 7th century Latin hymn

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS**

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 N.T. 152 Linda Drew

**SERMON** "I can't, but We Can" Rev. Eric Dupee

**CHOIR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** Andante (from *Piano Sonata #16*) Mozart  
**Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate**

**\*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** "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS" No. 393

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** "ALLELUIA" (from Mozart's *Exultate, Jubilate*)  
Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

*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 memory of my parents, Gilbert and Katherine Garland  
by Gail Gilcrest*



**THIS WEEK**

<b>Today, Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Worship 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Cardio & Tone 6:30pm Church Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Yoga 9am Buildings & Grounds Meeting
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**First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive:** York Community Services Association (YCSA) will be Wednesday, February 5 from 10-11AM. We need a bit of help. One or two folks from 9:55am to about 11:30am. Call or email Linda Drew 204-351-8141 [p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com)  
 WISH LIST-canned chicken, white tuna, mayo, sugar (1-2lb), chili pasta, rice sides and Progresso soups. Always grateful for nonperishable items and monetary donations. THANK YOU

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**-Would you like to volunteer?** To be added to our list of volunteer helpers, email Nancy Stevens: [nancy.stevens.maine@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.stevens.maine@gmail.com) All volunteers on this list will receive an email.

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