

**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.

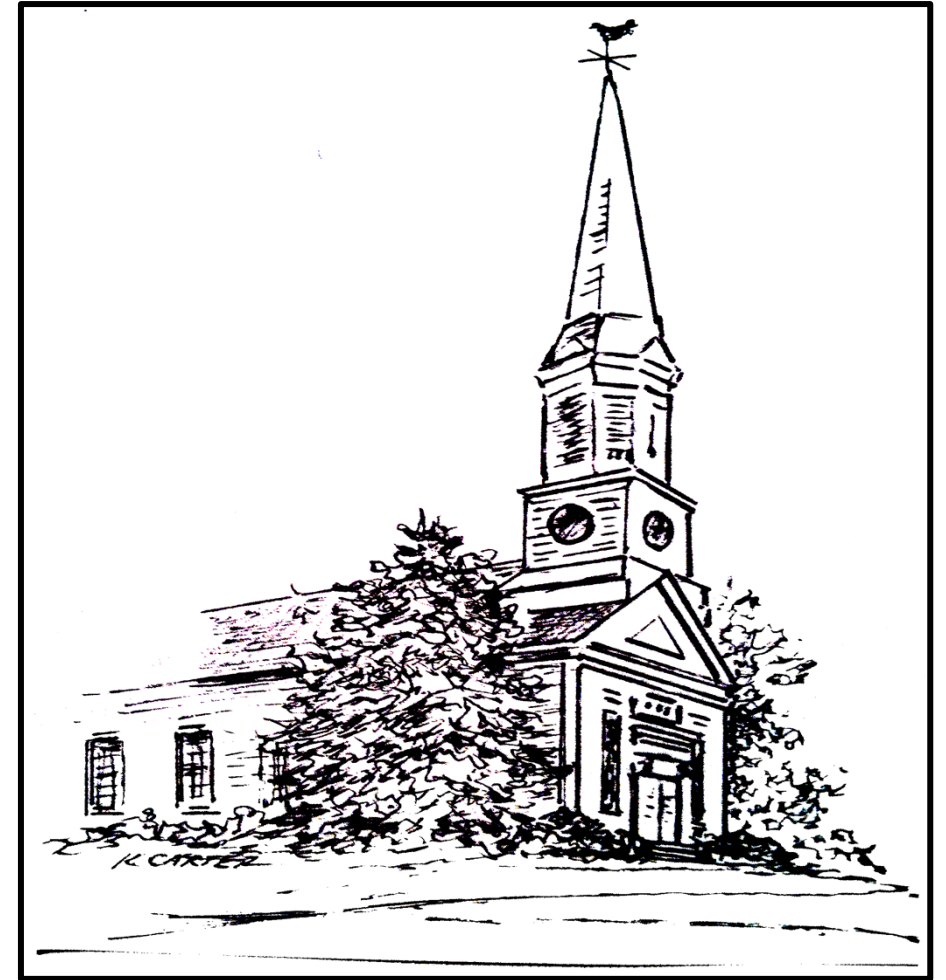
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

**PRELUDE** “AWAKE THE TRUMPET’S LOFTY SOUND”  
(from *Samson*) G.F. Handel (1685-1759)  
Offertoire Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Eric Dupee  
Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us! The Spirit of hope and joy!  
**Organ Side: To bring good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted.**  
**Other Side: To proclaim liberty to the captives, to comfort the afflicted.**  
**All: In the presence of the divine, we join in service and song!**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Phil Woodman  
**Hear, O God, and be gracious to us! O God be our helper! Come into our midst so that we may praise you and tell of your faithfulness. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we 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** “WE’RE MARCHING TO ZION” *(verses 1-3)* No. 390

**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** “THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH” Jack Noble White (b. 1938)  
*You shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.*  
*And on that day you shall say: Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his name.*  
*Make his deeds known among the people, see that they remember that his name is exalted.*  
*Sing the praises of the Lord. For he has done great things and this is known in all the world.*  
— Isaiah 12:2-6

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS**

**SCRIPTURE** Jeremiah 17:5-10 O.T 678 Phil Woodman

**SERMON** “Stay Rooted” Rev. Eric Dupee

**CHOIR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** “IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE” Arr., Jody W. Lindh  
*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways.*  
*He’ll give you strength whatever betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.*  
*God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.*

**\*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** “WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER” No. 428

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Rigaudon Andre Campra (1660-1744)

*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 loving memory of my husband Donald by Helen Stewart.*

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Kitty Jonas and Marian Copenhaver  
by Per and Jan Jonas.*



**THIS WEEK**

**Today, Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

10am Worship  
 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

8am Cardio & Tone

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Yoga

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

8am Cardio/Strength

**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 Wednesday Bible Study  
 8am Zumba  
 4:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting  
 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 21<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 23<sup>th</sup>**

8am Aerobics  
 10am Worship with musical offerings by the  
 Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir and Sweet Spirit  
 11:15am FPC Annual Meeting

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

**Welcome Trey Selenga:** Rescheduled to Sunday, March 2 during Coffee Hour.

**Dine with Nine:** Sign ups for hosts and diners for Dine with Nine has begun. Contact Judy Goodwin at 978-771-3455 or ink0711@gmail.com. if you would like to host a dinner or lunch/brunch.

**Informational Meeting:** 2025 Annual Meeting questions. There will be an informational meeting in Fellowship Hall right after Coffee Hour this Sunday, February 16. It will be an opportunity to hear explanations of the warrant questions upon which members of the congregation will be voting at the Annual Meeting on February 23. You may also obtain a proxy voting certificate in case you will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

**Proxy Voting:** Just a reminder that any active member of the congregation who will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 23, may authorize a proxy to cast votes in his or her stead. Proxy Voting Certificates (PVCs) are available in the Parish Office or via email office@firstparishyork.net.

**Green News/Tips:** The Climate Action Now app for your phone lets you take daily actions on climate change. Every day the app will provide you with new actions you can take to help mitigate the climate crisis.

**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*

*Trey Selenga, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator*

**First Parish Church Lay Leaders**

*John Covino, Moderator*

*Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator*

*Ray Hamlin, Treasurer*

*Susan Mancinelli, Clerk*

