

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.

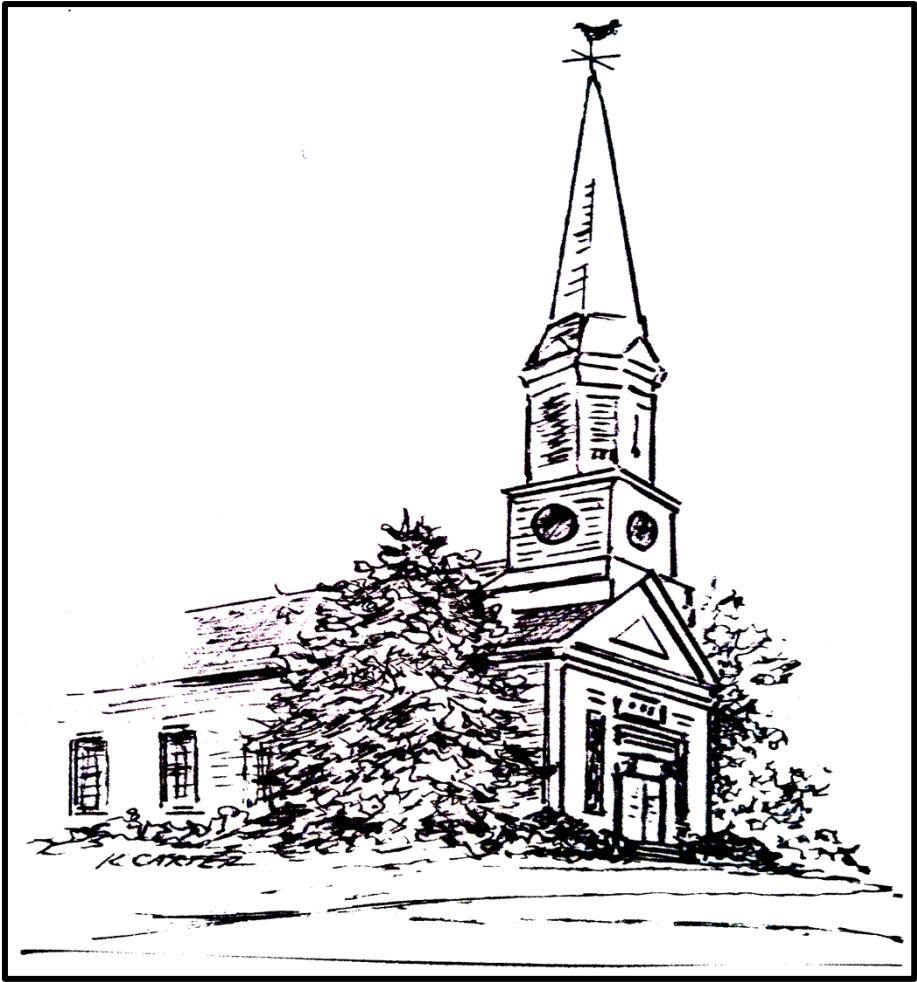
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child’s image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

Sunday School: During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to 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**

“Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
“HE LEADETH ME” Arr., Gail Leven Pollock (b. 1947)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Terrie Ilaria
In the dark winter days when we often get discouraged, we turn, O God, to you. Teach us to align our lives with Christ’s teaching, that we may know the joy you intend for your people. As branches attached to the vine of your love, may love and goodness grow within us, through the power of Christ, who taught this prayer...

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 “LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE” *(verses 1-3)* No. 347

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 “JESUS, DRAW ME CLOSE” Arr., Jane Holstein (b. 1958)
*Thou, my everlasting portion, more than friend our life to me,
all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.
Let the world around me fade away,
for I desire to worship and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*
— Words and Music: Rick Founds
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-11 N.T. 54 Terrie Ilaria

SERMON “True Abundance” Rev. Eric Dupee

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE”
Arr., Joyce Jones (1933-2022)

*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 “JESUS CALLS US O’ER THE TUMULT” No. 345

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Recessional on “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME”
Arr., Frederick Swann (1931-2022)

*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 donated with gratitude by Surie Hazel Udeshi
who was baptized at First Parish Church on May 28, 2023.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, February 9th

9:45am Hymn Sing
10am Worship
11:15am Out to Lunch Bunch
11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 10th

8am Cardio & Tone
6pm Fellowship in Action

Tuesday, February 11th

8:30am Yoga
6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th

8am Cardio/Strength
9:30 Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, February 13th

6:30pm Deacons Meeting
8am Zumba

Friday, February 14th

5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
8am Aerobics

Sunday, February 16th

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

Trey Selega, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator

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.

Fellowship In Action Meeting: All are welcome to attend! Monday, February 10 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Check out upcoming events being planned, and share your ideas, too! Refreshments provided!

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.

Green News/Tips: A 76.5MW Farmington solar project in Maine entered service, and will supply power to five New England colleges- Amherst, Bowdoin, Hampshire, Smith and Williams as part of a 20-year power purchase agreement. A unit of NextEra Energy Resources built the project. [pv magazine USA]

Welcome to Trey Selenga, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator
February 9, 2025 During Coffee Hour
In Fellowship Hall

In recent weeks, we have been welcoming our new Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, Tresor “Trey” Selenga and his 4 year old daughter Lola. In this part-time position, he assists the Christian Education Committee with lesson plans, materials, teaching, and coordinating leadership of Sunday School. He will also lead the church’s youth group ministry for middle school and high school ages. A graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Trey’s primary job is in the mental health field, and he has experience working in churches. There will be a formal welcome this Sunday 2/9 during coffee hour. This will be a great opportunity to meet Trey and Lola. If we need to cancel due to weather, we’ll reschedule for coffee hour on 3/2.

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