

**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.

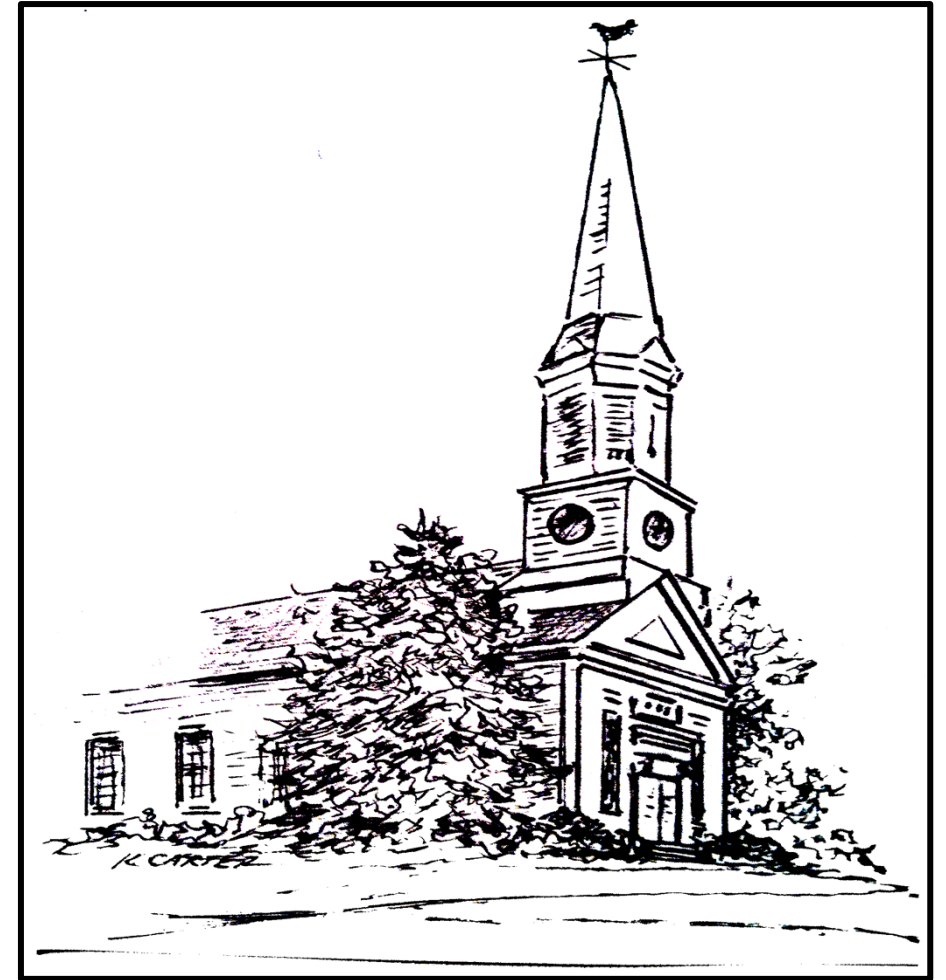
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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  
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**“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and  
not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”**

**Isaiah 40:31**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025~ 10:00AM WORSHIP  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY/COMMUNION**

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

**PRELUDE** Music of JS Bach (1685-1750)  
Prelude in D Minor  
Aria in D Major (from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*)

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

L: We gather longing for a sign God has not forgotten us.

**P: May the Lord fill this room and our land with radiant glory!**

L: Come, you who hunger and thirst for meaning and hope.

**P: Let God set our hearts on fire with gratitude and compassion.**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**GATHERING PRAYER** (*together*) Linda Bruce

**Living God, we boldly claim the promise of Christ that where two or three are gathered in that holy name, Christ is present. With Christ among us, we see your glory in the faces of our brothers and sisters. With Christ among us, we believe we can do all things through your strength at work in us. In this hour, touch each of us with the transforming love of the One 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** "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES" (*verses 1-3*) No. 111

*(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Opening Hymn.)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** "BE THOU MY VISION" Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)  
*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart:  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
God of all heaven, my victory won.  
May I reach heaven's joys, O brought heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*  
**Meredyth Goss (flute) and First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 9:28-43a N.T. 60 Linda Bruce

**SERMON** "Encountering God's Glory" Rev. Eric Dupee

**CHOIR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "WE GATHER TOGETHER" Arr., Albert Mendoza (b. 1979)  
**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity, then we drink from our cups individually as a symbol of our individual relationships with Christ. (We serve grape juice, not wine, and have a pre-sealed option as well as gluten free crackers available in the center of the bread trays.)

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "SHINE, JESUS, SHINE" No. 319

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in C Major Attr., JS Bach  
*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 Janet's mother, Martha Annett  
from Janet and Larry Cassidy.*

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12noon Ash Wednesday Worship

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