

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.

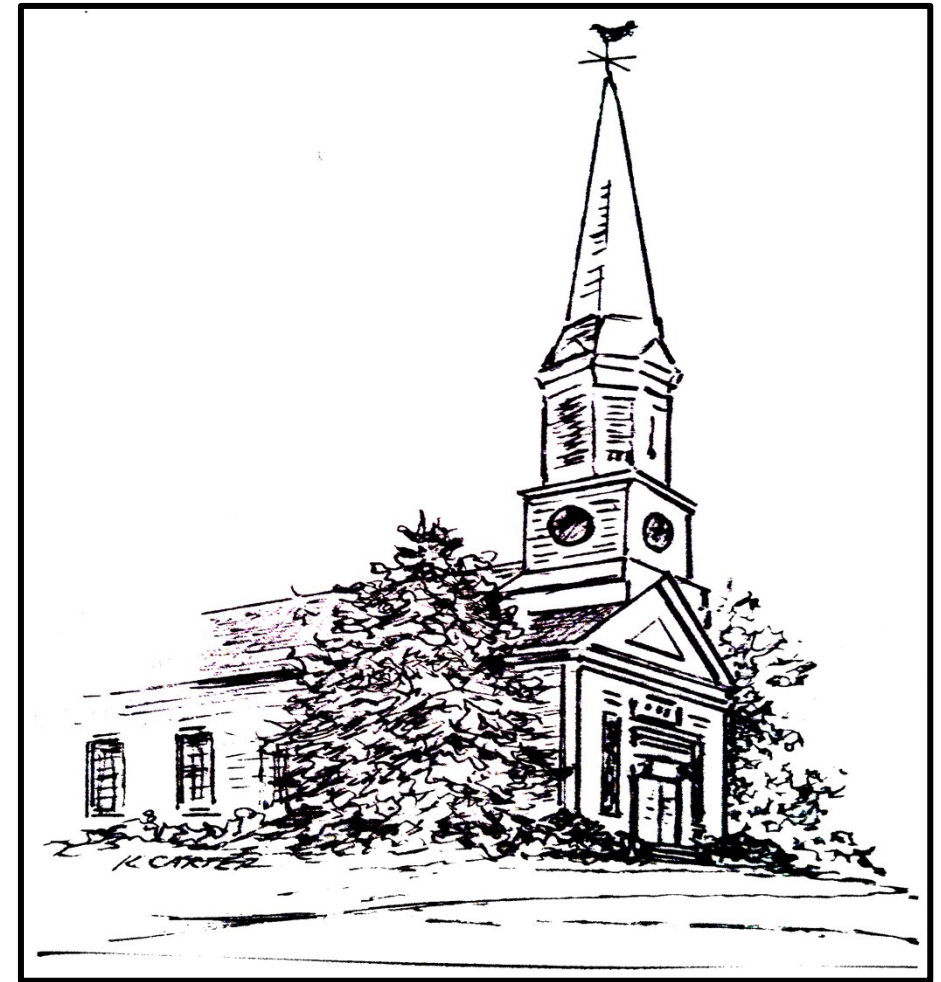
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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**

“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 9, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**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

“I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR” Arr., Dale Wood (1934-2003)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

Jan Jonas

Loving God, as Lent begins, we consider what it means to be tempted. When we hear your words of promise, but are tempted not to believe, forgive us. When we listen to voices of the crowd and their false promises, call us back again to your path. When we cannot quiet our minds long enough to recognize your presence, invite us to pause in the green pastures and visit the still waters. We pray in the name of our Good Shepherd...

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** “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD” *(verses 1-3)* No. 507

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

“WE WALK BY FAITH”

Music: Jan Sanborn/Lyrics: J. Paul Williams

*We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness there is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
Sometimes trials come our way. We don’t know what to do our say.
But we know God will make a way if we will trust and obey.
We trust in God and in his Son. What God has promised will be done.
And as each journey is begun, his Holy Spirit makes us one.*

— based on II Corinthians 5:7-9

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13 N.T. 53

Jan Jonas

SERMON

“Hell is Chrome”

Rev. Eric Dupee

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“SIMPLE GIFTS”

Arr., J. Wayne Kerr (1958)

***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** “LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS”

No. 252

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*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 in loving memory of our parents by Eric and Cathy McCulley.



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FAITH FEATURE

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, March 9th

9:45am Hymn Sing
 10am Worship/Lent I
 11:15am First Parish Forum
 12:30pm Out to Lunch Bunch
 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 10th

8am Cardio & Tone
 6pm Fellowship in Action

Tuesday, March 11th

8:30am Yoga
 6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th

8am Cardio/Strength
 9:30 Wednesday Bible Study
 4pm Mission Board Meeting
 6:30pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday, March 13th

8am Zumba
 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 6pm Grow the Church Workshop

Friday, March 14th

Sunday, March 16th

8am Aerobics
 10am Worship/Lent II
 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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

Out to Lunch Bunch: The Out To Lunch Bunch WILL be going out to lunch THIS Sunday March 9!! The restaurant will be expecting us at 12:15pm (instead of the usual 11:45am-ish time). That way we can all enjoy Scott Stevens' presentation and then go on to lunch! Always happy when new folks join us!

Men's Retreat: Please gather with the men of the church on March 22, 2025 in Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and spiritual exploration led by the Rev. Linda Hirst. For more info contact Pastor Eric. Sign up during coffee hour or contact the office office@firstparishyork.net or 207-363-3758

Experience Kirtan: Join us in Fellowship Hall for a chance to experience Kirtan. On March 8 from 4:30pm-6pm. A very special guest will perform for us an ancient form of "Bhatki" which is a devotional worship practiced for centuries in India. Our guest, Shubalananda will lead us in worship along with his band that is sure to be enjoyable. This practice is offered to the community. There is no fee, but donations are welcome. Contact John Moses with questions at 207-752-2199 <https://www.facebook.com/events/1737691753479382> Doors open at 4pm.

Fellowship in Action: All are welcome to attend. Monday, March 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.

Pilgrim Lodge: HEADS' UP! Clean Up Weekend April 25 and 26. We are planning to go to the Spring Cleanup Weekend. Friday morning through Saturday evening. Looking for skilled and "skill-challenged" volunteers! Always rewarding and fun! Interested? Philip Drew at p.l.drew79@me.com or 207-351-8141 **Details in March!**

Mark your Calendars for the Fourth Annual Birthday Bash! The date will be Sunday, April 27 in Fellowship Hall after the church service. This is a fun time for a brunch (and cake!) and a chance to celebrate your birthday month with others in our church family. Look for more details to come! All are welcome. If you have questions in the meantime, contact Nan Roberts of Judy Goodwin.

Green News/Tips: The US Department of Energy (DOE) has selected three projects that will receive up to \$60 million to demonstrate efficacy and scalability of enhanced geothermal systems. The pilot projects will use innovative technology and will help us realize the full potential of the heat beneath our feet to reduce carbon emissions, create domestic jobs and deliver cost-effective, reliable energy to our citizens.



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