

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.

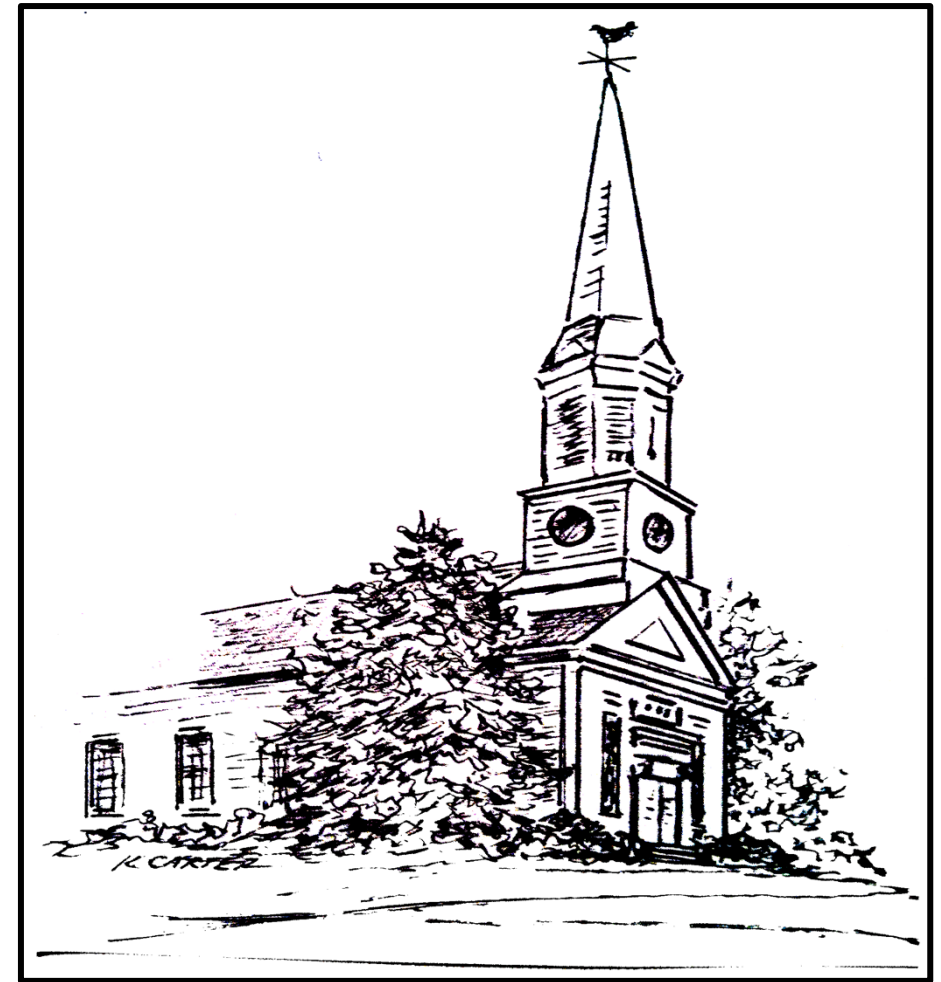
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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““The Stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” Psalm 118:22

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

L: It’s spring and a good time for emerging and arising.

P: It’s Lent and a good time for changes and life-altering decisions.

L: As crocuses and daffodils brighten the soggy grass, come and worship.

P: It is time to remember whom we serve and whose we are.

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Hosanna in the highest!

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Hymn Prelude on “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *(St. Theodulph)*
Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Sherry McConnell

Almighty God, thank you for gathering us in. Let the palm branches we see and hold in our hands be for us signs of Christ’s victory. Grant we who bear them victory over the life-denying forces in our lives. We love you, God, and we pray that we, with all people, might do your will on earth...

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 “HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA” No. 267

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Eric Dupee

(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

“RIDE ON, KING JESUS”
Spiritual/Arr., Larry L. Fleming (1936-2003)
Ride on, King Jesus. No man can hinder you.
When I looked around me to find someone who’s gentle and kind,
someone to show me the way, I look to Jesus and I pray.
When I need someone to hear, to help me conquer my fear,
when I can’t find the way, I look to Jesus and I pray.

Gina Connolly, soprano
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40 N.T 72 Sherry McConnell

SERMON “Untied” Rev. Eric Dupee

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR” *(verse 1)* No. 265

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “THE HOLY CITY”
Stephen Adams and Frederick Weatherly
Nate Cox, Rob Finch, Ken Galle, Shawn McCartee, Jim White

*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 “RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!” *(verses 1-2, 5)* No. 268

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “HOSANNA!” (Fanfare on *St. Drostan*)
Craig A. Penfield (b. 1948)

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 Edward Novak by his daughter Elaine.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 13th

9:45am Hymn Sing
10am Worship/Lent VI/Palm Sunday
11:15am Out to Lunch Bunch
11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
2pm Confirmation Class

Monday, April 14th

8am Cardio & Tone
6pm Fellowship in Action

Tuesday, April 15th

8:30am Yoga
10am Pastor’s Class
6:30pm Pastor’ Class-Zoom

Wednesday, April 16th

8am Cardio/Strength
9:30 Wednesday Bible Study

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8am Zumba
6pm Sanctuary Choir warm-up in Fellowship Hall

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