

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.

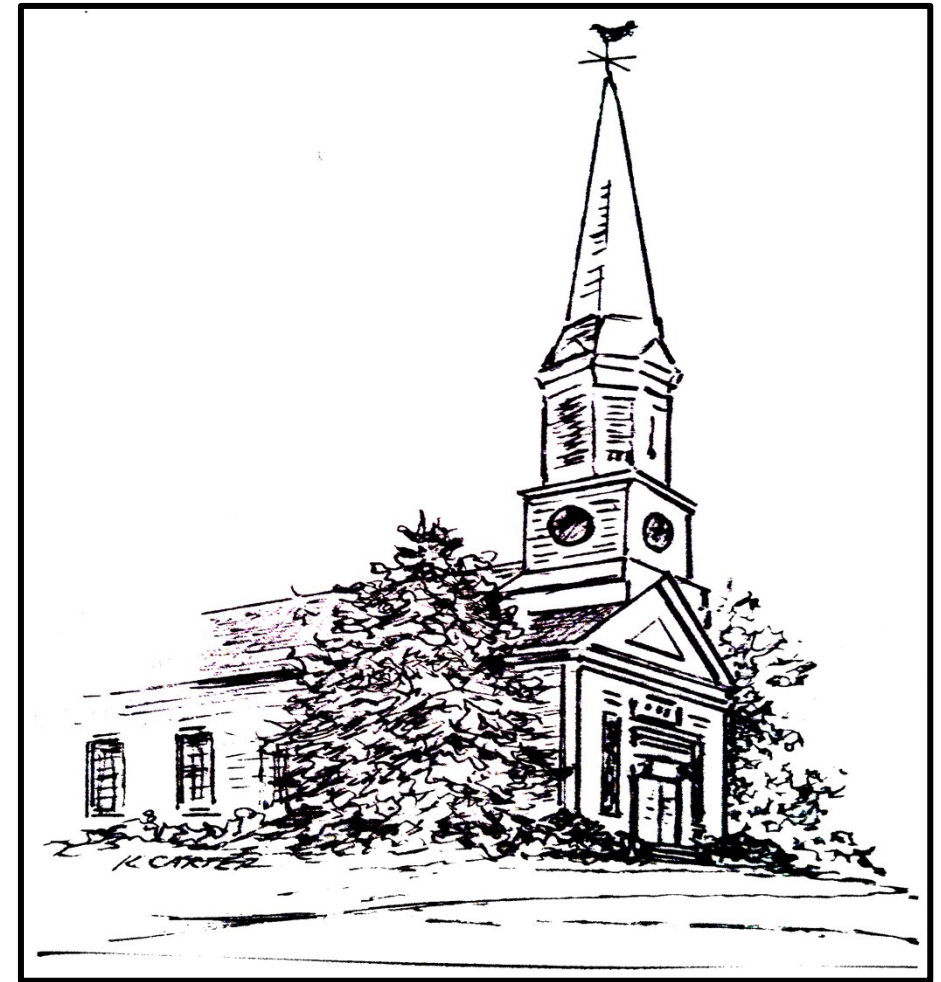
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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**

“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 27, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE. "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE" Arr., Victor Labenske (b. 1968)
Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

L: The Stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

P: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY" Arr., Labenske

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Carolyn Dupre

God of grace and glory, we thank you that the life of eternity can be ours in the present, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Teach us always to abide in Christ, that we may bear the fruits of love and joy; through the guidance of your Spirit, 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** "CHRIST AROSE!" No. 294

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 "WE'RE A FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS" Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

*We're a fellowship of believers;
we have come to God in prayer
to renew the faith and Christian love we share.*

*We're a fellowship of believers;
we are one great family.
Let us join our hearts in peace and harmony.*

Our trust in God almighty is the rock on which we stand.

We congregate to worship hand in hand.

Karen Lynge and Mary Nicol, sopranos

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Psalm 150 O.T. 546 Carolyn Dupre

SERMON "The Goal of Life!" Rev. Eric Dupee

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "GLORIFY THY NAME" *(verse 1)* No. 146

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!" Arr., Carol Tornquist (1945-2022)

***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** "HE LIVES" No. 302

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "I WILL PRAISE HIM" Arr., Cindy Berry (b. 1949)

*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, David Ott by Eileen Ott. Forever missed.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 27th

- 10am Worship
- 11:30am Birthday Bash
- 5pm Youth Group Meeting
- 8am Cardio & Tone
- 8:30am Yoga
- 8am Cardio/Strength
- 9:30 Wednesday Bible Study
- 8am Zumba
- 3pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Church Council
- 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8am Aerobics
- 8:30am Christian Education Meeting
- 10am Worship/Communion
- 2pm Confirmation Class

Monday, April 28th

Tuesday, April 29th

Wednesday, April 30th

Thursday, May 1st

Friday, May 2nd

Saturday, May 3rd

Sunday, May 4th



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 Coordinator

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Nancy Stevens, Moderator

Jonn 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.

Out to Lunch Bunch: We will not be going out to lunch after worship May 11, it's Mother's Day. Join us in June 8 after worship

First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: May 7 is coming right up! This month's "Wish List" includes white tuna and canned chicken. Maureen Monsen, Director, tells us that "we have been very busy and are getting cleaned out weekly". Could use one more volunteer this month, too! Linda Drew. p.l.drew79@me.com/207-351-8141. THANK YOU!

Church Services Streaming Tech: If you enjoy learning new technical skills, here's a great opportunity for you. Bob Myers, lead technician, Phil Drew, Mark and Jackie Villinski and Matt and Sue Kelly use the Wirecast software on a Mac platform to stream our church services over the internet. This involves operating three cameras remotely, monitoring the audio feed, and inputting written text. More volunteers are needed and hands on training is available. Contact Bob for more information: bmyers6502@live.com.

Green Tips/News: An innovative new agricultural project has started in Richmond, VA Representing an impressive step forward in sustainable food production. The Plenty Richmond Farm, in collaboration with Driscoll Farm,) is the world's first indoor, vertically farmed berries facility at a scale where they are harvested and preserved. It will be producing 4 million pounds/year! By managing temperature, light and humidity the farm can improve plant growth and pollination resulting in more consistent and high-quality product. This farm is a model for the positive impact climate-agnostic agriculture can have.