

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.

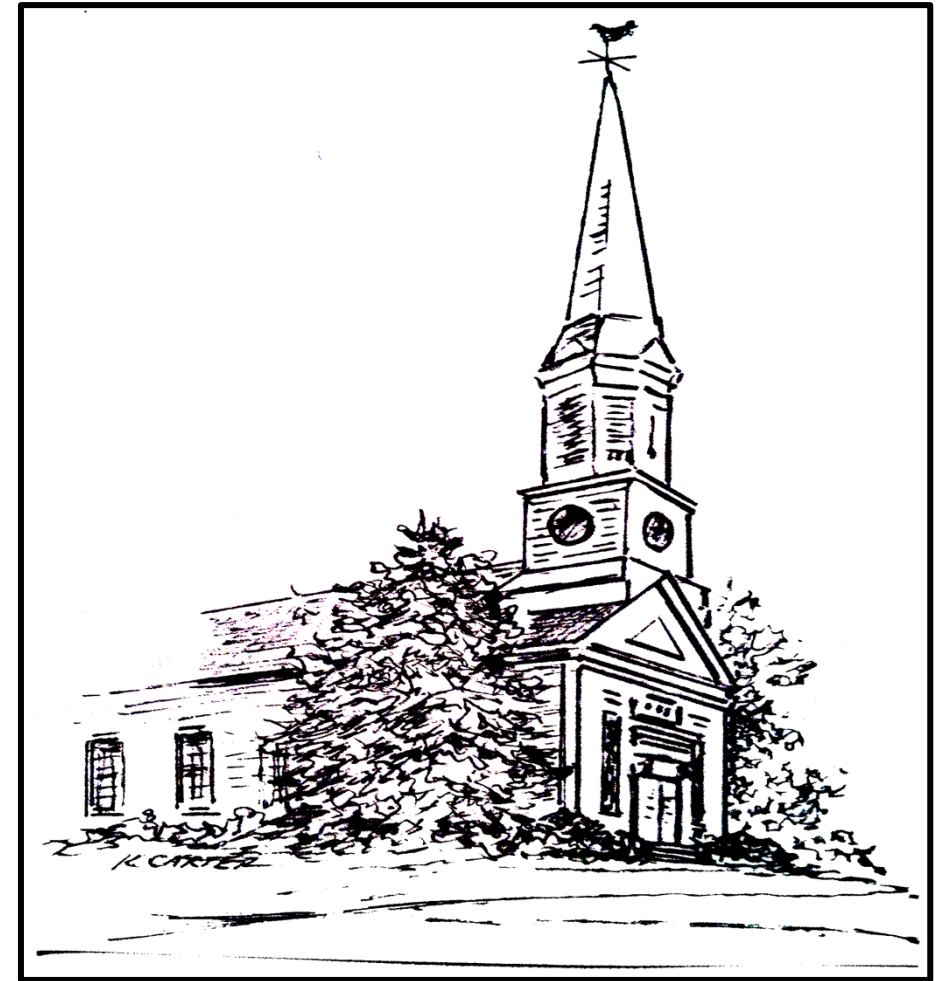
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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 6, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT/COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE Toccata on “PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY” J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)
Chorale Setting: “AH, HOLY JESUS” Arr., Janet Linker (b. 1938)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Linda Bruce
Compassionate God, we thank you that in love you sent Jesus Christ to share our earthly life with its joy and suffering. Give us grace, that in our need we may come to you in humility and receive your blessing, that we may once again serve you with joy. Mindful of the words Jesus taught, 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** “ SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE” *(verses 1-3)* No. 56

(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 OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM “FAIREST LORD JESUS”
Arr., Derek Hayes and Craig Courtney
*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine.*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:1-8 N.T. 64 Linda Bruce

SERMON “Wasted Love” Rev. Eric Dupee

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “SANCTUARY” No. 482

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “HOPE IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS” Susan LaBarr (b. 1981)
*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches on the soul,
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all,
And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.
I’ve heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.*
— Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)
Sweet Spirit

***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** “JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE” *(verses 1-3)* No. 420

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Allegro in A Frederick Bock (1939-1998)

Flower given by Phyllis Giordano in loving memory of Nelson Giordano.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 6th

10am Worship/Lent V/Communion
11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
2pm Confirmation Class

Monday, April 7th

8am Cardio & Tone

Tuesday, April 8th

8:30am Yoga
9am Buildings & Grounds Meeting
6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, April 9th

8am Cardio/Strength
9:30 Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, April 10th

6:30pm Deacons Meeting
8am Zumba
3pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
7pm Caregiving Committee Meeting
8am Aerobics

Friday, April 11th

Saturday, April 12th

Sunday, April 13th

9:45am Hymn Sing
10am Worship/Palm Sunday with Special Music
by Men's Quintet
2pm Confirmation Class

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'll be going out to lunch after the service April 13. Join us in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall to gather and find out our destination. All are invited. Always fun.

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 or Judy Goodwin.

Green Tips/News: THANK YOU for using the green CLYNK bags with the YCSA's (York Community Service Association) barcode on it! There has been a significant uptick in the number of bags in Fellowship Hall, the drop box outside of the church office and in the office being picked up. Share them with your coworkers and family members as well!



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