

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.

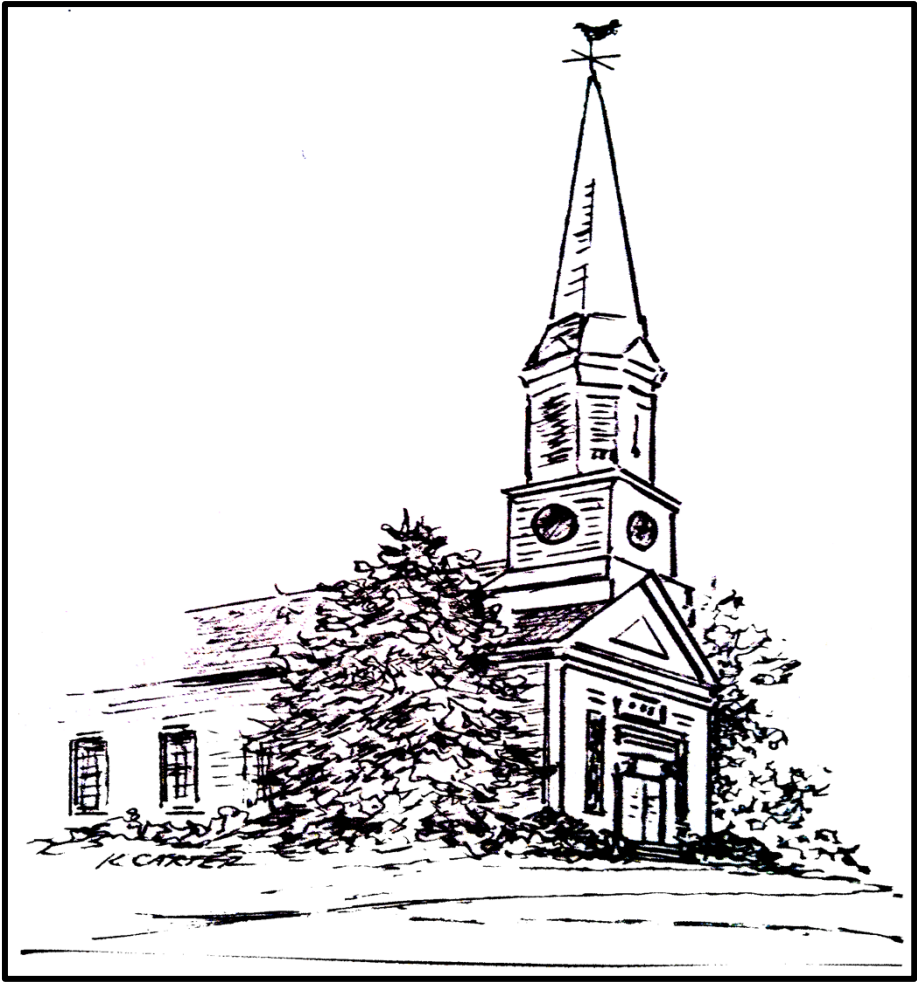
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child’s image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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
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“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE “JESUS IN THE MORNING” Arr., Otis Herbert Colvin (1923-2011)
 “MORNING HAS BROKEN” Arr., O. H. Colvin
 “JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE” Arr., Joyce Jones (1933-2022)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Phil Woodman
Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
People: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
All: For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Linda Drew
We gather this day in faith, believing that through Scripture, song, and prayer you will open the eyes and ears of our hearts, so we may know you and experience your gracious love through Jesus who continues to teach us how to trust by praying ...

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** “JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE” No. 59

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Pat Smith
(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 “WITH EVERY BREATH” Words and Music: Ken Medema (b. 1943)
*With every breath I take, O God, I will praise You.
With every word I speak, new hope I will sing.
When I lay down at night or when I greet the morning light,
Love of my heart, praises to you, gladly I’ll bring.
When I am weak, when I am strong,
view the bright day all the night long.
When there is hope, when hope is gone,
with every breath I’ll sing on.*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Pat Smith

SCRIPTURE John 8:2-11 N.T. 87 Linda Drew

SERMON “The Humanity of Grace” Rev. Phil Woodman

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “AMAZING GRACE!” *(verses 1 and 2)* No. 422

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "PRIÈRE À NOTRE-DAME" (from *Suite Gothique*)
 Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

***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** “GRACE ALONE” No. 436

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Recessional on “NATIONAL HYMN”
 Arr., Mark Thewes (b. 1954)

*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 David Bardwell by his family.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, May 25th	10am Worship 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 5pm Youth Group
Monday, May 26th	8am Cardio & Tone
Tuesday, May 27th	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, May 28th	8am Cardio/Strength 9:30 Wednesday Bible Study
Thursday, May 29th	8am Zumba 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 30th	8am Aerobics
Sunday, June 1st	10am Worship/Communion 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Phil Woodman

Rev. Pat Smith

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.

Sunday School: Today's lesson will be "Knowing God means Trusting in God". We will continue our study of "Knowing Jesus in a New Way." Your child can meet the Sunday School teachers at the church entrance following the Message for All Ages.

Youth Group: We are back and excited to have our Youth Group tonight, Sunday, May 25 from 5pm-6pm. Please RSVP Trey Selenga at trey@firstparishyork.net if you would like to join the group.

First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: On the first Wednesday of each month, there is a food collection in which people pull up to the curb in front of the Parish House. **June 4** is coming right up! This month's "wish list" includes white tuna and canned chicken, 2 pound bags of sugar, progresso soups, small bottles of cooking oil, and salad dressing. Maureen Monsen, director of the food pantry, tells us that "we have been very busy and are getting cleaned out weekly." Linda Drew. p.l.drew79@me.com/207-351-8141. THANK YOU!

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens: LAST CALL Fellowship In Action invites you on a fun day trip to Boothbay **on Thursday, May 29**, to visit the largest botanical garden in New England. Located on more than 300 acres along the MidCoast, the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is a true Maine experience. We will have lunch in the Gardens Cafe, or you can bring your own picnic lunch. We plan to return to York by 6pm.

- **IN-PERSON** pricing (cheaper if bought online)
Adults: **\$29**, Seniors & Veterans: **\$25**, Students (18+ with Student ID): **\$20**, Children (3-17): **\$13**
Meet promptly at 8:15am to depart from Fellowship Hall at 8:30am.
- FMI, click here: <https://www.maine gardens.org/>
Please contact Kathy McQueeney by Friday, May 23 to sign up for this trip, so carpooling arrangements can be coordinated. 603-380-0598 or kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com

Green Tips/News: Water conservation tips: *Your water heater is the second largest energy user in your home, so it shouldn't be larger than required for your household needs. Consider switching to a tankless water heater, which can save 10-15% on energy costs. *Install low-flow faucet aerators, they will reduce the amount of water released. *Repair leaky faucets: thirty drops a minute can waste up to 50 gallons/month! *Dishwasher: use the light wash setting to save water, and use the no-heat drying feature to save energy.
www.mainehousing.org