

**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](http://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](https://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.

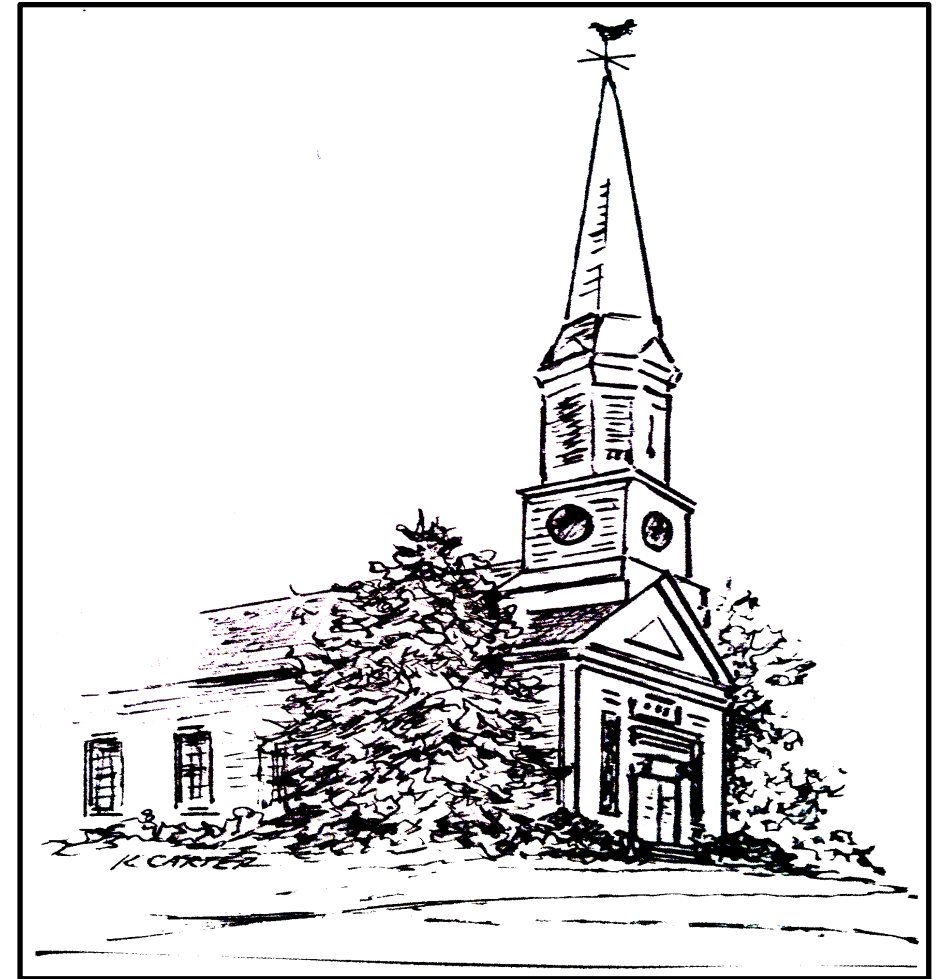
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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**

**"I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will  
my help come? My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 ~ 10AM WORSHIP  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY/COMMUNION**

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

**PRELUDE** “PRAISE AND SING” Lani Smith  
“MY FAITH, IT IS AND OAKEN STAFF” Stewart Landon

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Eric Dupee

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**  
*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Jerri LeConte  
**Since, dear God, like a father, you daily guard us against evil, and like a mother you constantly bring us gifts of goodness; give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that witnessing your goodness, we may always praise your kindness, through the grace of Jesus Christ who taught us to 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** “PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY” *(verses 1-3)* No. 71

*(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.)*

**SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**  
With joy and gratitude we receive the following confirmands into church membership: Everett Burke, Quin Dijkstra, Paul Eldredge, Charlie Scapicchio, Gracie Scapicchio, and Maya Schrimper.



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**FAITH FEATURES**

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**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.

**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](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com/207-351-8141).  
THANK YOU!

**Church Camp:** Pilgrim Lodge is a multi-generational summer camp and retreat space operated by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ. It is located on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee. There are numerous programs and camps for children of all ages running this summer. For information go to [www.pilgrimlodge.org](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org)

**Green Tip/News:** Solar hits a renewable energy milestone: Solar accounted for most of the capacity the US added to our electric grids last year. That feat marks the first time since World War II, when hydropower was booming, that a renewable power source has comprised more than half of the nation's added energy. [www.eldersclimateaction.org](http://www.eldersclimateaction.org)

THIS WEEK

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>    | 10am Worship/Confirmation/Communion |
| Monday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal   |
| Tuesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 8:30am Shake It Up                  |
|                                 | 8:30am Yoga                         |
|                                 | 9am Buildings & Grounds Meeting     |
|                                 | 7pm Caregiving Committee Meeting    |
| Wednesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> | 8am Strength Training               |
|                                 | 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom   |
| Thursday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8am Zumba                           |
|                                 | 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal        |
|                                 | 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal          |
|                                 | 6:30pm Church Council Meeting       |
| Friday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 8am Aerobics                        |
| Sunday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>    | 9:45am Hymn Sing                    |
|                                 | 10am Worship/Baptism                |
|                                 | 11:15am Out to Lunch Bunch          |
|                                 | 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal   |



**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*

**ANTHEM**                    “GOD IS MY STRONG SALVATION”   Arr., Lloyd Pfautsch (1921-2011)  
*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?*  
*In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near.*  
*Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand;*  
*what terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?*  
*Place on the Lord reliance, my soul with courage wait;*  
*his truth be thine affiance when fain and desolate.*  
*His might thy heart shall strengthen, his joy thy love increase.*  
*Mercy thy days shall lengthen. The Lord will give thee peace.*  
— James Montgomery (1771-1854)  
**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

|           |                               |                 |
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| SCRIPTURE | Acts 16:16-34    N.T. 119     | Jerri LeConte   |
| SERMON    | “A Charge to the Confirmands” | Rev. Eric Dupee |

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**                    “COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE”  
Words and Music: David Angerman and Douglas Nolan  
*All who are hungry, who long to be fed,*  
*all who are yearning for heavenly bread;*  
*come to the table of grace.*  
*One in the Spirit and one in his love,*  
*one in communion with heaven above.*  
*Grace is a banquet, and Jesus came to share.*

**\*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** “REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART” No. 113

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Allegro in A Frederick Bock (1939-1998)

*We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.  
However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.*

*Prayers for the healing of our precious and fragile Earth.  
Flowers given by the Flower Committee.*

## **Order for Confirmation**

Confirmation Class of 2025

Sunday, June 1, 2025

*Following the questioning of the candidates, the congregation will have opportunities to respond:*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME**

Let us, the members of First Parish Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**