

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.

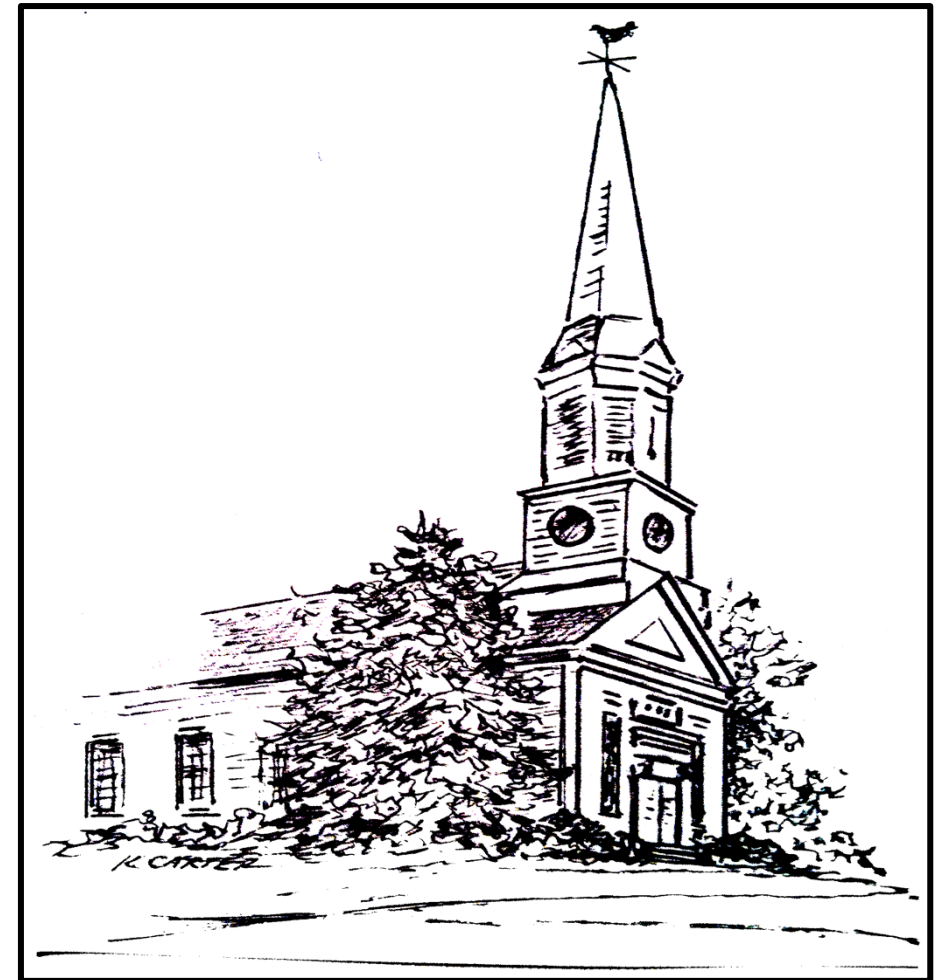
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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**

“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 15, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY/FATHER’S DAY

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

PRELUDE Two Duets for Piano and Organ Arr., Albin C. Whitworth (b. 1938)
“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”
“JESUS LOVES ME”

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee
L: The Spirit resides within each of us.
P: We gather for the renewal the Spirit offers us.
L: Let us worship with joy, and celebrate the new life among us.
P: We bring sorrow and laughter, lament and praises. Let the world hear our praises!

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
"AMEN SIAKUDUMISA" ("WE PRAISE YOUR NAME, O GOD")
Arr., Cathy Moklebust (b. 1958)
First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Cindy Bufithis
Author, Word and Translator, we invite you to dwell with us, to form us, and to challenge us. Open our minds to your word and your truth. Let our worship bring you glory. We recommit ourselves to discipleship 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** “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!” No. 136

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

ANTHEM “A CANON OF PRAISE” Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)
*Praise him, O praise him,
O come ye people praise the Lord forever.
Sing praises to his holy name.
To the God of glory loudest praise now bring,
source of our salvation, our eternal King.
Praise him, praise him, praise the Lord forever.*
First Parish Handbell Choir and Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-5 N.T 135 Cindy Bufithis

SERMON “Hope Does Not Disappoint” Rev. Eric Dupee

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "ANTHEM TO THE TRINITY” Arr., Howard Helvey (b. 1968)
*This Is My Father’s World, Fairest Lord Jesus,
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

***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** “MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS” *(verses 1-3)* No. 405

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”
Arr., Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
*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 Kenneth and Nancy Leigh by Richard Leigh, Nancy, Bradford, Barbara, Kenneth, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory
of our Sanctuary Choir member Angels
Dorothy Hansen, Jan Hansen, Mary Ross, and Maxine Baker.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, June 15th	10am Worship/Music Sunday/Father's Day 3pm Fourth Street Jazz Choir conducted by Wendell Purrington in the sanctuary
Monday, June 16th	8am Cardio & Tone
Tuesday, June 17th	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, June 18th	8am Cardio/Strength 9:30 Wednesday Bible Study 5:30pm ByLaws Review Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 19th	8am Zumba 4:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
Friday, June 20th	8am Aerobics
Sunday, June 22nd	10am Worship/Gina Connolly, soloist

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 Ministry 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: There is no Sunday School starting this Sunday. We break for the summer. There are activity bags for kids at the doors of the sanctuary. There are chairs in the narthex if you and your child need to take a moment away and still hear the service on the speaker. Also, the unstaffed nursery space is available downstairs if your family has need of it at any point. Please be sure to return any activity bags at the end of the service. Sunday School will return in September!

Deacons: The Board of Deacons is pleased to announce that recent York High School graduates Christopher (Kit) Anthony and Logan Schrimper are recipients of the Deacons' Scholarship and the Ronald A. Parsons Scholarship. The \$1,500 award is given with recognition of Kit's and Logan's participation in the life of our church. We are grateful they are part of our church family and wish them success in their ongoing education.

Fellowship in Action: RESCHEDULED- Day trip to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

Fellowship In Action invites you on a fun day trip to Boothbay **on Monday, July 7** to visit the largest botanical garden in New England. We will have lunch in the Gardens Cafe, or you can bring your own picnic lunch. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Gardens.

Please contact Kathy McQueeney by Tuesday, July 1, to sign up for this trip, so carpooling arrangements can be coordinated. 603-380-0598 or kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com

Experience Kirtan: Join us in Fellowship Hall for a chance to experience Kirtan. On June 28 from 4pm-6pm Shubalananda Saraswati (Larry Kopp) is an American Sadhu who has been devoutly traveling since 1995 to share his blues rooted Kirtan-an ancient call and response spiritual practice from India. Come and feel the uplift with Shubalananda Kirtan. The practice is offered Freely to the community. Donations are appreciated. For more information go to Shubalananda kirtan on facebook

First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: Grateful for the car full of non-perishable food items and \$600 collected at our First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive for York Community Services Association last week. Since January 2025 we have collected close to 6 SUVs of food! We have also received \$3590 in monetary donations! Thanks to our volunteers: Carolyn Furber 2 times, Rebecca Wellman, Joy Carl, Judy Goodwin, Jim Dupre. Our community responding with love since September 2019! Linda / Philip Drew

Green Tip/News: In January 2023, The United Nations' International Maritime Organization (IMO) began requiring ships to measure their energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions over the amount of distance the ship covered. Additional actions are currently underway to propel decarbonization of the shipping industry. The European Union has the Emissions Trading System in place, which require shippers to pay for their carbon emissions. The shipping industry emits the third greatest amount of CO2 emissions, behind only passenger vehicles and heavy-duty trucks.