

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.

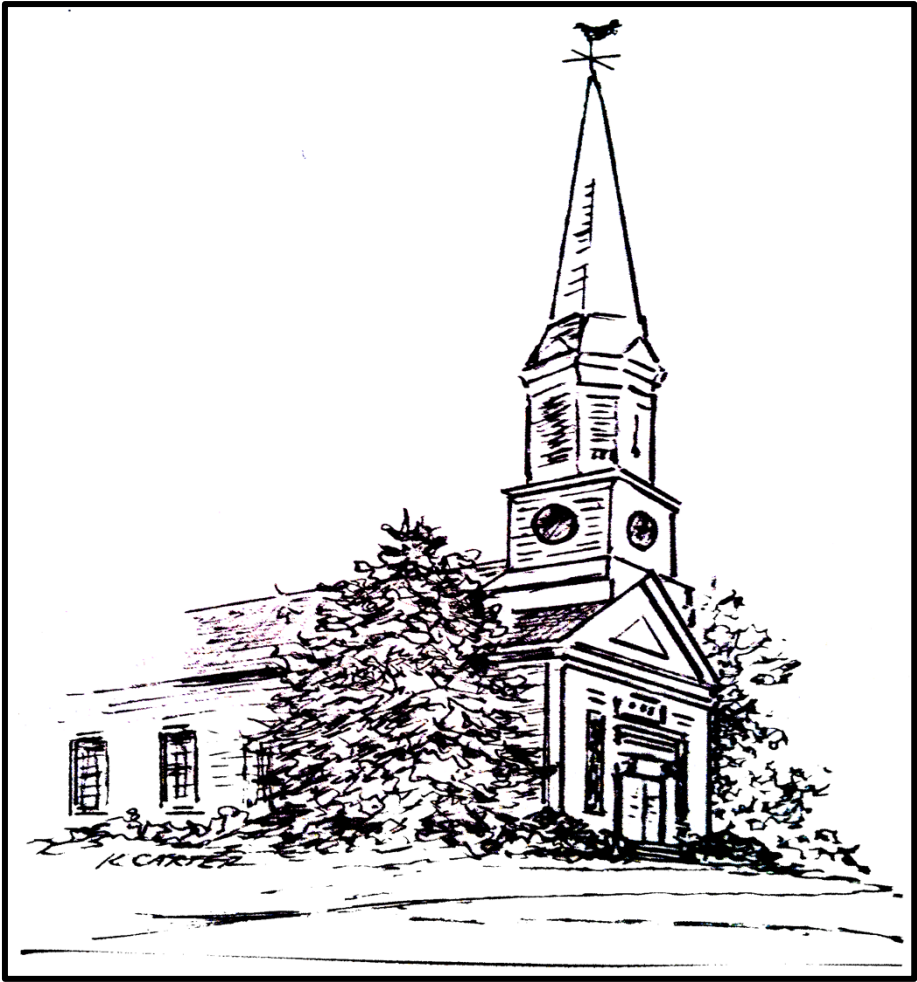
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 25 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE “MORNING HAS BROKEN” Gaelic melody, arr. Martha Mier

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Sherry McConnell
Invisible God, give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook. Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can’t touch. Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears. Give us hearts to serve as Christ served and to pray as he taught, saying...

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** “WE COME , O CHRIST, TO YOU ” *(verses 1, 3, 5)* No. 110

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC “AMAZING GRACE” American melody, arr. Jay Althouse
Karen Lynge, soprano
Nathan Cox, tenor

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:15-23 N.T. 177 Sherry McConnell

SERMON “The Supremacy of Christ” Rev. Eric Dupee

SERMON RESPONSE “WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES” *(verse 1)* No. 111

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH ”
by Pierpont and Kocher, arr. Wm. Monk
Karen Lynge, soprano
Nathan Cox, tenor

***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** “GOD OF CREATION, ALL-POWERFUL” *(verse 1-3)* No. 457

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

FPC Mission: Following in the way of Jesus, we aspire to authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve all with compassion and grace.

POSTLUDE “STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS” by George J. Web, arr. Cindy Berry

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



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, July 20th	10am Worship
Monday, July 21st	8am Cardio & Tone
Tuesday, July 22nd	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, July 23rd	8am Cardio/Strength
Thursday, July 24th	8am Zumba
Friday, July 25th	8am Aerobics
Sunday, July 27th	10am Worship



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Phil Woodman

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

Trey Selenga, Youth & Family Ministries

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.

Pastor Eric on Vacation: While Pastor Eric is on vacation, we are grateful to have Phil Woodman leading worship service. Phil is an experienced pastor and preacher and a member of First Parish Church. We are grateful also for today's musicians Karen Lynge, Nathan Cox, and for Terrie Ilaria filling in for Director of Music Ministries, Wendell Purrington.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate altar flowers for a Sunday in July contact Marie Stuppy at mariestuppy@gmail.com or 207-351-3321

First Parish E-Newsletter: Each Wednesday First Parish sends an email containing a weekly newsletter titled *The Oasis*. It contains news and information about things happening at First Parish Church, a prayer list, and a word from the pastor. If you'd like to receive this weekly email, just contact Betty in our church office at office@firstparishyork.net.

Green News/Tips: Earth, as a living, breathing being, has a cardiovascular system in play. We can think of the oceans and atmosphere as its heart and lungs, large rivers its arteries, smaller streams, wetlands and bogs its veins and capillaries sending nutrients to its extremities. Terrestrial ecosystem provides sustenance: nutrition, oxygen and a home to living beings. Mega-dams are creating clots in the world's circulatory system, prohibiting passage of nutrients. Divesting from mega-dams would remove blockages that are damaging our climate.