

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.

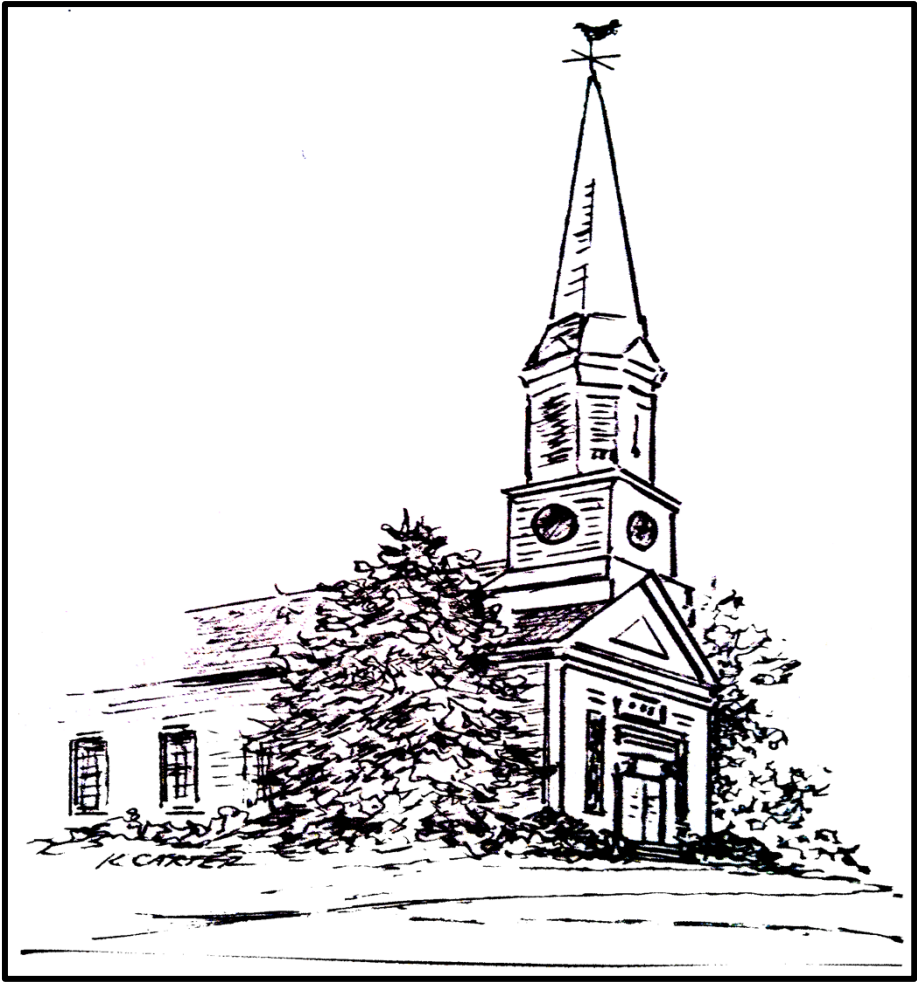
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Phil Woodman

P: My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are all who take refuge in him.

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Pat Smith

O gracious and loving God, we thank you for inviting us into your presence, into your home where we can find rest. Make this time together “a quiet place, far from the rapid pace, where you can soothe our troubled minds.” Enable us to leave our cares with you, teaching us to pray as Jesus taught his first disciples...

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” No. 71

SPECIAL MUSIC “BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR,” Silesian Folk Song, arr. Betsy Bailey
Susan Gough, Karen Lynge, Mary Nicol

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-13 N.T. 62 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON “A Primer For Prayer” Rev. Phil Woodman

SERMON RESPONSE “SEEK YE FIRST” (*verse 1*) No. 349

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”, Irish Melody, lyrics by Jan Struther
Susan Gough, Mary Nicol

***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** “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS” No. 473

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

POSTLUDE “PRAISE TO THE LORD” by Wm. J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Victor Labenske

*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 27th	10am Worship
Monday, July 28th	8am Cardio/Tone
Tuesday, July 29th	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, July 30th	8am Cardio/Strength
Thursday, July 31st	8am Zumba
Friday, August 1st	8am Aerobics
Sunday, August 3rd	10am Worship/Communion



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 Ministry

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.

Youth Group: Beach Clean Up & Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 6 from 5pm-7pm. We will meet at First Parish. All clean up supplies and ice cream will be provided for everyone. Questions or RSVP Trey Selenga at tre@firstparishyork.net

Sunday School: Movie Night, Sunday, August 17, 4pm-5pm. Bring a pillow and blanket. Questions or RSVP Trey Selenga at tre@firstparishyork.net

Seacoast Wheelers: This is a reminder that they will return on Sunday, August 10th and you are all invited to take a ride that lasts about 25-30 minutes. The purpose of these rides is to introduce the program to any interested people who would like to try a different experience which is safe, secure and really fun. If you have questions or would like to sign up to give it a try, please contact Pat Smith at psmith50@maine.rr.com or call/text 590-1554. Several parishioners have already experienced the pleasure of these rides, and we look forward to many more of you giving it a try.

Green News/Tips: Cooking tips-Use glass or ceramic pans in the oven; they heat faster And use less energy. Use toasters, crockpots and microwaves, they use less energy than the stove or oven. Use the smallest pan possible- they take less energy. Use lids, foil on oven shelves blocks heat and costs money. Consider changing to convection stove/oven; no more gas!