

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.

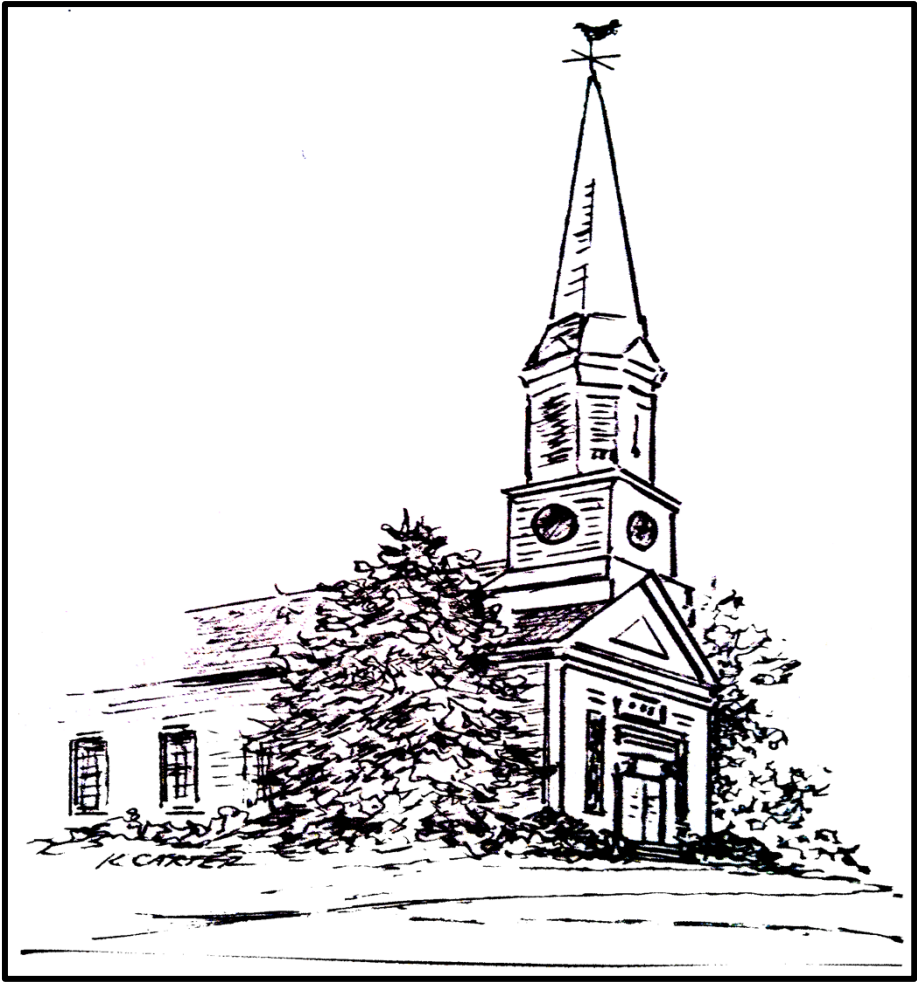
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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
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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 6, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE “I’M BUT A STRANGER HERE” by Arthur S. Sullivan, arr. C.H. Hansen
“SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER” by William Bradbury, arr. C. H. Hansen
Terrie Ilaria, piano
Linda Drew, organ

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Mary Nicol
God of the sojourners, we ask your presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known. With Christ’s courage in our hearts, we will walk together, and we will pray together...

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 “SING A NEW CHURCH” *(verses 1-3)* No. 577

SPECIAL MUSIC James White, tenor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20 NT 61 Mary Nicol

SERMON “The Power of Sheep” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “O WORSHIP THE KING” by J.M. Haydn, arr. V. Labenske

*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 “AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL” *(verses 1-3)* No. 727

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 G.J. Webb, arr. C.H. Hansen

*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 Richard Farnsworth by his family.
Flowers are given in memory of Ronald Parsons by his parents.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, July 6th
Monday, July 7th
Tuesday, July 8th

10am Worship/Communion
8am Cardio & Tone
8:30am Yoga
4:30pm Child Care Meeting
6:30pm Assessors Meeting
8am Cardio/Strength
6:30pm Deacons Meeting
8am Zumba
8am Aerobics
9:45 am Hymn Sing
10am Worship

Wednesday, July 9th

Thursday, July 10th
Friday, July 11th
Sunday, July 13th

Coffee Hour: Please come to Fellowship Hall, directly across the one-way road, for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome.

Out to Lunch Bunch: Is canceled for Sunday, July 13. See you Sunday, August 10.

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: Efficiency Maine was honored with the prestigious "Leader of the Pack" Award from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE). They won the Home Electrification category for promoting heat pumps and hot water heaters in homes. Maine has consistently delivered the highest rates in the US for heat pump and heat pump hot water heater installations per capita!



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