

**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.

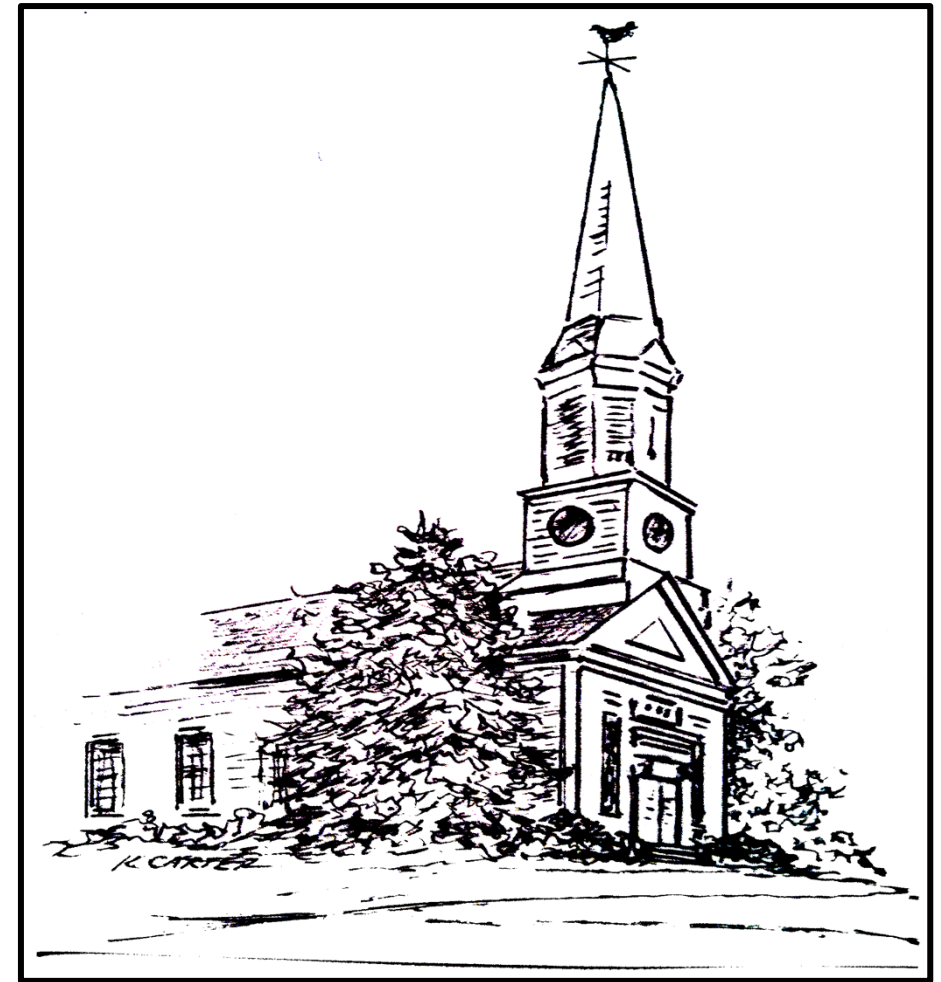
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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**

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right,  
for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”  
Galatians 6:9

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP**

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

**9:45AM HYMN SING**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 34      Rev. Eric Dupee

L: How lovely is God's dwelling place.

**P: Our souls yearn for God's presence. Our flesh cries out for the living God.**

L: Come into God's house. Here, even the sparrow finds a home,

**P: even the swallow has a nest near God's altar.**

L: Come all you who are heavy laden. Come take refuge here.

**PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*      Rev. Pat Smith

**Eternal God, you are a shield; be present with us now. As we bring our broken hearts and crushed spirits, revive us. As we bring our joys and praises, exalt with us. We come broken and whole. In whatever state we find ourselves, you welcome us home. Therefore, we join our voices in order 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** "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" *(verses 1-3)* No. 411

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "HOMEWARD BOUND" by Marta Keen, arr. Mat and Savanna Shaw

**Leslie Giammanco, soprano**

**Nate Cox, tenor**

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16    N.T. 199      Pat Smith

**SERMON** "The Idol of Certainty"      Rev. Eric Dupee

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" *(verse 5)*      No. 411

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "A SIMPLE SONG FROM MASS" by L. Bernstein and S. Schwartz

**Leslie Giammanco, soprano**

**\*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** "ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND" *(verses 1-3)*      No. 519

**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** "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS", by Henri Hemy, arr. Cindy Berry

**Linda Drew, organ**

**Terrie Ilaria, piano**

*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 my parents, Virginia and Scott Purrington  
from their son, Wendell.*



**THIS WEEK**

**Today, Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:45am Hymn Sing  
 10am Worship

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

11:15am Out to Lunch Bunch

8am Cardio & Tone

**Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Fellowship in Action

8:30am Yoga

5:30pm ByLaws Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Assessors Meeting

8am Cardio/Strength

5:30pm Deacons Meeting (Besty O'Keefe home)

**Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

8am Cardio/Strength

**Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

8am Aerobics

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

10am Worship

4pm Sunday School Movie

**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:** Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Sandy Nelson and Kathy McQueeney. Please come over to Fellowship Hall to enjoy some coffee, lemonade, goodies and fellowship immediately after worship!

**Fellowship in Action:** Monday, August 11 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome-refreshments provided.

**Flower Committee:** Anyone wishing to donate altar flowers for August 17 or August 24, please contact Karen Cox at 363-6115.

**Out to Lunch Bunch:** We will be dining somewhere after worship today! You are invited to join us. The group is always different; the restaurant is always different but the camaraderie is the same. Seek someone with holding a sign after worship and tell them you'd like to come along.

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

**Seacoast Wheelers:** This is a reminder the Seacoast Wheelers will be here today 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](mailto: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:** In 2024 alone, International Coastal Cleanup ([www.OceanConservancy.org](http://www.OceanConservancy.org)) activated over 485,000 volunteers worldwide to remove 8 million pounds of trash. We MUST curtail the production of plastic. With 99% of plastic originating from fossil fuels, it exacerbates climate change at every stage of its life cycle.