

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.

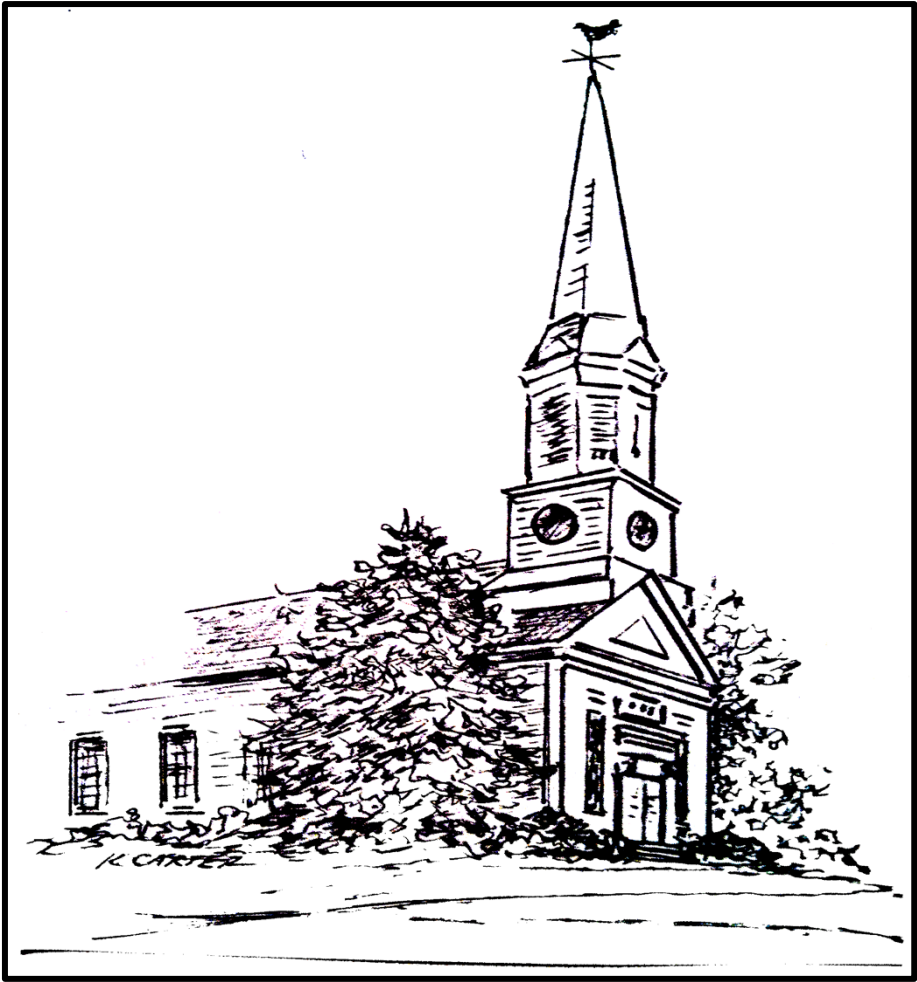
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child’s image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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**

“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 17, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE MINI HYMN SING:
Wonderful Grace of Jesus #362, v. 1, 2
Glorify Thy Name, #146, v. 1, 2, 3
Let There Be Peace on Earth, #614
Shawn McCartee, piano
Wendell Purrington, organ

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Shawn McCartee
Gracious God, you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. Help us to understand and accept the costs of following Christ, that we may know the joy you intend for the faithful. Make us lifelong learners in the school of faithfulness, through Christ Jesus, 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** “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY *(verses 1-3)*” No. 569

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC **Vivan and Esther Martindale**
Aynsley Fant

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:49-56 N.T. 65 Shawn McCartee

SERMON “The Purpose of Conflict” Rev. Eric Dupee

CHOIR RESPONSE “SANCTUARY” No. 482
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS **Vivan and Esther Martindale**
Aynsley Fant

***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** “WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER” No. 428

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “HOW GREAT THOU ART.” by Stuart K. Hine, 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.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Virginia Russell Purrington
by her family.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, August 17th

10am Worship
4pm Sunday School Movie

Monday, August 18th

8am Cardio & Tone

Tuesday, August 19th

8:30am Yoga
12pm Mission Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 20th

8am Cardio/Strength

Thursday, August 21st

8am Zumba

Friday, August 22nd

8am Aerobics

Sunday, August 24th

10am Worship

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

Announcement: Today, there will be an informational meeting after worship to discuss the items on the agenda for the congregational meeting scheduled for next Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

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

Live Streaming at First Parish Church: Please Consider Helping

First Parish has been airing our worship services live on YouTube every Sunday and archiving the recordings there for anyone who feels the need for spiritual uplifting any day of the week. This online ministry is an important outreach of First Parish. We are in need of more volunteers. Please consider volunteering. **Contact Bob Myers at Bmyers6502@live.com for more information. Many thanks to our streaming volunteers: Bob Myers, Susan and Matthew Ansara, Jackie and Mark Villinski, and Phil Drew!**

Sunday School: Movie Night today 4pm-5pm. Bring a pillow and blanket.

Questions or RSVP Trey Selenga at tre@firstparishyork.net

Green News/Tips: A reusable to-go ware program at the College of the Atlantic is set to keep 50,000 pieces of disposable plastic out of the waste stream and help the school meet its “Break Free from Plastic” pledge. The school is utilizing stainless steel reusable to-go containers, insulated tumblers, and sporks, and establishing an app-based checkout system. COA will be the first campus in the country to eliminate disposable plastic foodware in all retail dining operations



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