

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.

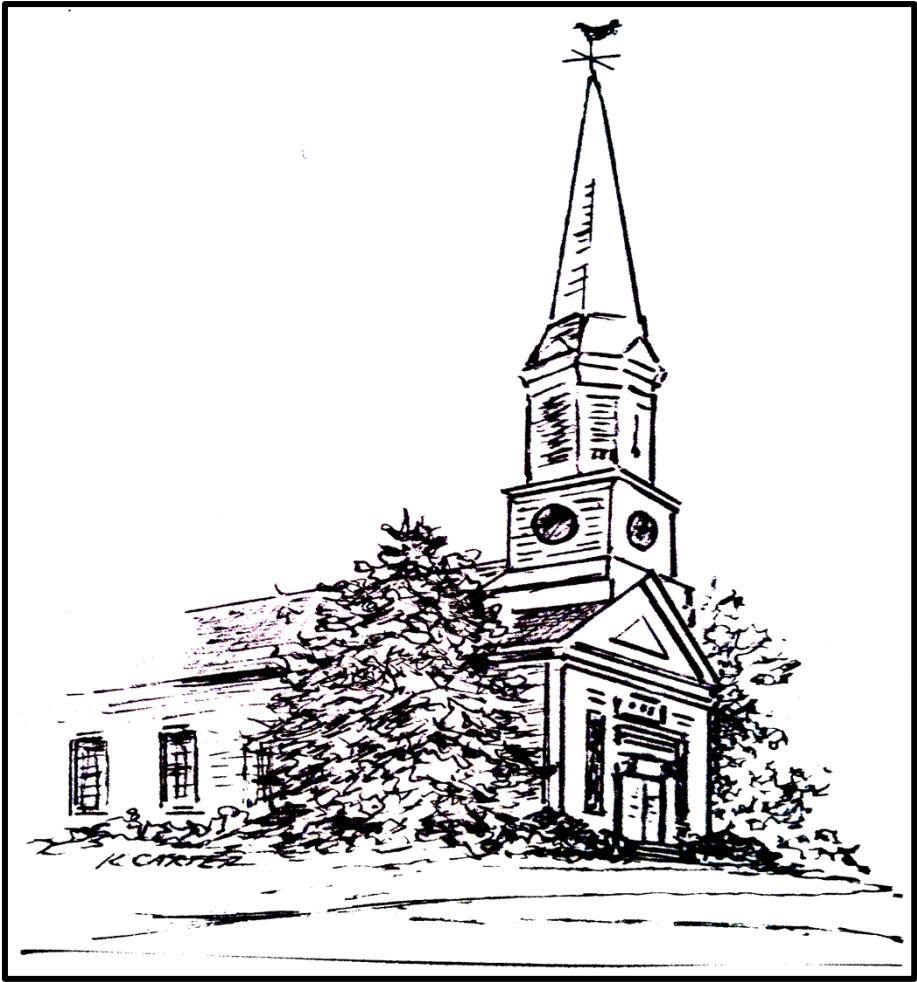
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child’s image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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“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

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

PRELUDE “HOW PLEASANT IS THIS PLACE”
By Martha Towson

“SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN” by John M. Rasley
based on the hymn tune “YORKSHIRE,”
By John Wainright
Linda Drew, organ

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee
L: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.
P: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.
L: Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.
P: Like little children, we have come to be surprised.
L: The Lord invites us to worship!
P: And my heart responds, “God, I am coming.”

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Phil Woodman
Come into the dullness of our lives, O God, and remove the grays of stagnancy and monotony. Fill the canvas of our lives with the color of your love, enabling us to join together in Christ's ministry and to join our voices in prayer...

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** “BLESSED ASSURANCE” No. 426

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC “STAY WITH US” by W.L. Pelz and H.F. Brokering, arr. T.S. Ilaria
Mary Nicol, soprano
Nate Cox, tenor

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:10-17 N.T. 66 Phil Woodman

SERMON “You are Set Free” Rev. Eric Dupee

CONGREGATIONAL 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 **“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”**
by W.M. Runyan and T.O. Chisholm, arr. J. Schrader
Mary Nicol, soprano
Nate 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** “LORD OF THE DANCE” No. 118

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “BLESSING, HONOUR AND GLORY”
by G. Bullock and D. Reidy, arr. C. Tornquist

*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
Jimmy and Betty Lindop and Joyce and John Hutchinson.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, August 24th	10am Worship
Monday, August 25th	8am Cardio & Tone 5:30pm ByLaws Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 26th	8:30am Yoga 1pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 27th	8am Cardio/Strength
Thursday, August 28th	8am Zumba 3:45pm Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, August 29th	8am Aerobics
Sunday, August 31st	10am Worship/Baptism



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

Special Congregational Meeting: There will be a roughly five-minute break between the end of worship and the start of today's church meeting. Due to the meeting, coffee hour has been canceled today.

First Wednesday YCSA Food Pantry Drive: Wednesday, Sept. 3 from 10AM-11AM Wish List: white tuna, 2lb sugar and Knorr Pasta and sides. Donations are also gratefully accepted~ check made out to YCSA Food Pantry or cash! Need a couple of people to assist. Contact Linda Drew. p.l.drew79@me.com/207-351-8141
Fun fact: We started this program FIVE years ago! September 2020.

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!**

Youth Group: Car Wash Sunday, September 7 from 1pm-3pm at First Parish/\$10 per car. Proceeds will go towards jackets and blankets for people experiencing homelessness. Volunteers needed. Bring a friend and join the fun while helping a great cause. We can't wait to see you there and make a difference, Questions or RSVP Trey Selenga at tre@firstparishyork.net

Green News/Tips: Tell bugs to "bug off"! To protect plants from pesky bugs, blend 6 cloves garlic, 1 minced onion, 1Tbs. dried hot pepper and 1 Tbs. pure soap in one gallon hot water. Let it sit for a day or two, then strain into a pump-spray bottle.
www.ncrm.org (Natural Resource Council of Maine)