

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.

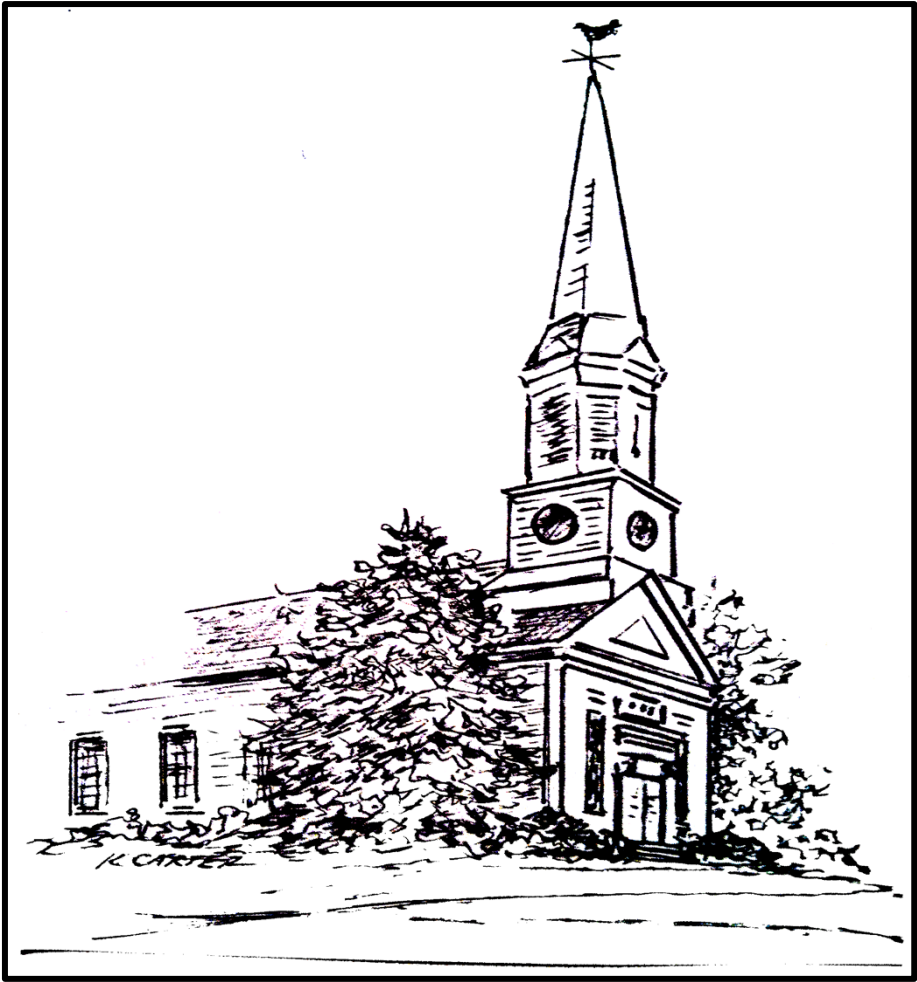
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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**

"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, AUGUST 3, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE
“HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND SEA AND AIR” by J.A.Freylinghausen, arr. Albert Mendoza
“STARS AND PLANETS IN ORBIT” by John Goss, arr. Albert Mendoza

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Pat Smith
Leader: God is very near to us.
People: We come together to praise God who lives and dwells among us.
Leader: Bring your songs and praises and let the Spirit of God be heard in this place!
People: We praise God with song and voice, and we greet one another with love.
All: Praise be to God!

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Linda Bruce
We gather as your people to worship you, O God. Call our wandering minds to think your thoughts.
Draw our divided loyalties to hear your call as Lord. Then fill us with such love that everyone we meet will know assuredly that we are Christ’s disciples. Hear now the prayer your Son taught us to say...

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** “LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY” No. 698

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC “YOU RAISE ME UP,” by R.Lovland and B.Grahm
James White, tenor

SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6 N.T. 230 Linda Bruce

SERMON “Freely Given” Rev. Pat Smith

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD”
by G.D.Weiss and B. Theile
James White, 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.

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** “LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE” No. 575

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 “MARVELOUS GRACE” by Daniel Towner, with “AMAZING GRACE”, arr. Tom Fettke

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 in memory of our loved ones from the Cox and Pavlov families.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, August 3rd

Monday, August 4th

Tuesday, August 5th

Wednesday, August 6th

Thursday, August 7th

Friday, August 8th

Sunday, August 10th

10am Worship

8am Cardio & Tone

9am Investment Committee Meeting

8:30am Yoga

9am Buildings & Grounds Meeting

8am Cardio/Strength

5pm Youth Group-Beach Clean Up

8am Zumba

3pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

8am Aerobics

9:45am Hymn Sing

10am Worship

11:15am Out to Lunch Bunch



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Pat Smith

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

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

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: Heat pumps provide homeowners with a range of benefits- cleaner, more affordable heating and cooling year-round. But to get these benefits, the system **MUST** be correctly sized for the home. “ The biggest mistake I’ve seen installers make is making them too small or too big for the space. A thorough heating load calculation **MUST** be performed by your installer. www.greenenergytimes.org