

**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](http://www.youtube.com). 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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 ~ 10AM WORSHIP  
COMMUNION/SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**PRELUDE** Prelude and Introit (from *Advent Suite*) Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)  
Pastorale in F Major David Schack (b. 1947)

**WELCOME AND THE CANDLE OF PEACE** The Burke Family  
Leader: Rise and shine; arise and climb! Let's go to the highest and most visible places, and let us shout good tidings of peace:  
**People: Christ is on his way!**  
Leader: Do not be afraid; lift up your voices so that all may hear and find peace!  
**People: Christ is on his way!**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**  
*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*  
**O living Christ, we need your love today to shine in the dark corners of our world, where loneliness and hatred, war and suffering, greed and lust destroy. Come to us and shine in our lives, that we may more perfectly love you and reflect your love on earth. As we wait, we 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** "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD" No. 174

*(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Opening Hymn.)*

**ANTHEM** "A SHOOT SHALL COME FORTH" Richard Horn (1938-2004)  
*A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse, and a bud shall grow out of his root.  
The spirit of life shall be with him, the spirit of wisdom and truth.  
From out of the wells of salvation will he draw us the water of life;  
His waist shall be girdled with justice, the heart of his heart shall be Love.  
Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, and the lion eat straw with the ox.  
For the hand of a child shall lead them to the peaceable kingdom of God.  
-- Isaiah 11 and 32:18 (adapted)*

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 11:1-10 O.T. 600 Larry Cassidy

**SERMON** "HELP WANTED" Rev. Eric Dupee

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT"  
Charles Alexis Chauvet (1837-1871)  
*(Please sign and pass the maroon fellowship pads on the center aisle of each pew, look at the names as they are passed back and forth and greet one another after the service.)*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** *(together)* No. 34

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
All are welcome to take Communion. As a pandemic precaution, you should have received an individually packaged wafer and juice as you entered the church. If you did not receive it, please see an usher.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS" No. 153

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN** Rev. Eric Dupee

**POSTLUDE** Fuga a la Pastorale C.F. Pitsch (1786-1854)

*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 given in loving memory of our parents John and Joyce Hutchinson and Jim and Betty Lindop from Laura and Chris Lindop.*



**THIS WEEK**

**Today, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:45am Advent Study  
 10am Worship/Communion/Advent II  
 3pm Youth Group-grades 9-12  
 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 7pm Lessons and Carols Chamber Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

8am Zumba

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Yoga  
 9pm Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

8am Cardio/Strength  
 9:30am Women's Bible Study  
 7pm Advent Study-Zoom

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

8am Zumba  
 5pm CPR Class  
 5pm Handbell Rehearsal  
 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal  
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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 10am Worship/Advent III  
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 4pm Christmas in the Village Concert

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*All the Members of the Congregation*

*Leading Worship Today:*

*Reverend Eric Dupee*

*Pastor Dan Hollis*

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*Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries*

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*John Covino, Moderator*

*Amy Burke, Vice Moderator*

*Ray Hamlin, Treasurer*

*Susan Mancinelli, Clerk*



**Food Pantry Drive & One Warm Coat:** Wednesday, December 7 at 10am-11am. We are looking for volunteers this day, as we will be collecting food and coats! Please contact Linda Blake ([lblake50@gmail.com](mailto:lblake50@gmail.com)) or Linda Drew ([p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com)) to help!

Items suggested for Food Pantry: sm sugar, Progresso soups, rice pilaf, jelly/jams, sm laundry detergent, beef stew, sm peanut butter. Monetary contributions are most welcome as well. We thank you for your continued and strong support!

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If anyone is concerned about the cost, please contact the Parish office at 207-363-3758 or [office@firstparishyork.net](mailto:office@firstparishyork.net)

**Fellowship in Action:** Christmas Pot Luck Supper & Yankee Swap on Monday, December 12 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a wrapped gift to swap (\$15 or less). RSVP Kathy McQueeney with your pot luck item by December 9 at 603-580-1184 or [kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com](mailto:kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com) All are Welcome!

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