

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.

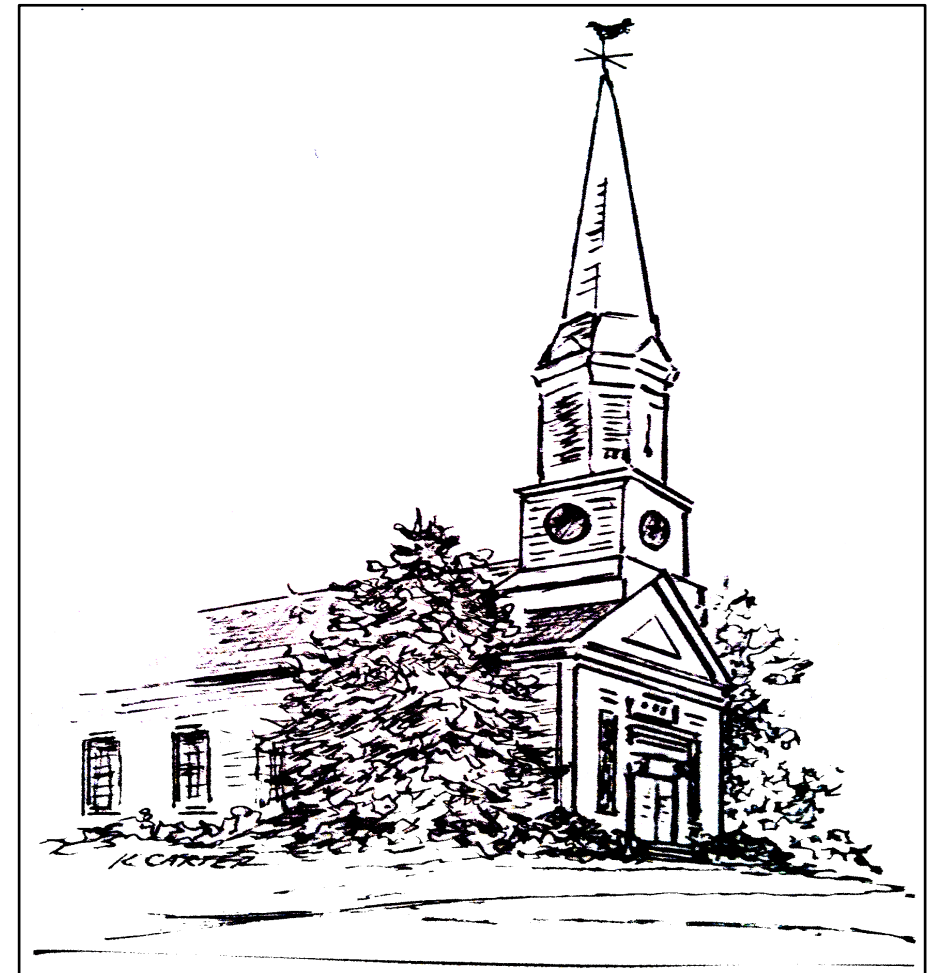
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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
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**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.” Matthew 5:9**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dan Hollis

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ’s light in the world.)
“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS” *(St. Columbia)*
Arr., Richard Cundick (1926-2016)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Pat Smith
Ever-insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people. Stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace, that we may give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry, in whose name 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 “OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE” No. 480

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Eric Dupee

(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.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM “I DREAM A WORLD” André J. Thomas (b. 1952)
*I dream a world where no other one will scorn,
where love will bless the earth, and peace its path adorn.
A world where all will know sweet freedom’s way.
And where joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of humankind.*
— adapted from Langston Hughes (1902-1967)
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-11 O.T. 229 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “I HAVE A DREAM” Words and Music: Mary Donnelly
*I have a dream for all humanity, that we may know truth and dignity,
that peace on earth becomes reality,
and that one day we’ll stand arm in arm, hand in hand.
And with the day that has just begun,
we may come to embrace the entire human race!*
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*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 “HERE I AM, LORD” No. 559

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Recessional on “O WORSHIP THE KING” *(Lyons)*
Arr., Mark Thallander (b. 1950)

*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 husband, parents,
brother and sister by Eileen Ott.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

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9:45am Hymn Sing
10am Worship

Monday, January 15th

11:15am Out to Lunch Bunch
11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 16th

8:30am Shake It Up
6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th

8am Interval Training
10am Beginner's Bible Study

Thursday, January 18th

8am Cardio/Strength
9:30am Women's Bible Study
8am Zumba
4:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

Friday, January 19th

Sunday, January 21th

5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
8am Aerobics
10am Worship
3pm Seacoast Community Chorus Winter Concert "Singing Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs!"



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*All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:*

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Rev. Eric Dupee

Staff

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Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

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Dine with Nine Update: The sign up table is back in Fellowship Hall. You may also email your requests to Linda Drew p.l.drew79@me.com. There are over 120 opportunities to join in the fun. To date about 60 people have signed up! Please FEEL FREE to sign up more than once!

Meeting the Angels Workshop: January 28 11:30am-1pm. Angels are mentioned hundreds of times in the Old and New Testaments! If they are THAT important shouldn't we seek to know more about them? You are invited to this workshop to learn more about God's purpose for angels in our lives. This group will include music, meditation and personal sharing. Please contact Kathie White via email at kwhitemed@gmail.com with any questions or to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Beginner's Bible Study: Introducing a four-part Beginner's Bible Study led by Pastor Eric. This will be held on January 16, 30, and February 6 from 10am -11:15am in Pastor Eric's office. If you are someone who would never go to a Bible study because you're intimidated or you're concerned about how little you know, this is for you. We will start with the most basic introduction to the Bible and interpret some passages together. Just come as you are. Bibles will be provided if you don't have one. Contact Pastor Eric with questions.

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