

**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/@firstparishyork](https://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.

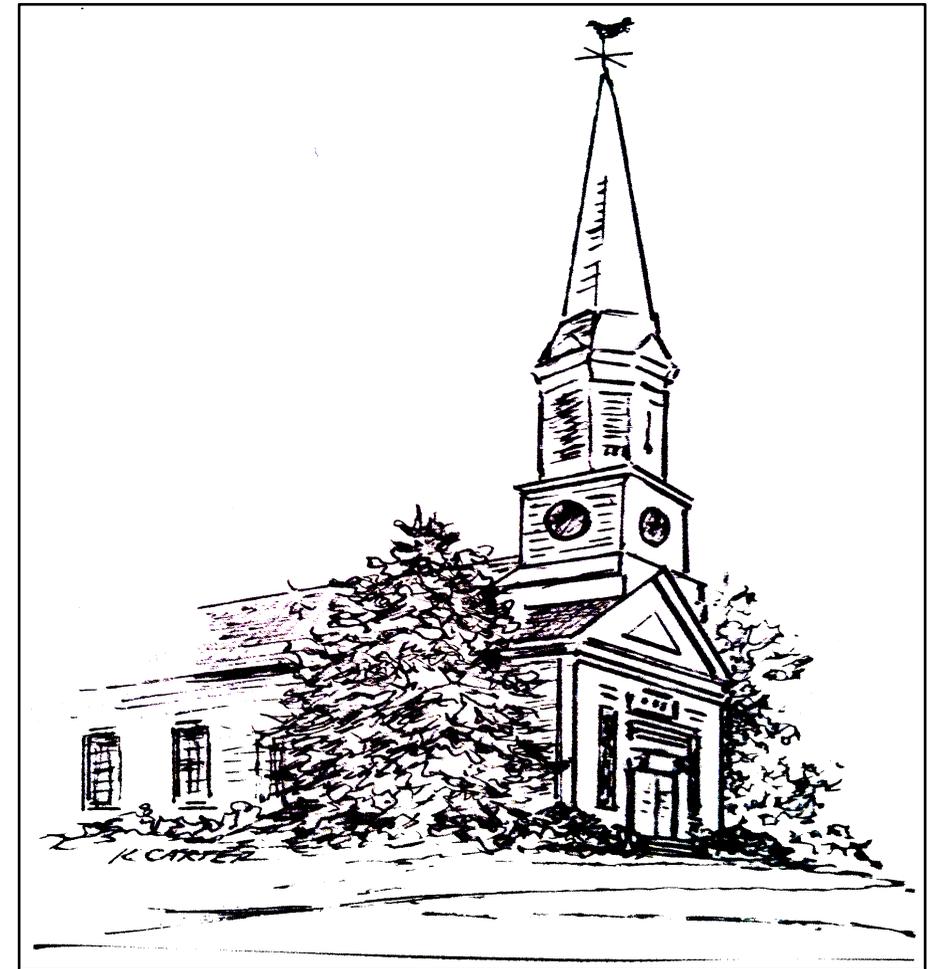
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP**  
**GOSPEL MUSIC SUNDAY**

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

**PRELUDE** *Three Spiritual Settings*

“WE SHALL WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF PEACE” Arr., Franklin Ritter  
“SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A MOTHERLESS CHILD” Arr., Gilbert M. Martin  
“COME BY HERE” Arr., Stanley E. Saxton

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dan Hollis

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

“LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN”  
Spiritual Arr., Ron Malory (b. 1973)  
**First Parish Handbell Choir**

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Rev. Pat Smith

**God of every land and nation, you have created all people, and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, 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** “SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE” *(verses 1-3 only)* No. 243

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES** Rev. Dan Hollis

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

**ANTHEM** "BEEN DOWN INTO THE SEA" Arr., Nick Page (1960-2021)  
*"Keep Me from Sinkin' Down," "We Shall Meet There By and By"*  
*and the "Hallelujah Chorus"*  
**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:29-42 N.T. 80 Rev. Pat Smith

**SERMON** Rev. Dan Hollis

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "ANGELS CARRY ME HOME" Arr., John Purifoy (b. 1952)  
*"Jacob's Ladder," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*  
*and "All My Trials"*  
**Sweet Spirit**

*(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  
*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 JOHN BAPTIZED BY JORDAN'S RIVER” No. 239

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** "WE SHALL OVERCOME"  
Arr., D. Byron Arneson (1929-2020)

*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 are given with warm and loving thoughts to all in the new year ahead*  
*from Lynne Tocci.*



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**FAITH FEATURES**

**Inquirer's Classes:** Are you considering membership at First Parish Church? You are invited to our second **Inquirers Coffee and Conversations Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am-9:30am in Fellowship Hall.** Pastors Eric Dupee and Dan Hollis and First Parish Church invite you to this Inquirer's meetings if you who have been visiting First Parish. We would love to learn more about you and introduce you to our church.

Please contact Pastor Eric [eric@firstparishyork.net](mailto:eric@firstparishyork.net) or Susan Wierzba [susanwierzba@gmail.com](mailto:susanwierzba@gmail.com)

**Dine with Nine:** Sign up is happening this morning in Fellowship Hall after the service. Come sign up for any of over 120 opportunities to dine with other folks sitting among you this morning. Peruse the Master Calendars for January, February and March. Select a date, find the Diner slip with the sticker code on it. Fill in the name and contact info; drop it in the "Diner Box" and wait to be contacted by your host/hostess! It'll be a surprise! Thanks for your participation!!

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