

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.

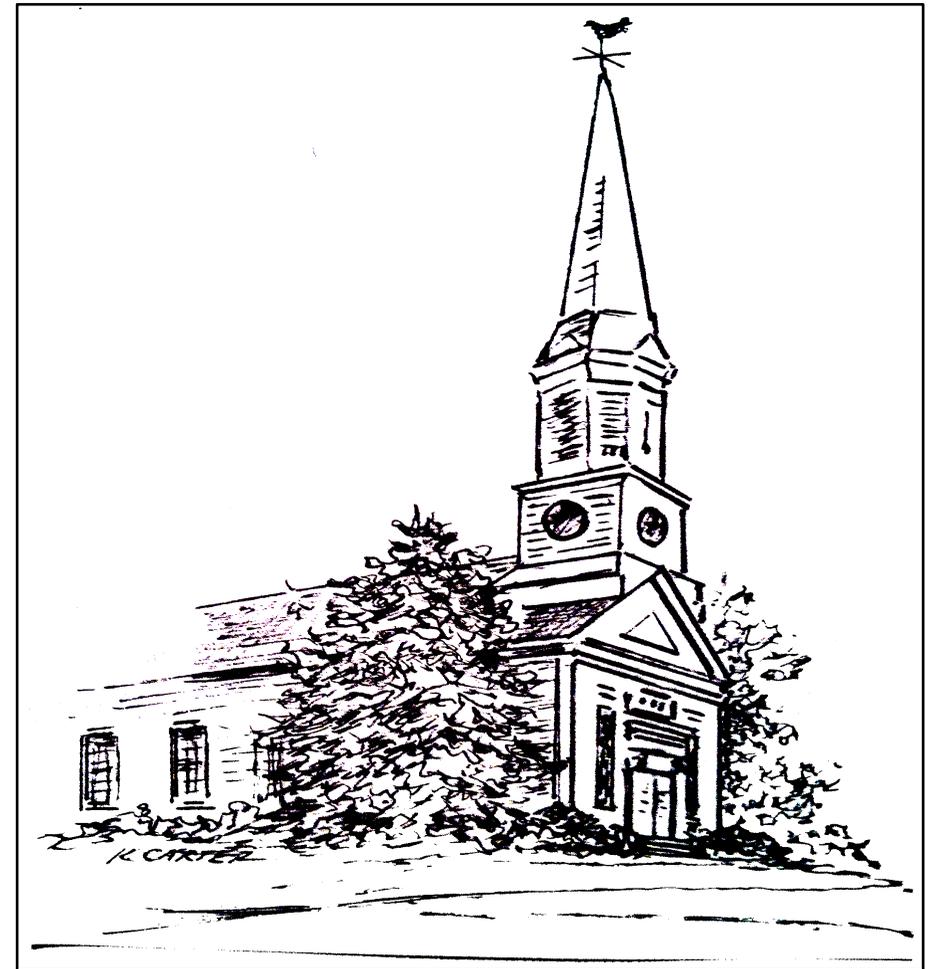
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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Birthday Brunch: Second Birthday Brunch Pot Luck Sunday, February 5. Come One, Come All to our Birthday Brunch in Fellowship Hall after worship. The first one was held in January 2019. Everybody's birthday is celebrated as we sit at 12 decorated tables based on each person's birthday month.

Bring your Brunch Items (i.e. breakfast casseroles, fruit plates, muffins, breads, egg dishes, cheese platters, salads, quiches, etc) to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen prior to worship. Make sure your platters, bowls, etc. have your name on it. After worship everyone comes over as if they are coming to Coffee Hour, only it will be a brunch. The front room (Pilgrim Room) will be set up with all the food so that people can come right in, get their plate of food and go directly into Moody Hall (the larger room) to choose a seat at their beautifully decorated birthday month table. Trivia entertainment will be offered at each table. Sponsored by Fellowship in Action. If you have any questions please contact Sue Wierzba or Kathy McQueeney.

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 10am Worship
 3pm Seacoast Community Chorus Winter Concert - "Songs of Peace, Liberty, Justice, and Joy!"

Monday, January 23rd 8:30am Shake It Up
 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th 8:30am Yoga

Wednesday, January 25th 8am Strength Training
 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
 4pm Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 26th 8am Zumba
 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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 Rev. Dan Hollis

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