

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.

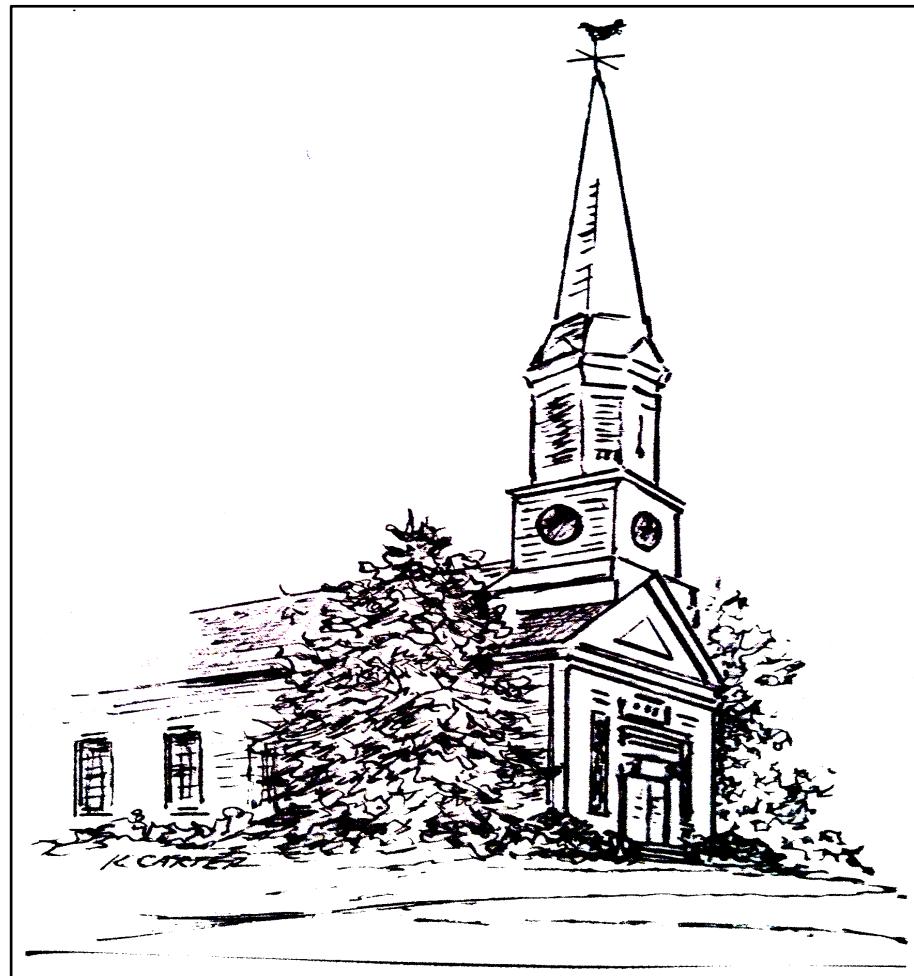
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show 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.



**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Prelude in Classic Style “IN HIS PRESENCE” Adagio in Classic Style	Gordon Young (1919-1998) James Denton (b. 1963) David H. Hegarty (b. 1945)
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WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Dan Hollis
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CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)

GATHERING PRAYER (together) Carolyn Dupre
God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing, in Jesus' name...

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** “WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING” No. 685

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 Message for All Ages.)

ANTHEM "OFFERTORY" John Ness Beck (1930-1987)
*With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before him with yearling calves?
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?* -- Micah 6: 6-8

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8 O.T. 819 Carolyn Dupre

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "BLESSED" Valerie Showers Crescenz

*Blessed the poor in spirit are for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
And those who mourn will be comforted, for their sorrows will be shared.
Blessed are those who are gentle and meek, for the earth shall be their prize;
and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
-- Matthew 5: 3-12 (adapted)*

(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** “WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE” No. 686

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Toccata on "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"
Setting: J. Wayne Kerr

*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 in loving memory of Betty Ford for her birthday.
No one loved a birthday any more than Betty.
From Anne Monks*



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First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: We need one more volunteer for the Food Drive on Wednesday, February 1 from 9:50am-11:30am.
Questions?? Linda Drew p.l.drew79@icloud.com or 207-351-8141.

Sunday Brunch Birthday Pot Luck: The Fellowship in Action is having a Pot Luck Birthday Brunch on February 5th after worship. We will celebrate a year of birthdays in one party. All are invited. Children of all ages to adults with years of wisdom.

1. We ask you to bring a brunch item to share, Every family that is attending the brunch will bring their food before church. Tables will be set up in the front room to accept the food. We will have the ovens on low so that the hot food can be kept at the right temperature.
2. Attendees will get their food right away from the first room (Pilgrim Room) and go directly to their Birthday Month table in the big room (Moody Hall). Twelve decorators will have lovingly decorated each table for their particular month. Each table will have water, salt and pepper, napkins and silverware. Coffee will be available at the pass through.
3. We will sit at tables with others who share the same birthday month, sing a rousing Happy Birthday, and enjoy Trivia at each table.

Come one, Come All

Sue Wierzba susanwierzba@gmail.com

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THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, January 29th

Monday, January 30th

Tuesday, January 31st

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Thursday, February 2nd

Friday, February 3rd

Saturday, February 4th

Sunday, February 5th

- 10am Worship
3pm Confirmation Class
8:30am Shake It Up
6:30pm Church Council Meeting
8:30am Yoga
8am Strength Training
9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
10am-11am First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive
8am Zumba
5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (all voices)
8am Aerobics
8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting
10am Worship/Communion
11am Birthday Brunch

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