

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.

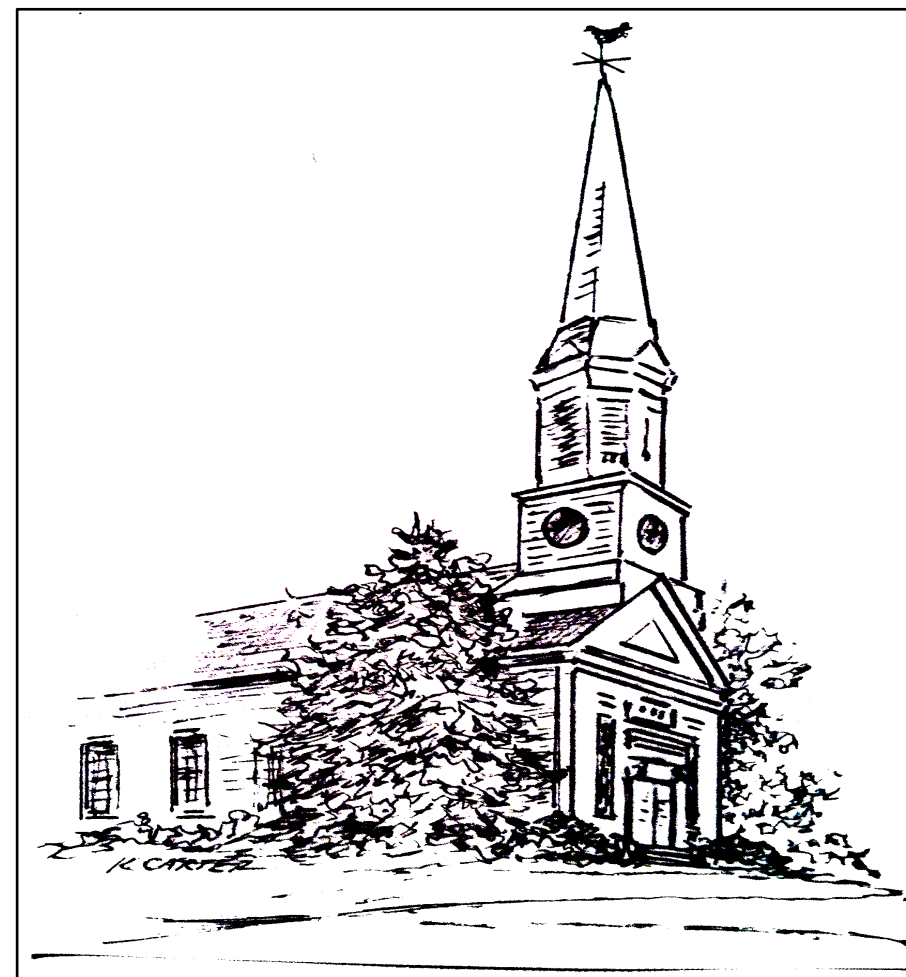
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, My rock and my
redeemer. Psalm 19:14

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Psalm 19 (“THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD”)
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
“GOD’S TIME IS THE BEST TIME” (from *aontata No. 106*)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Sue Wierzba
Creator of all, you know each of us by name, and in your sight we have found favor. Grant that as we glimpse your greatness, reflected in your many gifts, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. By the power of your Holy Spirit may we bear witness with joy and conviction to the good news of Jesus Christ, who taught us to 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** “SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE” No. 56

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 “HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ONE”
Words and Music: Cindy Berry (b. 1949)
*Ancient of days, worthy of our praise,
You are our strength and our song.
We worship You alone, the Lamb upon the throne,
holy and righteous One.
Lord, we bless You and praise Your holy name.
We adore You. You’re evermore the same.
We sing your praises forevermore.
We long to worship and adore You.*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir
Rob Finch, guest conductor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-13 O.T. 513 Sue Wierzba

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Hymn Setting on “I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD”
Arr., Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

***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** “FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS” No. 621

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Recessional on “TO GOD BE THE GLORY”
Arr., Christopher Pardini (b.1973)

*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 honor of Richard Leigh's dedication to and love of First Parish Church.
Thanks from the congregation for a successful 10 years of service
on the Annual Pumpkin Fundraiser.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

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Friday, October 27th	4pm New Members/Council Gathering 6pm Youth Group-grades 5-8
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Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

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Rev. Eric Dupee

Staff

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Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

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Get to Know Christ (January-February)

Get to Know Church (April-May)

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