

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. 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.

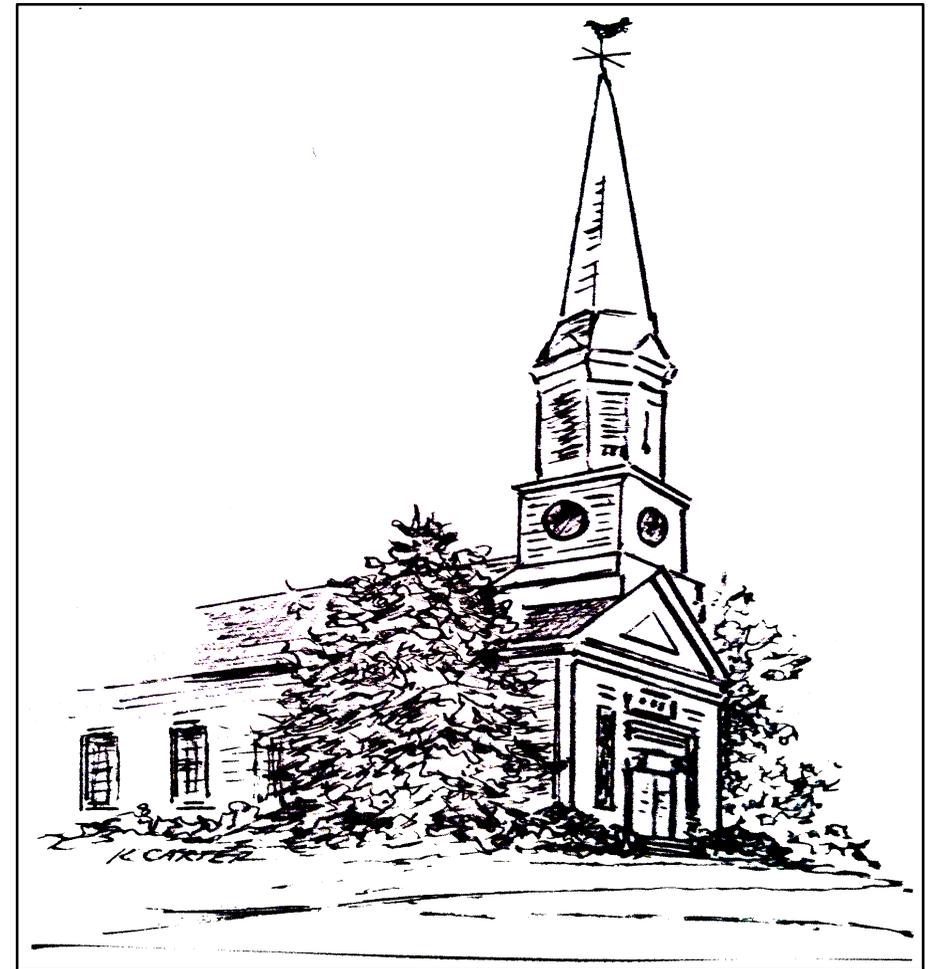
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune in D Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
Arioso (from *Cantata #156*) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Pat Smith

L: We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days...

P: Even when we weren't aware and felt alone and weak.

L: Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

P: We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

“COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING” (*Nettleton*)

Arr., Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER (*together*)

At the starting line of this day, we call on your name, God of grace. As we run the race you have set before us, help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own. When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage. Help us to assist one another in running with perseverance, always following 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** “REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING” No. 342

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

(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 "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS" Arr., Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear?
I have such blessed peace with Jesus, my Lord so near!*

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

Rob Finch, guest conductor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 4:6-13 N.T. 188 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON “Come Before Winter” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Meditation on "HE LEADETH ME" (*Bradbury*)
Setting: Gail Leven Pollack (b. 1947)

(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

***CLOSING HYMN** “SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER” No. 522

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Festive Trumpet Tune David German (b. 1954)

*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 memory of my Dad, sister Dawn and adopted dad (Don)
from Gina Connolly.*



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FAITH FEATURES

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We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help, too! Especially new volunteers. Please contact Linda Drew p.l.drew79@me.com or 207-351-8141

Coffee Hour: We’re looking for people to sign up to bring goodies to share during our fellowship time. These can be store bought or homemade.

The sign up poster is available each Sunday near the coffee table. Please contact Linda Hart with your questions. 363-4493

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8:30am Yoga
 4pm Mission Committee Meeting
 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 26th

8am Strength Training
 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom

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 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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8am Aerobics

Sunday, October 30th

10am Worship



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