

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.

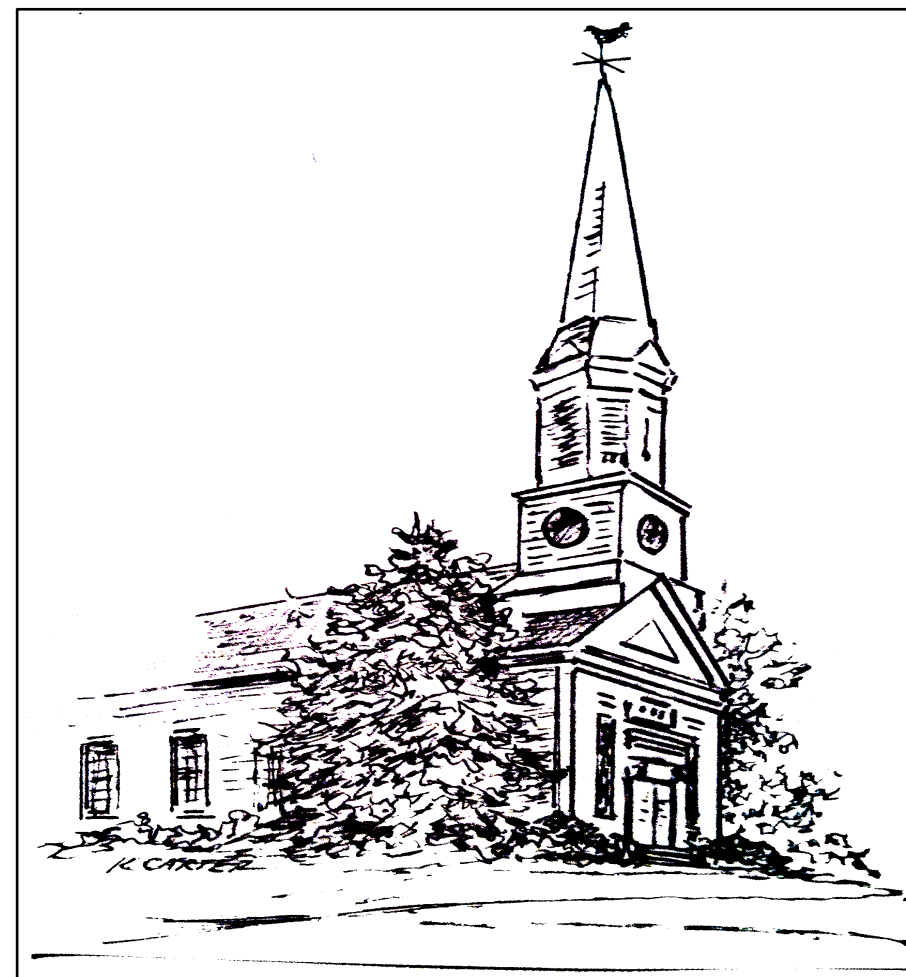
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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 29, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP
BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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

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| PRELUDE | “PRAISING THE ALMIGHTY” | Edward Broughton (1934-2015) |
| | “BE THOU MY VISION” | Arr., Albin C. Whitworth (b. 1938) |

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Carolyn Dupre

Author of Life, we pray that when we come to the end of our days, our work with you will lead us to something truly grand. We play only a small role in the cosmic drama that you have birthed us into. Thank you for including us and calling us to follow the One who taught his disciples 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** “CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST’S SERVICE” (*verses 1-3*) No. 581

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME *(together)*
We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen savior. In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of First Parish, we welcome you as members of this church and we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Congregational Welcome.)

ANTHEM “GOD OF LOVE AND GOD OF POWER” Arr., Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)
*God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
 grace to ask these gifts of thee: daring heart and spirits free.
 We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
 give us courage, let us hear heaven’s trumpets ringing clear.
 God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
 offering lives if it’s thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
 God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*
 — Gerald H. Kennedy (1907-1980)
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 34:1-12 O.T. 179 Carolyn Dupre

SERMON “Shaping the Future” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “OSE SHALOM” John Leavitt (b. 1956)
 Translation of Hebrew text:
*May the One who makes peace in the high heavens
 make peace for us on earth and in Israel. Amen.*
Sweet Spirit
Gail Berneike, clarinet

***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** **“WE’RE MARCHING TO ZION”** **No. 390**

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Recessional on “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”
 (Cwm Rhondda) Setting: Paul Manz (1919-2009)
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 given in memory of the 30th anniversary of our father, Dr. Kenneth E. Leigh's passing. He was a respected physician, a wonderful husband and father to his family. Please continue to watch over us and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, October 29 th | 10am Worship 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (all voices) 3pm Youth Group-grades 9-12 |
| Monday, October 30 th | 8:30am Shake It Up 6:30pm Church Council Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 31 st | 8:30am Yoga |
| Wednesday, November 1 st | 8am Strength Training 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom 10am First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive 6pm Personnel Committee Meeting 7pm Faith 101 |
| Thursday, November 2 nd | 8am Zumba 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 4pm New Members/Council Gathering |
| Friday, November 3 rd | 6pm Youth Group-grades 5-8 |
| Saturday, November 4 th | 8:30am Christian Education Meeting-Zoom 9am Deacon Training |
| Sunday, November 5 th | 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Youth Group-grades 9-12 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |



Ministers
All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Eric Dupee
Rev. Dan Hollis
Staff
Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries
Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate
First Parish Church Lay Leaders
John Covino, Moderator
Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator
Ray Hamlin, Treasurer
Susan Mancinelli, Clerk

FROM THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Scott Dalley: Through my in-laws, I attended FPC whenever I visited Maine. In 2020 I moved to Maine and during the Covid lockdown watched the services and then began attending in person earlier this year. I am in agreement with the Distinctive Characteristics of the United Church of Christ. I spent the majority of my life in New Jersey and two years living in Longare, Italy while serving in the United States Army. I’m a mostly retired property management executive. I am a life-long Yankee and Giants fan. Sorry Pats and Sox. I’m a pretty good cook and baker and can make a very good Manhattan. I am looking forward to getting more involved with the church because I have always been impressed by the people at FPC.

Barbara Herman: I was born in Worcester, MA. on Valentines Day. Raised 5 children. Have enjoyed several careers but enjoyed my 30 years of interior design owning my own business. I have been president of many non-profit boards, and a major fundraiser for Abby’s House in Worcester, MA, a safe home for abused women. I established a scholarship at Worcester State University awarded each year to a student who is a single mom. I am also an artist and a great teller of jokes.

Scott Nelson: I have lived in Amesbury, MA since the fall of 2018. I moved to this area, from Philadelphia, to be closer to family while being able to periodically commute into Boston, I do research and regulatory work in the legal industry. The pandemic changed my commuting plans and since the Spring of 202 I’ve worked from home. I really enjoy being close to my mom, Sandra Nelson, as well as my sister, Kristin Schrimper, and her family. I also enjoy being closer to nature and all it has to offer. My favorite leisure activities are hiking, biking and kayaking, as well as skiing, much slower than my niece and nephew.

Elizabeth Hastings: I am a Christian community Seeker and enthusiastic participant. I work part time as and online college teacher. I love working with students. I enjoy walking daily and swimming at York Harbor. I am a snowbird, spending 7 months in Maine and 5 months in Fort Lauderdale. I love to encourage.

John Moses: I grew up NY State with five siblings. I mostly worked as a carpenter with my late father. In 1990 I moved to Maine with my daughter and stepson. I built a house in town. I worked various jobs, some of which were in the commercial fishing industry, retail, and truck driving and of course carpentry. My interests include working in the dirt, boating, working with my hands to create art, fishing and spiritual development. Today I am navigating life as an older member of society. I grew up catholic but drifted from church to church until I found

an ideology that spoke to my heart. I am a student of “A Course in Miracles”. I practice various forms of meditation. I am a Reiki practitioner and a certified “Oneness Blessing giver. I find myself looking to get involved in a community and First Parish may fill those needs. I am looking forward to being a part of your community.

Bonnie Lillian Periale: I was raised in a church going family at Hancock Congregational in Lexington, MA. We were all singers in the various choirs and I was a member of the sacred dance choir. I studied dance at the Boston Conservatory and Art at the Museum of Fine Arts. I worked as a graphic designer to pay the bills. My husband and I performed with Pandemonium Puppets until we formed our own company, Perry Alley Theatre. We were graphic designer and editor for the Puppetry International magazine until 2022.

Thomas Richards: I have worked in the investment banking world since graduating from university in 1968. I first visited the coast of Maine in 1976. Cathy and I were married on the 24th of June 1984 at St Peter’s by the sea in Cape Neddick. We look forward to spending our retirement years in York. I am a ardent RED SOX fan and have had the good fortune of seeing a good number of games at Fenway over the years.

Catherine Richards: I grew up in Los Angeles and moved to Montreal after Thomas and I were married. I have a degree in music from UCLA, Vocal Performance. Graduate studies in Communication and Environmental Studies from Concordia Montreal. We have two sons, Bryant and Patrick who live in Montreal and Toronto. I have been a performer, composer, arranger and choral conductor. I have an interest in historical architecture, green building, landscaping and gardening. Dog lover.

Andrew Smith: I grew up in Plymouth, Massachusetts and played soccer throughout my high school. I was a C-130 jet engine mechanic in the active duty Air Force and retired after 22 years total service. I have a Facilities Engineering degree and a Masters in Environmental Sciences. I enjoy motorcycle riding and hockey. I dearly love my wife who I met in York over 10 years ago. She is truly wonderful. We have a beautiful daughter of 5 years old who is super duper awesome and we love this church very much.

Holly Smith: I grew up in Framingham, MA. My mom and sister, Emily, who is married with 2 boys still live there. My father and step mother live on the lake in Moultonborough, NH. Growing up and into my 20’s I loved to dance and spent time in the ballet studio. My undergrad degree is in English and my Masters is in Social Work. I am a licensed counselor and work in hospice. I would someday like to open a flower shop. Andy is the love of my life. We met late in life. Abigail is our absolute dream come true. She was baptized here by Pastor Dan.

James A. Sutherland: I am Canadian and a Nova Scotia native. Living in New England for 40 years. I am a writer and father of three sons, Marshall, Morgan and Drew.



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FAITH FEATURES

First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: Coming right up! Wish list includes: cranberry, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, canned pumpkin, canned fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, Knorr pasta and sides, Progresso soups. Appreciate any non- perishable food items and certainly, monetary donations (checks made out to YCSA Food Pantry) always welcomed. Thank you, in advance for your continued participation!
Linda Drew p.l.drew79@me.com or 207-351-8141.

Faith 101: Faith Formation for Adults. Wednesdays at 7pm. Get to know your faith better with these one-month weekly classes led by Pastor Dan. Each month-long unit is self-contained, so it's perfectly fine if you missed "Get to Know Your Bible" and want to jump into a new unit!

Get to Know God Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15

Get to Know Christ (January-February)

Get to Know Church (April-May)

Contact dan@firstparishyork.net if you’re interested in learning more about “Get to Know God,” meeting weekly at 7pm in Pastor Dan’s office.

Wreaths, Greens & More: Artists, Crafters, Quilters, Rug hookers, Makers! Do you have a wonderful creation that you have made that can be donated for our raffle at the Wreath, Greens & More Sale? If so, please contact Martha @ 363-7344 or email marthasgarden207@gmail.com.
Winter Berries Needed! If you can cut bundles of winter berries, please place them behind Fellowship Hall by November 29th. Thank you in advance! Wreaths, Greens & More committee.

Out to Lunch Bunch: Interested in going out to lunch after worship November 12 with new friends, old friends, visitors worshiping? We will be standing with a sign “Out to Lunch Bunch” in and around the Narthex after worship. We will decide on a destination at that time. Information contact Linda Drew 207-351-8141 or p.l.drew79@me.com

Green Tip/News: “Upfront Carbon Emissions in Home Construction” A very detailed and extensive view of considerations one needs to address when building a new home. Choosing materials, considering production of chosen materials, insulation materials (cellulose, wood fiber, foam products), concrete, roofing etc.
www.Finehomebuilding.com “Why Care about Carbon?”