

**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](http://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](http://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.

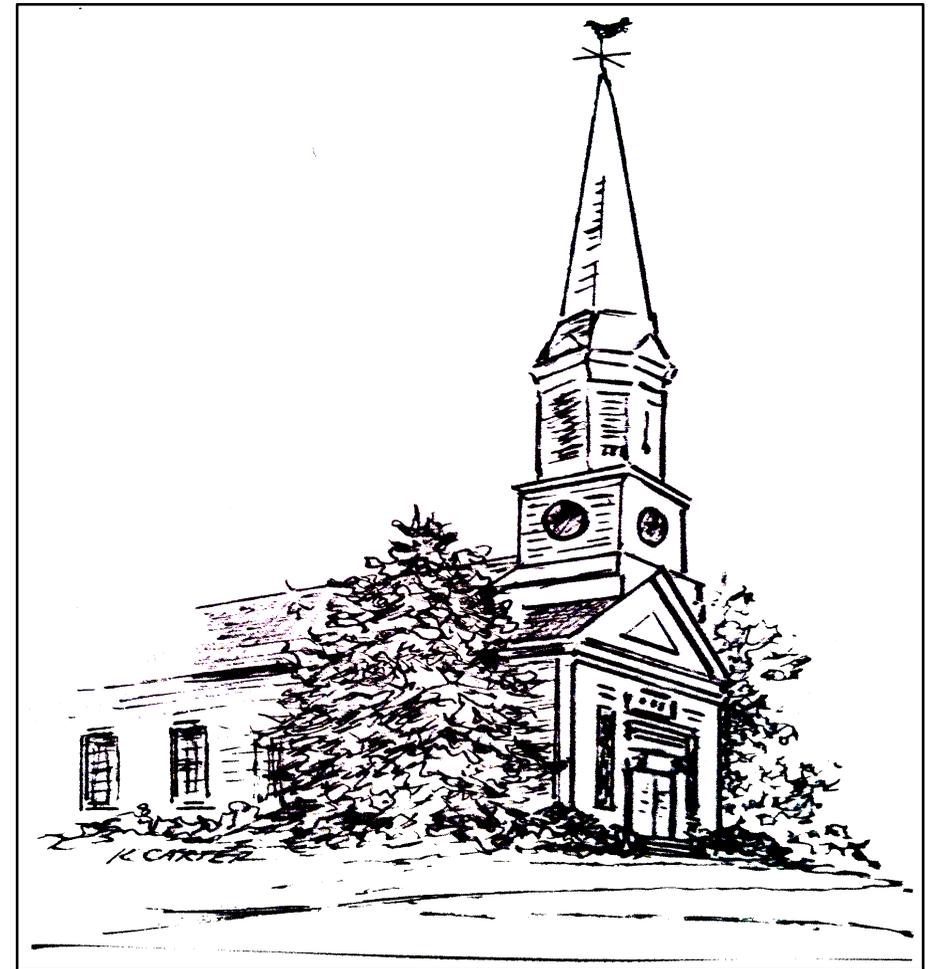
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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 30, 2022 ~ 10AM WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE** "MY HEART EVER FAITHFUL" (from *Cantata #68*) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" Arr., Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

**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)* Linda Drew  
**Holy God, all our worship is met by the cleansing gaze of your passion for justice. Enfold us in your grace, that we may embody our devotion in acts of justice and in defense of the helpless, to the glory of your name, in which we 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** "WE GATHER TOGETHER" No. 81

**MISSION MOMENT** Michelle Surdoval, Executive Director  
York Community Services Association

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

**ANTHEM** "LORD, LEAD ME, LORD" Arr., Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)  
*Shepherd and guide me, stay close beside me, Lord.  
Tend and protect me, bend and direct me, Lord.  
Last in my sleeping, first in my day, ever my Master, always my Way;  
touch me completely, hear when I pray: "Dear Lord, lead me, Lord."  
Anchor and hold me, shape and remold me, Lord.  
Pilot and steer me, comfort and cheer me, Lord.*  
**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 N.T. 182 Linda Drew

**SERMON** Pastor Dan Hollis

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS "WITH EVERY BREATH"** Ken Medema (b. 1943)  
*With every breath I take, O God, I will praise You.  
With every word I speak, new hope I will sing.  
When I lie down at night or when I greet the morning light,  
Lord of my heart, praises to You gladly I'll bring.  
When I am weak, when I am strong,  
view the bright day all the night long.  
When there is hope, when hope is gone,  
with every breath I'll sing on!*  
**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

*(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** "BE NOT AFRAID" No. 430

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in D Minor J.S. Bach  
*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 by Christopher Briley in loving memory of his Grandparents,  
Ruth and Abbott Trueman.*



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**FAITH FEATURES**

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**Food Pantry Drive:** Our monthly First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive will take place November 2 from 10AM-11AM. Wish List: Progresso soups, Knorr pasta and sides, 2lb sugar, small cooking oil, ramen noodles and jars or cans of pasta sauce. Monetary donations always gratefully received as well.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help, too! Especially new volunteers. Please contact Linda Drew [p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto: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

**Green Tips/News:** A study looking at the lifecycles of 61 commercially used metals finds that more than half have a lifespan of less than 10 years. Exceptions include gold, which stays in use for centuries and can be repurposed, as well as iron and lead. "The longer we use metals, the less we need to mine", notes industrial ecologist and co-author Christoph Helbig. He suggests one way to boost metals economic lifetime: mandating that new products be made with reused material. <http://Nature.com> "Sustainability Paper"

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 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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 9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting  
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8am Aerobics

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10am Worship/Communion/Sweet Spirit  
 providing music offering



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*Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries*

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