

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.

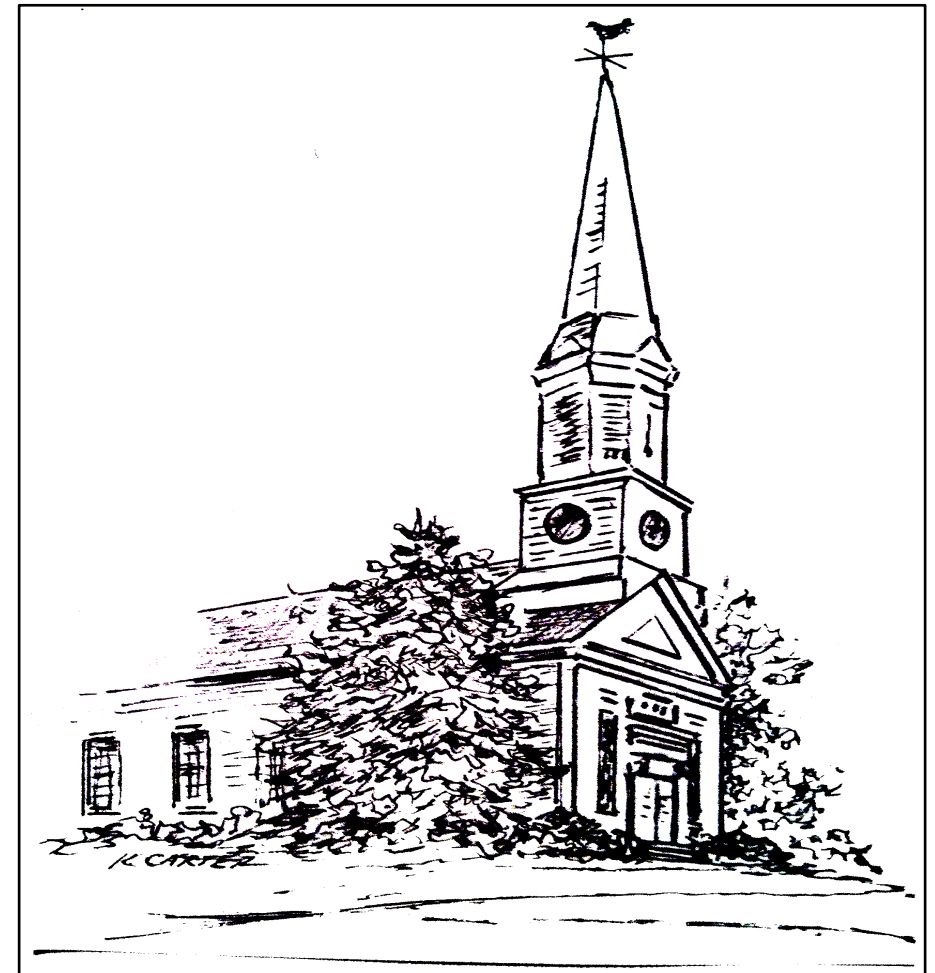
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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**First Parish Church
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“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

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.)
“THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE” *(Leoni)* Arr., Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)
First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Linda Drew
God, you have not turned your back on us or forgotten us. You are here with us in the blooming of this new day. Help us to wake up to your new day; this day and everyday. Help us to “take on the mind of Christ” as we sing, as we listen, and as 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 “PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY” No. 71

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dan Hollis

(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 “KEEP YOUR LAMPS” Arr., Andre Thomas (b. 1952)
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning -- the time is drawing nigh.
Children don’t get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over.
Gail Berneike, djembe
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13 N.T. 24 Linda Drew

SERMON “Get Your Own Oil” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”
JS Bach/Arr., Christine D. Anderson and Cathy DeRousse
Diana Parton, handbells

*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 “SING A NEW CHURCH” *(verses 1-4)* No. 577

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Recessional on “GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH” *(Gwalchmai)*
Arr., Glenn Medlock

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 loving memory of Richard, Mildred and Elmer Young
by the Young Family.



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Looking Ahead

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All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

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Dine with Nine: Just a heads’ up. We will have an opportunity to enjoy being with each other again January -March 2024. Those of you who would enjoy being hosts/hostesses this time will be asked to sign up in December for the winter months. So be thinking ahead how many people would you like to invite and what time and date would work best for you. **January 8 thru March 11.** Watch for official signup in December. You may recall that these get togethers can be potlucks, hors d’ourves and drinks, “puzzles in the afternoon”, fancy dinner, outdoor hike and firepit, be creative. Try something new! Thoughts? Questions? Linda Drew p.l.drew79@me.com/207-351-8141

Livestream Camera Operators: With the new sound system in place, it is a very exciting time in the First Parish digital ministries. We are very proud of the worship experience we are providing folks far and wide every week, and we need more volunteers to help out on a rotating basis operating the cameras on Sunday mornings. If you are comfortable with computers (no need to be an expert!), we would love to show you what we're up to down in the streaming room and see if you'd be interested in learning how you can help. Please contact Pastor Dan (dan@firstparishyork.net) to learn more or ask questions! Many hands make light work and a far lighter schedule.

One Warm Coat: Cleaning out your closets before winter? From infants to adults, everyone deserves to feel the warmth that a coat provides. Please consider donating your clean, gently used or new coats to the 2023 *One Warm Coat Drive* which will be held **Sunday, December 3, 2023. Donations will be accepted on the church steps before the 10 a.m. service.** In addition, coats can be donated during the December *First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive* in front of First Parish Office on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 10 - 11 a.m.**

Green Tip/News: Reminders as winter approaches: drapes and curtains reduce heat loss; www.windowdressers.com will make window inserts for you; lower water heater temp to 120 degrees; for every 10 degrees the temp is lowered, you can expect to save up to 5% in energy costs; when using small amounts of water make sure you always put your faucet lever in the cold position...putting it in the hot position draws hot water immediately which will fire up your hot water heater even though hot water may not reach the faucet. Sourced from **Efficiency Maine and NHSaves**



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