

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.

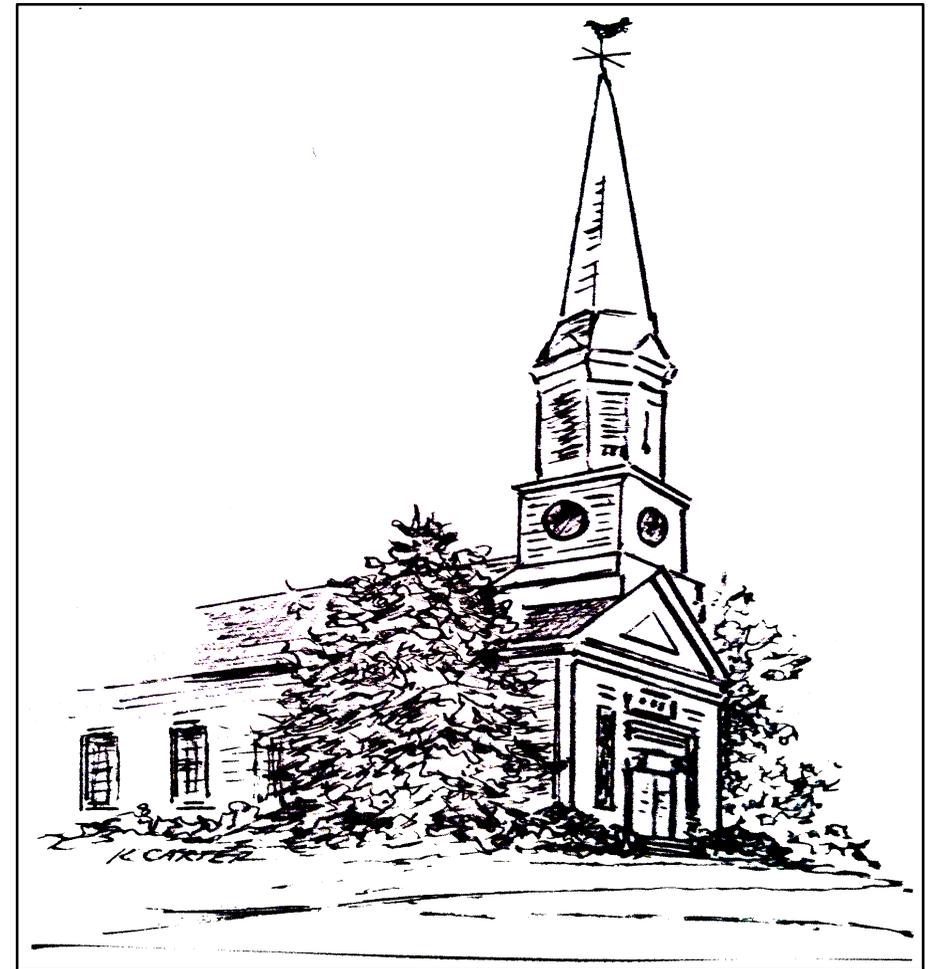
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 ~ 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

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

Hymn Setting on "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" *(Nicea)*

Arr., Lloyd Larson

First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

Polly Stanwood

Blessing God, whose caring hands cupped beneath the elements of the universe and – like a potter – fashioned us, reach out your hand in blessing on us this morning. Encourage and strengthen us with your wisdom until we become like you, fashioners of justice and love. With hands and hearts open, we lift up our prayer...

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

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" *(verses 1-3)*

No. 23

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGE

(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

"SING UNTO THE LORD" Charles Yannerella

Sing unto the Lord. Let your heart rejoice

and your soul filled with gladness.

Sing unto the Lord. Let us bless his holy name.

Fill your hearts with praises and thanksgiving.

Let us go before the Lord and bless his name forever.

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15 O.T. 2

Polly Stanwood

SERMON

"Keep It"

Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"CARILLON"

Joyce Jones (1933-2022)

(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

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**

"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

No. 21

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Joyce Jones

*We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.
However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.*

*The flowers are given in loving memory of Virginia Russell Purrington
in honor of her life and her 97th birthday from her family.*



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 3pm Confirmation Class
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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 6:30pm Fellowship in Action

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 6:30pm Deacons Meeting
 6:30pm Assessors Meeting

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 4pm Mission Committee Meeting

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 Amy Burke, Vice Moderator
 Ray Hamlin, Treasurer
 Susan Mancinelli, Clerk

Stewardship Witness: Today, our church Moderator, John Covino, will say a few words about our estimated financial contributions to First Parish in 2023.

CPR Class: Michelle Blasi will be teaching a CPR class in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 8 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. We are inviting all staff, volunteers, and members of the congregation to participate. It is \$50 per person. The link to RSVP is below. Email sabrinahstephens@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA5AE2BABFEC16-first> or go to the First Parish website.

If anyone is concerned about the cost, please contact the Parish office at 207-363-3758 or office@firstparishyork.net

Harvest Table: The Flower Committee is asking for donations for the Harvest Table on **Sunday, November 20th**. Pumpkins, gourds, fresh vegetables. Donations can be left at the Parish Office Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am-12noon or Thursday 9am-2pm or in the drop box outside the Parish Office door. After Sunday service all donations will go to the York Community Services Association for Thanksgiving Baskets. THANK YOU!

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