

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.

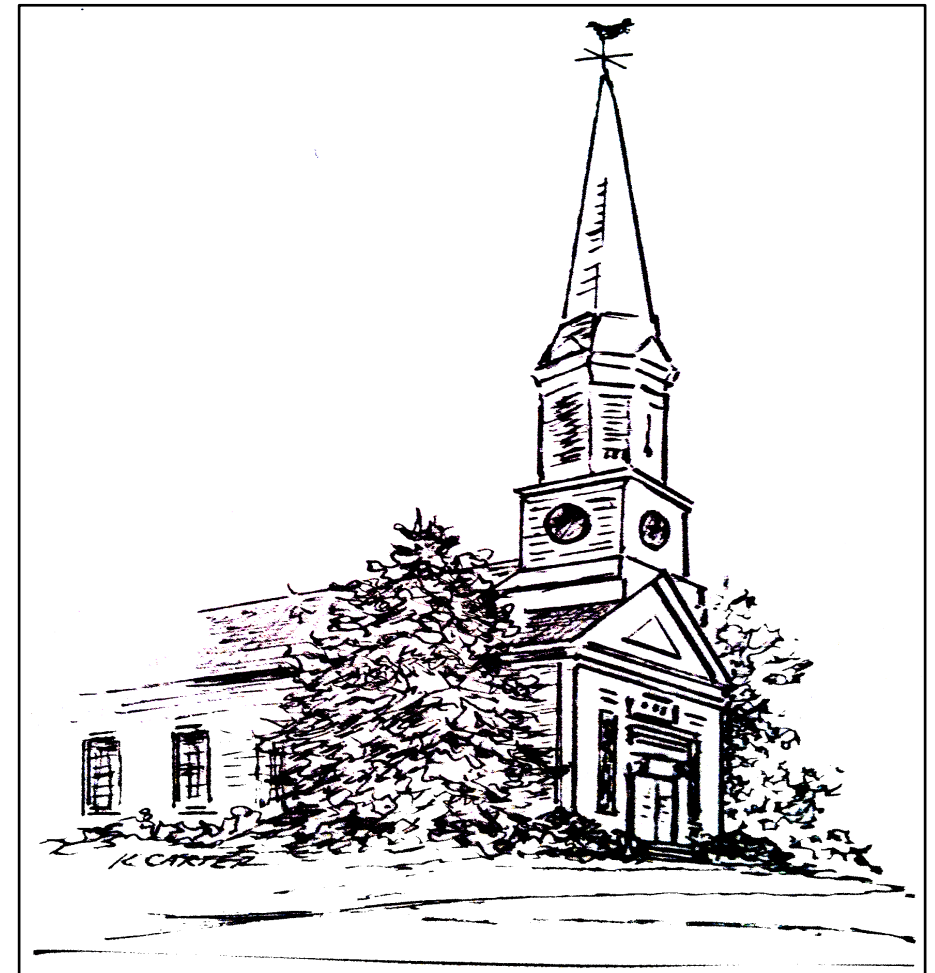
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

“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 5, 2023 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young (1919-1998)
 Adagio in Classic Style David Hegarty (b. 1945)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee
L: Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.
P: Amen.
L: And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of all the earth.
P: Amen.
L: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Come and worship!
P: Amen.

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

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Shawn McCartee
We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord 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 "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" *(verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)* No. 529

(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.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 5th	10am Worship/Communion/All Saints Sunday 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (all voices)
Monday, November 6th	8:30am Shake It Up
Tuesday, November 7th	8:30am Yoga 9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 8th	8am Strength Training 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm Deacons Meeting 7pm Faith 101
Thursday, November 9th	8am Zumba 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 12th	9:45am Hymn Sing 10am Worship 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 10 Christmas in the Village
Sunday, December 17 Lessons and Carols at Trinity Church



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Eric Dupee

Pastor Dan Hollis

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

John Covino, Moderator

Amy Burke, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



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FAITH FEATURES

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 worshipping? 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

Dine with Nine: We will have an opportunity to enjoy being with each other again January-March 2024. Hosts/hostesses will be asked to sign up in December. Think ahead how many people you would like to invite and what time and date would work best for you. Watch for official signup in December. Get togethers can be potlucks, hors d'oeuvres and drinks, fancy dinner, outdoor hike/firepit, be creative. Thoughts? Questions? Linda Drew p.l.drew79@me.com or 207-351-8141.

Green Tip/News: Why would the rainforest of Indonesia matter to you? They may be far away, but they regulate global temps and provide clean air and water. We all depend on them to survive. These forests are being intentionally set afire in order to clear land for palm oil plantations. Dawn, Downy, Gain, Olay, Pantene are produced by one of several corporations destroying these forests. No amount of Bounty and Charmin can wipe away that destruction. www.rainforestactionnetwork.com

ANTHEM "BLESSED ART THOU" Eugene Butler (b. 1935)
*Blessed art thou, Lord, the God of Israel. Blessed art Thou, God forever and ever.
Blessed art Thou, Lord, our Father forever. Blessed art Thou, Lord, in all the earth.
Thine is the power! Thine is the might! Thine is the glory!
Thine is the majesty! Thine is the Kingdom! Thine is the victory!
Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and power.*
— I Chronicles 29:10-13

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9-17 N.T. 221 Shawn McCartee

SERMON "A Place Among the Great Multitude" Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "REFLECTION" Kerry J. Beaumont (b. 1947)

***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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity, then we drink from our cups individually as a symbol of our individual relationships with Christ. (We serve grape juice, not wine, and have a pre-sealed option as well as gluten free crackers available in the center of the bread trays.)

***CLOSING HYMN** "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING" No. 358

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune and Chorale
Lani Smith (1934-2015)

*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 Phyllis and John Fogg and William Carl
by Ric and Joy Carl.*



Elizabeth Vail Carruthers

William G. Dunn

Todd D. Spelman

Joann Ott Bibb

William Givens

Joanne Oakes

Diana Evans

Nelson Giordano

Nancy Junkins

Robert H. Studley, Jr.

Margaret McIntosh

Jan M. Hansen

Nancy Viele



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 Food Pantry Drive* in front of First Parish Church on **Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023 from 10 - 11 a.m.**

Sponsored by the Mission Board at First Parish Church.

Contact *Eric or Cathy McCulley*, One Warm Coat co-chairs at epmcculley@gmail.com to help or to ask questions.

Coats will be distributed by the York County Community Action to people in need throughout York County, ME.

