

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.

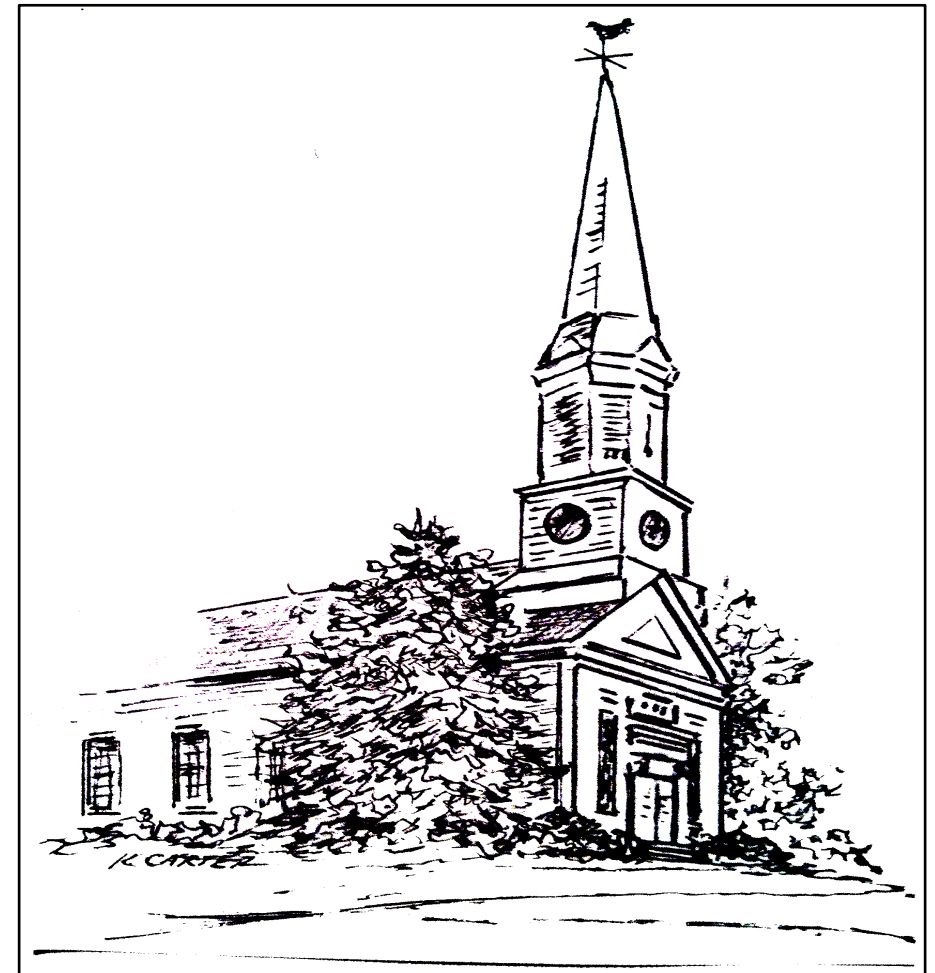
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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 fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid,
for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help
you, I will uphold you with my victorious hand.”
Isaiah 41:10**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee and Bonnie Periale

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)
"CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER"
Roberta Bitgood (1908-2007)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Cindy Bufithis
Mighty God, stay with us always, not only in our worship, but as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage. Your glory shines in the face of Christ. Shine in our lives that we might honor the one who taught this 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 "JESUS SHALL REIGN" No. 341

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 "OPEN OUR EYES" Will C. Macfarlane (1870-1945)
Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may behold Thee waking beside us in our sorrow. Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant; for through its portals we enter the presence of the Living God.
Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may see to follow thee, Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.
— Frederic West MacDonald (1842-1928)
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-9 N.T. 38 Cindy Bufithis

SERMON "Human Things and Dive Things" Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Largo in A-Flat
Elizabeth Stirling (1819-1895)

***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 "YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD" No. 99

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Recessional on "HYMN TO JOY"
Alice Johnson (1916-2012)

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 Kitty Jonas and Marian Copenhaver by Per and Jan Jonas"

"Flowers are given in loving memory of Betty Ford by her Church Family."



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FAITH FEATURES

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11:30am Informational Meeting for Annual Meeting

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8:30am Shake It Up

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6:30pm Fellowship In Action
8am Interval Training
5pm Mission Trip Planning Meeting
6:30pm Assessors Meeting

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8am Cardio/Strength
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7pm Faith 101

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Questions? Contact Kathy McQueeney at Kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com.

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