

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.

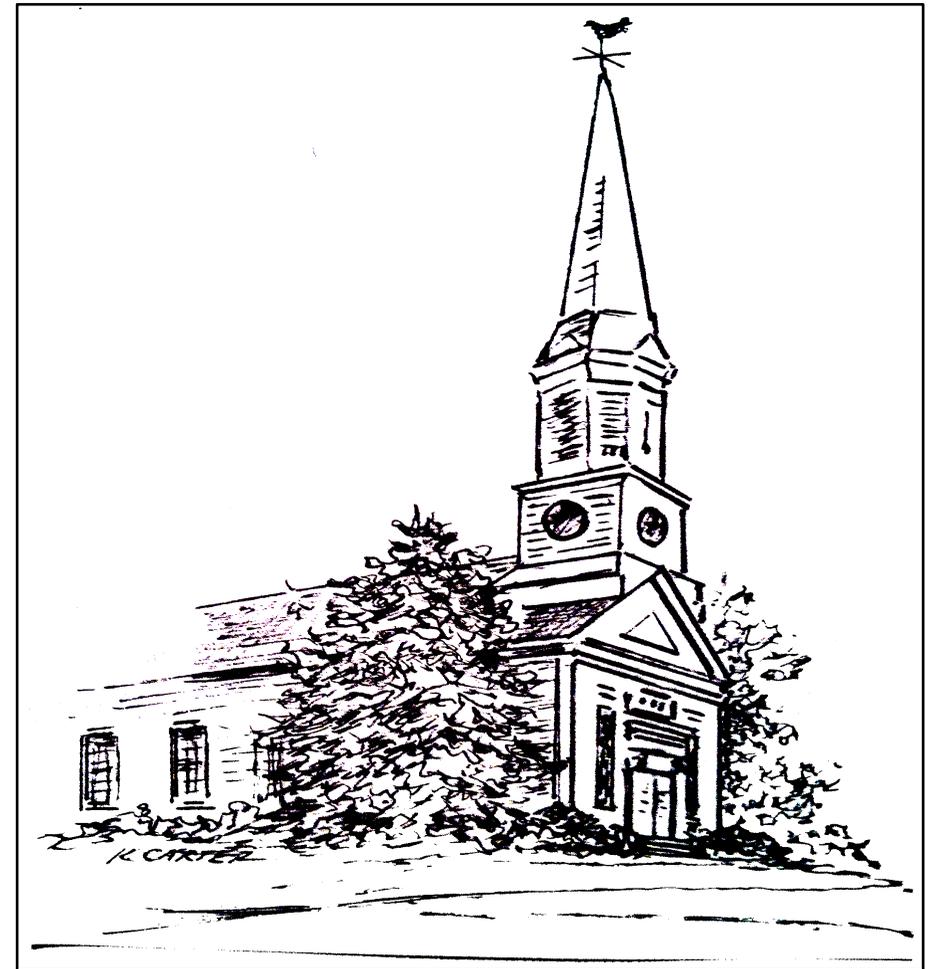
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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

HYMN SING 9:45AM

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dan Hollis

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL" Arr., Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

Barbara Kern

Divine Gardener, you give growth to our seeds and to the towering forest trees; you raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Teach us to choose blessing and living rather than death, so that we may walk blamelessly, seeking you through reconciliation with all of your children, in your name...

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** "LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING" No. 22

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME *(together)*

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen savior. In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of First Parish, we welcome you as members of this church and we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

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

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, February 12th	9:45am Hymn Sing 10am Worship/New Members 12noon Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 3pm Confirmation Class
Monday, February 13th	8:30am Shake It Up 6:30pm Fellowship in Action
Tuesday, February 14th	8:30am Yoga 6:30pm Assessors Meeting
Wednesday, February 15th	8am Strength Training 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
Thursday, February 16th	8am Zumba 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 17th	8am Aerobics
Sunday, February 19th	10am Worship



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dan Hollis

Rev. Eric Dupee

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

Fellowship in Action: All are welcome to attend the Fellowship in Action meeting on Monday, February 13 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Dine with Nine: A hearty thanks to Jim and Carolyn Dupre, Jerri and Kevin LeConte, Fran and Dick Lalley, Betsy O'Keefe, Susan and Don Gough, Kay and Ray Hamlin, Rae and Bob LeBlanc, Sue and Dennis Wierzba, Linda and Philip Drew, Pat Smith, Sandy Nelson and Linda Hart for offering to host some wonderful get togethers for us. There were over 60 diners and 20 host/hostesses. **THANK YOU!!** Linda Drew, Dine with Nine coordinator

Planet Aid: Great news! The bright yellow Planet Aid bins for textiles, clothes and shoes will be residing again on our front lawn for the month of April. A prompt to start your spring cleaning early. Bring your towels, old linens, curtains, unsellable clothing and shoes to the bins right here instead of depositing at the Transfer Station. The bin will be emptied every Tuesday. Tell your friends and neighbors; this opportunity is for everyone in our town! Pass it on!

Green Tip/News: Engaging in pro-environmental behaviors, like recycling, potentially increase a person's desirability according to a recent study. People associate pro-environmental behaviors with qualities like altruism, which are considered desirable characteristics in long term partners. There was also a 240% increase in the mention of climate change and environmental terms on OkCupid profiles from 2018-2020. Tinder revealed that "climate change" and "environment" topped the list of what their GenZ users cared about when deciding who to date. www.ideas.ted.com
www.sciencedirect.com

ANTHEM "CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION" Dale Wood (1934-2003)
*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
Laud and honor to the Father. Laud and honor to the Son.
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.
One in mighty and One in glory while unending ages run.*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 N.T. 146 Barbara Kern

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Hymn Prelude on "PRAISE TO THE LORD"
Arr., J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

(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** "SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING" No. 712

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Recessional on "SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE"
Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b.1933)

*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*

**FROM THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Linda Bruce: My husband Iain and I moved to York full time in April 2022 from Westport, Connecticut. I am an avid gardener, tennis player, and life long learner. I have two furry canine family members, Strider, 13 and Elijah, 3. Iain is currently pursuing a Master's Degree at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Our daughter, Margot, has an MFA in Cinema and is launching her career in the Boston area. I am currently a hospital chaplain at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. Chaplaincy has been one of my calls to ministry following my graduation from divinity school in 2016.

Henry Burke: I live in York with my wife, Amy, and my sons, James and Everett. I have been attending First Parish with my family for many years. I work for the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, New Hampshire as their Director of Programs. Directing camps, school programs, and family eco-adventure trips. I enjoy skiing, hiking, gardening, and playing guitar.

Burke Eldredge: I grew up and have lived in York my whole life. Briefly living in North Carolina for school and South Berwick with my wife Jenna before our boys started attending York schools. I work for a real estate agency in town. I enjoy being in the outdoors and am a registered Maine State Guide for hunting and fishing. I enjoy being in the woods and on the water the most.

Jenna Eldredge: My husband, Burke, and I have two teenage boys that both attend York Schools. I own a child care in town that keeps me very busy. Working with young children has always been by passion. I enjoy reading and love to travel to our beautiful national parks. Our boys play hockey which has us visiting towns all over New England each weekend.

Cathy McCulley: My husband, Eric, and I have 4 children and 5 grandchildren living in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. They enjoy visiting us and the lovely Maine beaches. I have spent much of my life as in education as a teacher and STEM coordinator. I love math and helping teachers support students. I earned my doctorate in 2018 and am technically retired. I still work part time as an educational consultant and an associate professor for Notre Dame of Maryland University. I love to quilt and read. My husband and I enjoy cooking, kayaking, walking on the beach, and riding our new bikes. We moved to Cape Neddick in 2018.

Eric McCulley: My wife, Cathy, and I moved to Massachusetts in 1988 where I spent 33 years working for a company that manufactures microwave telecommunications equipment for live coverage of breaking news events, Electronic News Gathering (ENG). I am revitalizing our beloved new "old" home and resuscitating old hobbies such as woodworking, kayaking, biking, and discovering the endless beauty that Maine has to offer.

Scott Nelson: I moved to Amesbury, Massachusetts in 2018 from Philadelphia to be closer to my mom, Sandra Nelson and sister, Kristin Schrimper. I do research and regulatory work in the legal industry. I enjoy being closer to nature, hiking, biking, and kayaking, as well as skiing.

Jacqueline Perry: I am an RN nurse working in Hospice for over 12 years. I have been married to the love of my life for 5 years. I have a daughter who is pursuing her Master's degree in computer animation in Florida and a son who lives in northern New Hampshire. My husband, David, and I have 2 rescue dogs, Mollie and Chase, who keep us very busy. We like to camp, travel and socialize and we love the beach.

David Perry: I was born and raised in the Boston area. I built a house in York and moved here permanently in 2004. I love the ocean, swimming, boating and the outdoors. I've had a career in the computer industry and I'm looking forward to transitioning into retirement. I'm happily married to my beautiful wife, Jacqueline and have a wonderful step daughter and son.

Judi Reid: I have lived on the West Coast for the majority of my life. I retired after 16 years from the Palo Alto, California Veterans Hospital working with blind and visually impaired veterans. I moved to York to live near my youngest daughter and her family. I enjoy traveling and learning about other cultures and spending time with my three daughters and eight grandchildren. I look forward to getting to know the community and members of First Parish Church.

Carol Waleryszak: My husband and I have been married 52 years and we live in Kittery. I was head chaplain at Unity on the River. I was ordained an interfaith minister by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine in 2011. I am a retired middle school Gifted and Talented teacher and my husband and I operated a recreational campground in Exeter for 35 years.