

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.

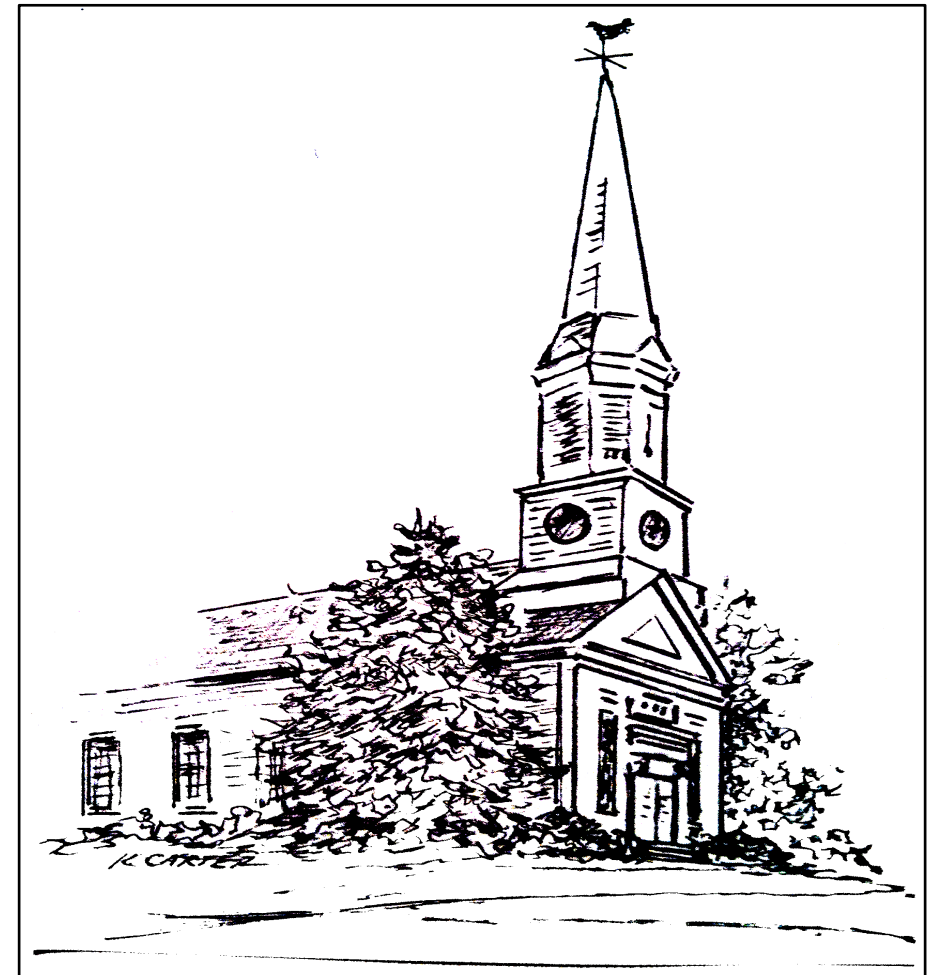
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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 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 18, 2024 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune in C Major Gordon Young (1919-1998)
 “ON JORDAN’S STORMY BANKS” (*O’Kane*) Arr., Tom Birchwood (1934-2015)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dan Hollis

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ’s light in the world.)
 “ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING” Arr., Karen Roth
 First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Pat Smith
God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle but instead open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, in the name of the one 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 “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS” No. 473

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Eric Dupee

(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 “JESUS WALKED THIS LONESOME VALLEY” Arr., Michael Larkin (b. 1951)
*Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself.
Nobody else could walk it for him. He had to walk it by himself.
Jesus went to stand his trial. He had to stand it by himself.
Nobody else could stand it for him. He had to stand it by himself.*

Meredyth Goss, flute
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:9-15 N.T. 30 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD”
 Text: Psalm 51:10-13
 Music: Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)
*Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

*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 “THROUGHOUT THESE LENTEN DAYS AND NIGHTS” *(verses 1-3)* No. 250

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Recessional in G Major
 Wilber Held (1914-2015)

*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 Catherine L. and Harold T. Stonemetz:
James T. and Dorothea H. Hill and Spencer J. Stonemetz*

*Flowers are given in loving memory of our daughter, Emily Elizabeth, by Robert
and Kris White and our grandfather, David Miller Jr., by Matthew and Gregory White*



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10am Worship
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8:30am Shake It Up
8:30am Yoga
6:30pm Assessors Meeting

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8am Interval Training
9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
4pm Mission Committee Meeting
7pm Winter Wednesday Music Hour

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5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
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6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

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8am Aerobics
10am Worship/Sweet Spirit will provide special music
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First Parish Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 25 immediately following worship, in the sanctuary. No Coffee Hour.

Faith 101 (Faith Formation for Adults): Wednesdays at 7PM **February 21** is canceled.

Fellowship In Action: Recycle, Replenish, Reveal, our FPC Kitchen

Recycle - In keeping with our pledge to care for our planet, if you have any multiples or underused kitchen items, (silverware, pots and pans, serving pieces) we welcome them.

Replenish - Our kitchen needs multiples of utensils, cook and bakeware, for events like Gratitude Luncheon

Receptacle - A large bin is located in the Pilgrim Room for donated items. Another small bin is located in the Parish office.

Reveal - Soon we will have a tour of our renewed, restocked, refreshed, revived kitchen in the Spring. Collecting donations for February and March.

For questions and ideas call Holly Hayes at 603-767-4217 hollyhayesnh@yahoo.com

Winter Wednesday Music Hour: Come warm your hands and hearts with Joyce Andersen & Harvey Reid in a Winter Wednesday Music Hour at First Parish Church 180 York Street, York, Maine. This acoustic musical offering will take place in the historic First Parish Church in the heart of the village on February 21, February 28 and March 6 at 7pm-8pm. Donations graciously welcomed.

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