

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.

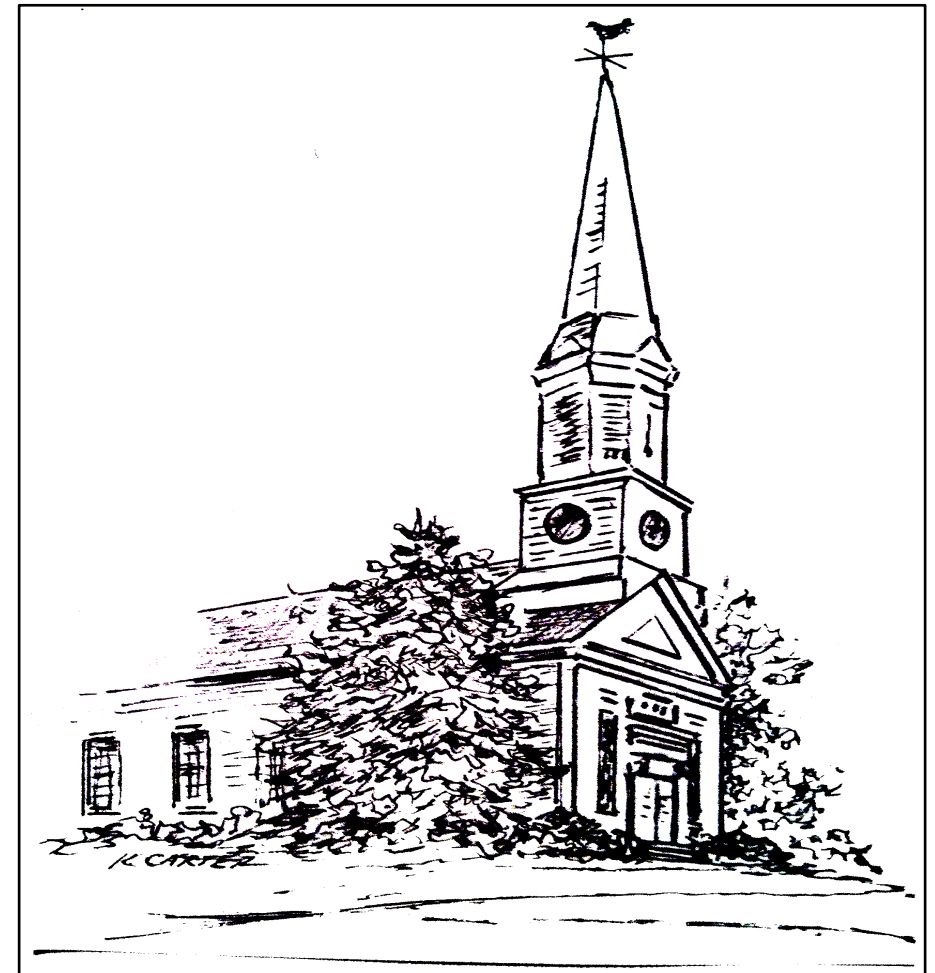
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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**"In the world you face persecution. But take
courage; I have conquered the world!"
John 16:33**

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

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.)
“AMAZING GRACE” Arr. Frederick Swann (1931-2022)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Jan Jonas
Through Christ you make us a new creation, O God, for with him we pass from sin to new life in grace. Reach out to us in mercy and soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us and raising us up into your eternal presence, in whose name we 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 “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY” No. 569

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

(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 “AMAZING GRACE” Arr., John Coates, Jr. (1938-2017)
*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*
— John Newton (1725-1807)
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10 N.T. 170 Jan Jonas

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD”
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.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.*
— Psalm 51:10-13

*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 “CHRIST IS THE WORLD’S LIGHT” No. 121

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Recessional on “MAJESTY”
Arr., Douglas E. Wagner (b.1952)

*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 Janet’s mother, Martha Annett
from Janet and Larry Cassidy.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, March 10th

9:45am Hymn Sing
10am Worship/Lent IV
11:15am Out to Lunch Bunch
11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
5pm Eat, Fast, Feast-Book Study Group

Monday, March 11th

8:30am Shake It Up
6:30pm Fellowship in Action

Tuesday, March 12th

8:30am Yoga
6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, March 13th

8am Interval Training
9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
6:30pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday, March 14th

7pm Winter Wednesday Music Hour
8am Zumba

Friday, March 15th

5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
8am Aerobics

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10am Worship/Lent V/Handbells will provide
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Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

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Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

John Covino, Moderator

Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk

Out to Lunch Bunch: We'll be going out to lunch after the service this morning, March 10. Join us in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall to gather and find out our destination. All are invited. Always fun.

Mission Opportunity: We will be traveling to Salem TWP, Maine from June 23-28 to do mission work. Our work will include home repair, painting, etc. for those in need in this rural area of our state. We will live and eat together and sleep in 2 bunk houses. The property sleeps 22 with RV and tenting sites available. We are looking for folks high school age and older to join us for this week. We are hoping for some people with some experience with small construction projects. We have jobs for all skill levels. We are also looking for 2 people to commit to shopping for and preparing the meals for the group and staying the week with us. The cost is \$300/person which goes directly for materials for the home improvements. There will be a nominal cost for food and transportation. We hope to fundraise and seek donations to offset some of this cost of materials and food. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Carolyn Dupre cardup8@gmail.com or call 207 752-3247. Link to the website: <https://www.umeconomicministry.com/bring-a-mission-team>

Fellowship in Action: Join in the fun. All are welcome to attend the Fellowship in Action meeting on Monday, March 11 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Come see what we're all about. Refreshments provided.

Creation Care Committee: Meeting Monday, March 18 is canceled and will be rescheduled for some time in April.

Green News/Tips: Planet Aid Textile Bins are returning. First Parish April 2022 and 2023 and 2024. Thank you Church Council! Time for spring cleaning. Drawers, closets, garages, basements, etc. We are asking you to bring your old linens, towels, small rugs, curtains, etc. to these bins. We have one short month after that it will mean a trip to the Witchtrot Transfer facility where there are TWO permanent bins. Although these bins say "Clothes and Shoes" they also accept the above. We strongly encourage you to donate all of your sellable clothing and shoes to the thrift stores in our area. Bring your textiles to the bins. In 2023 the bin was emptied every Tuesday hopefully it will be the same this year. The Bin will arrive at the beginning of April. See you in the attic.



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