

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.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

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.

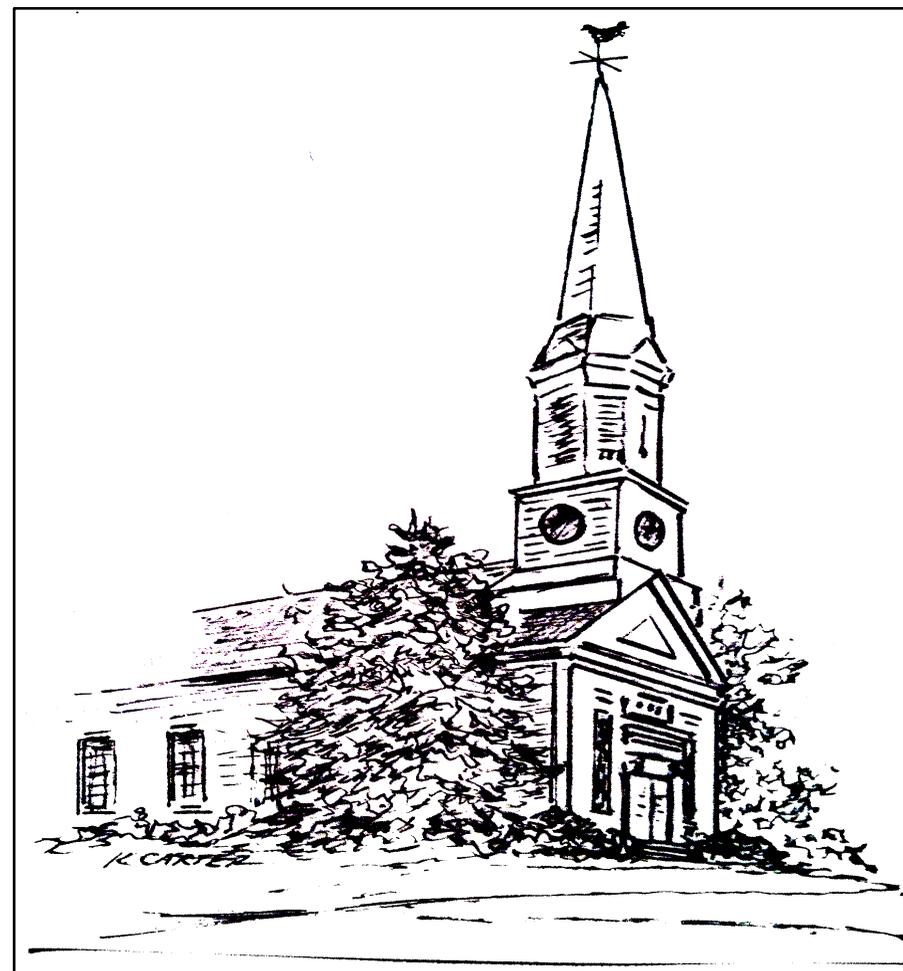
Nursery Care: *Our nursery is temporarily closed.*

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. 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. Until further notice, *masks are required for all students and teachers while inside*. If you have any questions about the masking and distancing protocols practiced by First Parish's youth programs, please do reach out to Pastor Dan or any of our Sunday School teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

Pastoral Care: If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at (207) 363-3758, or send an email to eric@firstparishyork.net or dan@firstparishyork.net. The pastors are also available to make hospital visits, and we ask that you let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you explicitly ask them to do so.



First Parish Church
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SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE “DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS” (*Schmücke Dich*)
Harmonization John Crüger (1598-1662)
Chorale G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Setting David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
Variation Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Dan Hollis

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

Meditation on “SCHMÜCKE DICH” Arr., Douglas E. Wagner (b 1952)
First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Eric Dupee

God of patient love, we praise you for your ever-open door. You open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, that we may live in Jesus Christ, the model and the pioneer of your new creation, who taught us 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** “COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING” No. 68

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

"LORD, KEEP US CLOSER TO YOU"
Words and Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price
*In the quiet of this moment here in this holy place,
help us find Your presence, Lord; help us know Your grace.
Renew each spirit, heal every soul.
Come and touch us with Your love, and make us whole.
In the troubled world around us, help us to share Your light.
Walk along beside us, Lord; keep us in Your sight.
Guide every footstep, help us be true. Draw us closer every day.
Give us strength to live in faith and follow You.*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-32 N.T. 68 Carolyn Dupre

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “THIS WE PRAY” Jay Althouse (b. 1951)
Karen Lynge and Nathan Cox

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** *(together)* No. 34

***CLOSING HYMN** “GOD BE WITH YOU” *(insert)*

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Pastor Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE “STRONG DELIVERER” (*Cwm Rhondda*)
Phil Lehenbauer (b. 1960)

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Janet’s mother, Martha Annett
from Janet and Larry Cassidy.*



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FAITH FEATURES

Fellowship Pads: The Welcoming Team is introducing Fellowship Pads in worship. This can be an important way to extend welcome. It allows us to learn the names of those sitting in the same pew and it is means to share important information. We ask the first person on the center aisle to write their name on the pad and then pass it down until the whole row has filled it in. Then it will be passed back to the center row. While you are passing it back, please make note of the names of those you don't know and give our guests a friendly welcome.

Flower Committee: The Flower Committee is looking for a few new members who can help organize the giving of our Sunday church flowers. No experience with flowers is actually necessary and committee members can help you get up and running! Please contact Martha at 363-7344/marthasgarden207@gmail.com or Richard at 207-337-2323/leigh4186@gmail.com.

Lenten Prayer Walk: April 2, 2022 @ 9:00am. This year I will lead and teach a form of prayer involving movement or walking. It is not complicated and the walking will not be strenuous. We will meet at the entrance to the First Parish Cemetery behind the church and Town Hall, not the main entrance on York St. I will provide instructions. We will walk as a group for a time, and I will invite you to walk on your own, at your own pace. This will happen rain or shine. Please contact Pastor Eric with any questions.

Green Tip/News: Buy less. Choose Well. Make it last. Quality not quantity. "Fast fashion" makes up 10% of global carbon emissions. The main drivers to pollution are dyeing, yarn preparation and fiber production. The study found that fiber production had a huge impact on freshwater withdrawal and water waste. This industry is the second largest consumer of water, requiring 700 gallons of water to produce one cotton shirt. Additionally, many brands use synthetic fibers like polyester and nylon which take hundreds of years to biodegrade. Consider "thrifting". A great way to find sustainable, inexpensive, unique items and send you on your way to shifting your mindset; making more environmentally responsible decisions when shopping. "High Price of Fast Fashion" B.Muppala www.mor.news (July 7, 2021) "Fast Fashion Explained" www.vox.com (February 3, 2020)



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Fellowship in Action: Calvary Bible Church's 28th Annual Ladies Day Apart with Liz Curtis Higgs in Derry, NH. Saturday, April 2 8am-3pm. Advance tickets required \$45 registration fee includes breakfast and a boxed lunch. Car pool from First Parish Church Contact Dianne at 207-351-8105 or goodee4u@aol.com

Afternoon Trip to Historic Concord, MA – Sunday, May 15. Enjoy an enlightening slice of New England history by taking a fun road trip organized by Fellowship In Action! We'll carpool from Fellowship Hall right after worship on Sunday, May 15, to visit some important colonial landmarks in Concord, Massachusetts. Timed ticket entry required. Admission for the **2:15pm tour**: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors (62+), \$5 youth (6-17) All are welcome. Spread the word! Invite friends and family! Sign up **by April 15** with Kathy McQueeney, who will coordinate the advance purchase of the REQUIRED timed-entry tickets for our group, and make reservations for lunch. kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com 603.580.1184

First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: April 6 at 10AM-11AM. Wish List - small bags flour, mayonnaise, Knorr pasta and rice sides, jelly/jams, cooking oil (pint/quart sizes), 2lb bags sugar. Monetary donations always welcome (made out to YCSA Food Pantry) Jim Dupre is in charge this month.... he may need another helper. Thank you, York! Thank you, First Parish!

Beach Clean Up: Saturday, April 23 10:30-Noon town wide celebration of Earth Day/month. Creation Care and First Parish have been asked to host cleanup at our 4 beautiful beaches. Invite a friend to join your welcoming committee. We need a total of 8 people please. Contact Linda Drew at 207-351-8141.

Pilgrim Lodge Work Group: Come join us for a workday and Fishing contest on Friday afternoon – Saturday on April 29 and 30. We will be opening the cabins for the upcoming season at Pilgrim Lodge in W. Gardiner, Maine. Would love for 4-5 more people to join us! There are cabins available and food available on Saturday and a Dunkin Donuts gift certificate for the biggest fish.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, March 27th

9:30am Worship/Fourth Sunday of Lent
 10:30am Lent Daily Devotional Study
 10:45am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
 1pm Youth Group-High School
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 28th

8am Zumba

Tuesday, March 29th

8:30am Yoga

Wednesday, March 30th

6:30pm Caregiving Ministry Committee Meeting

8am Strength Training

9:30am Women's Bible Study

7pm Lent Daily Devotional Study (Zoom)

Thursday, March 31st

8am Zumba

5pm Handbell Rehearsal

7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 1st

8am Aerobics

6:45pm Youth Group-8th grade

Saturday, April 2nd

8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting

9am Lenten Prayer Walk

Sunday, April 3rd

9:30am Worship/Fifth Sunday in

Lent/Commuion/ Baptism

10:30am Lent Daily Devotional Study

10:45am Men's Ensemble

5pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor Dan Hollis

Reverend 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

God Be with You

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Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun - sel guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel - ter safe - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con - found you,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep - herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
 William G. Tomer, 1880