

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.

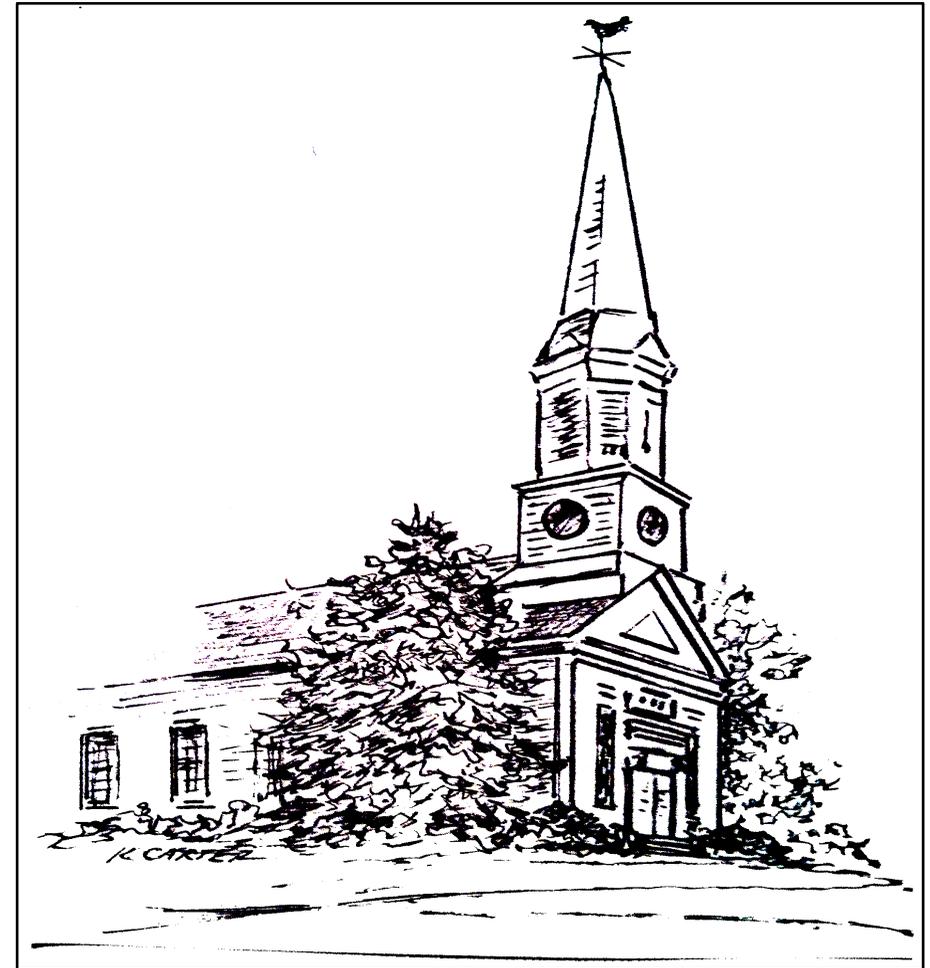
Nursery Care: *Our nursery is temporarily closed.*

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.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT/COMMUNION/BAPTISM

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

PRELUDE Violin Sonata #4 G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Allegro-Larghetto-Affettuoso
Lynne White McMahan, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Pastor Dan Hollis
O gracious God, who calls us to be your people in this age, forgive us when we keep Christ in the past, and the Gospel as letters on a page. Let our risen Christ reside here with us, and the Gospel be the power of our life. Pour down your Spirit upon us in this hour and hear us as 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 IS HERE" *(verses 1-3)* No. 1

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Brynlee Grace Siudut – born October 6, 2015
Everlee Ann Siudut – born March 14, 2017
children of Jason and Laury Siudut
Todd and Kacy Bousquin – godparents
Terry and Diann Campbell – godparents

WORDS OF WELCOME
We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers. 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.

ANTHEM "GIVE ME JESUS" Traditional Spiritual
Arr., Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
*I heard my mother say, "Give me Jesus."
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, "Give me Jesus."
Oh when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*
Gina Connolly, soloist
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:4b-14 N.T. 175 Cindy Bufithis

SERMON "Keep Going!" Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "NIMROD" (from *Enigma Variations*)
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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

HOLY COMMUNION
All are welcome to take Communion. As a pandemic precaution, you should have received an individually packaged wafer and juice as you entered the church. If you did not receive it, please see an usher.

***CLOSING HYMN** "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH" No. 501

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune in D Major
C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

*Flowers are given in loving memory of his wife, Roberta from Chick Willing.
(flowers given on March 27)*

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Edward Nowak
by his daughter, Elaine Finkowski.*



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FAITH FEATURES

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.

Visitors and Guests: You are Invited to two Inquirers Coffee and Conversations Sunday, April 24th and May 1st from 10:30am-11:30am. Pastors Eric Dupee and Dan Hollis and First Parish Church invite you to two Inquirer meetings for those who have been visiting First Parish. We would love to learn more about you and introduce you to our church. There will also be a gathering with Church Council members on Saturday, May 14th 4pm-6pm. Enjoy drinks and eats with our governing body, and get to know each other. New members will join on Sunday, May 15th during the Worship Service. Please contact the Parish Office at office@firstparishyork.net or 207-363-3758 to let us know if you can attend or Sue Wierzba at susanwierzba@gmail.com or 207-361-4541.

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, April 3rd

9:30am Worship/Fifth Sunday of Lent/Communion/Baptism
 10:30am Lent Daily Devotional Study
 10:45am Men’s Ensemble Rehearsal
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 4th

Tuesday, April 5th

8am Zumba
 8:30am Yoga
 9am Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
 8am Strength Training
 9:30am Women’s Bible Study
 10am Food Pantry Drive
 7pm Lent Daily Devotional Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 6th

Thursday, April 7th

8am Zumba
 3pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
 5pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 8am Aerobics

Friday, April 8th

Sunday, April 10th

9:30am Worship/Sixth Sunday in Lent/Palm Sunday
 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:
Reverend Eric Dupee
Pastor Dan Hollis

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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Fellowship in Action: Afternoon Trip to Historic Concord, MA – Sunday, May 15. We'll carpool from Fellowship Hall right after worship on Sunday, May 15, to visit colonial landmarks in Concord, Massachusetts: Lunch at the Colonial Inn's Village Forge Tavern. Tour of Orchard House c.1650, home where Louisa May Alcott wrote and set *Little Women* in 1868. Visit nearby Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, burial site of Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne families and others. Admission for the **2:15pm tour**: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors (62+), \$5 youth (6-17) All are welcome. Sign up by April 15 with Kathy McQueeney at kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com or 603.580.1184

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/rleigh4186@gmail.com.

Green Tip/News: According to the EPA, around 17 million tons of textile municipal solid waste was generated in 2018. Further, try this on for size, McKinsey & Company reports that 100 billion garments are produced on Earth every year. Imagine the water and resources it takes. Even if a fraction is recycled, the non-recycled textiles will take years to decompose in our landfills. Synthetic fabrics (fleece, polyester) just revert to microplastics. What to do? Some textiles are recycled into new clothing, some are sent to undeveloped nations to help those in need, the remainder is turned into things like industrial rags, insulation, loudspeaker cones, furniture padding, etc. Consider your unusable, unsellable textiles- curtains, sheets, towels, unusable clothing and shoes. Donate them to our PlanetAid box just outside our church! Invite your friends to do the same.

**2022 EASTER PLANT
 ORDER FORM**

Please fill out and along with your check return it to the Parish Office, no later than Monday, April 11, 2022. Thank you.

Please make your check payable to: **First Parish Church**

I would like to order _____ Easter Lilies (\$12.00)

_____ Tulips (\$9.00)

_____ Daffodils (\$9.00)

_____ Total Enclosed

In Loving Memory/Honor
 of: _____

Given by: _____

Please indicate whether you will pick up or leave your plant.
 (No orders can be accepted after Monday, April 11, 2022. Thank you.)

I will pick up my plant ()

I will leave my plant for delivery to a home-bound member. ()

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Plants may be picked up after the 11am service on Easter Sunday, April 17.