

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.

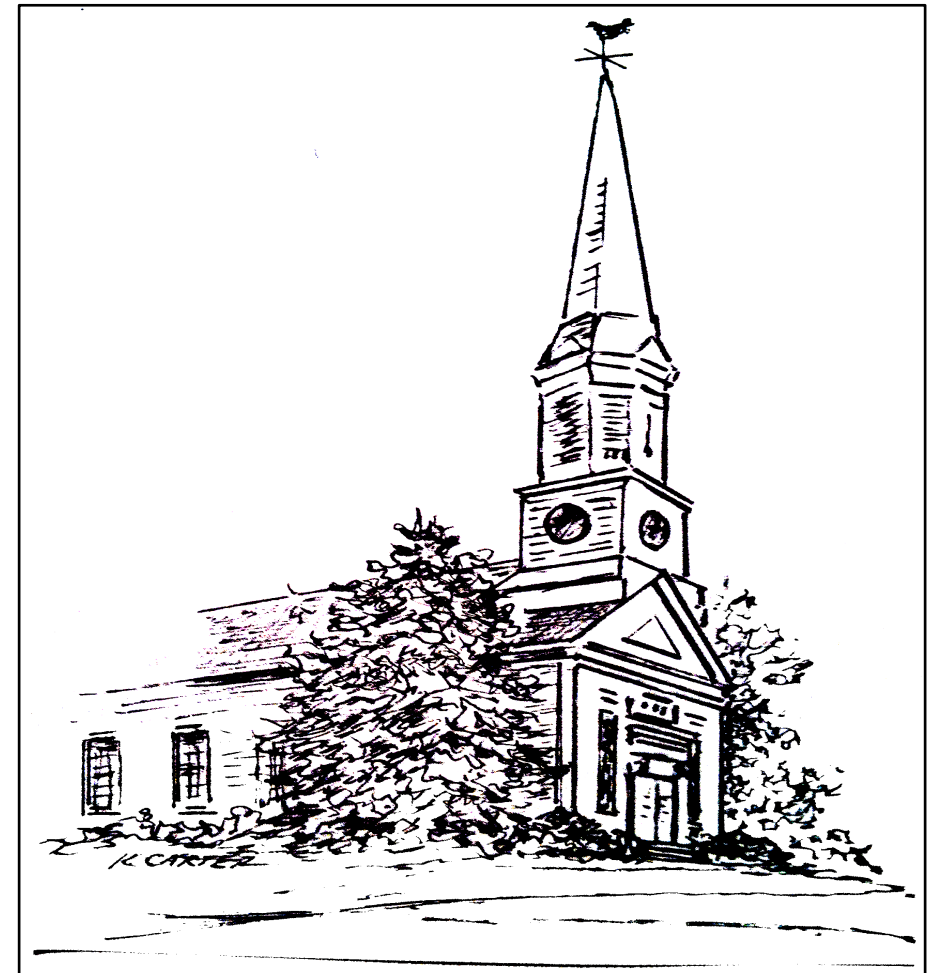
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show 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: Sunday School will be taking the summer off. During summer worship there will be nursery space available if your family has need of it, but as always children of all ages are welcome in worship with us, and baby noises are a source of joy for us all. Sunday School will return in September.

**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.



**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP
MUSIC SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE	“FAITH OF OUR FATHERS”	Arr., Ivan Frazier
	“O MY FATHER”	Arr., Darwin Wolford
	“SING UNTO THE LORD”	Charles Yannerella

WELCOME AND 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.)
"SPRING RING!" Tammy Waldrop
First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Dan Hollis
Gracious God, may the Holy Spirit pour down upon us as we worship. May we receive the promise, the compassion, and the invitation to be disciples of Christ who join in your work of making disciples for the transformation of our households, our community, and our world. It is in the name of Jesus Christ 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** “REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!” No. 342

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 "BEEN DOWN INTO THE SEA" Spirituals, Arr., Nick Page (1960-2021)
*Yes, I been to the sea and I done been tried. Yes, I been tried in Jesus' name.
 If you don't believe I've been redeemed, just watch my face for the Gospel gleam!
 I tell you what I mean to do: I mean to go to heaven too.
 I look up yonder and what do I see? I see the angels beckon me.*

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:5-22 N.T. 8 Kathy McQueeney

SERMON “The Empire Strikes Back” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS **"OVER MY HEAD, I HEAR MUSIC"** Arr., Michael Braz
Sweet Spirit and Gina Connolly

(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** “O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING” No. 96

BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTORY RESPONSE
“GO YE NOW IN PEACE” Joyce Elaine Eilers (1941-2009)
Sweet Spirit

POSTLUDE “LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”
Arr., Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

*We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.
However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.*

This morning's flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God, for God's gift of music, and for the instrumentalists, singers, and ringers -- past and present -- of First Parish Church.

Choir Appreciation

L: Dear friends, let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to the ministry of music at First Parish Church. To direct, to sing, and to play instruments are ministries of Christ among us. It requires devotion and discipline.

P: We realize that it takes a considerable amount of time and sacrifice to participate in this great ministry, yet we also know the great blessing it is for the entire congregation.

L: Go from this place with a song in your heart and with gratitude for the music that sustains us, and let the church say...

P: Amen!

Celebrating Sunday School Volunteers/Staff Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Church School Teachers

Amy Burke
Joanne Myers
Jess Scapicchio
Kristin Schrimper
Sabrina Stephens

Guest Stars

Tracy Pepin
Cheryl Pinder
Joyce Willette
York Center for Wildlife

Christian Education Assistant

Sabrina Stephens

Christian Education Board

Kate Beckwith
Amy Burke
Elaine Finkowski
Joanne Myers
Jess Scapicchio
Kristin Schrimper (2022)

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Eric Dupee

Rev. Dan Hollis

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



First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

FAITH FEATURES

Sunday School: Sunday School will be taking the summer off. During summer worship there will be nursery space available if your family has need of it, but as always children of all ages are welcome in worship with us, and baby noises are a source of joy for us all. Sunday School will return in September.

Fellowship in Action: Harvey Reid at the Historic Hamilton House in South Berwick Sunday, July 2 from 5pm – 6:30pm. Start the summer off right. Our own Harvey Reid multitalented musician is traditionally the featured performer at Concerts in the Garden. Come early to enjoy and relax among the gardens and take in the view of the Salmon Falls River. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$7 for students and children. To make it even more magical bring snacks, a picnic and chairs and join others savoring the music of Harvey. Those wanting to carpool meet in front of the church at 3pm. Others can meet us there at 40 Vaughns Lane in South Berwick. Contact Dianne Goodwin at ammygood57@gmail.com or 207-361-7231.

Green Tip/News: On top of being packaged in plastic single-use bottles, conventional dish soaps often rank “D” for environmental irritants. Try a dishwashing soap bar instead of liquid soap. It is likely to last 2-6 months!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 18th

10am Worship/Music Sunday
featuring musical offerings by Handbells, Sweet
Spirit, and Sanctuary Choir

Monday, June 19th

8:30am Shake It Up

Tuesday, June 20th

8:30am Yoga

Wednesday, June 21th

8am Strength Training
9:30am Bible Study-Zoom

Thursday, June 22th

8am Zumba

Friday, June 23th

8am Aerobics

Saturday, June 24th

9am-2pm Attic Treasures

Sunday, June 25th

10am Worship-Musical offerings will be provided
by Jim White

Choir Appreciation

L: Dear friends, let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to the ministry of music at First Parish Church. To direct, to sing, and to play instruments are ministries of Christ among us. It requires devotion and discipline.

P: We realize that it takes a considerable amount of time and sacrifice to participate in this great ministry, yet we also know the great blessing it is for the entire congregation.

L: Go from this place with a song in your heart and with gratitude for the music that sustains us, and let the church say...

P: Amen!

Celebrating
Sunday School Volunteers/Staff
Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Church School Teachers

Amy Burke
Joanne Myers
Jess Scapicchio
Kristin Schrimper
Sabrina Stephens

Guest Stars

Tracy Pepin
Cheryl Pinder
Joyce Willette
York Center for Wildlife

Christian Education Assistant
Sabrina Stephens

Christian Education Board

Kate Beckwith
Amy Burke
Elaine Finkowski
Joanne Myers
Jess Scapicchio
Kristin Schrimper (2022)

Class Support

Kate Beckwith
Barbara Elkhorn
Elaine Finkowski

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Eric Dupee

Rev. Dan Hollis

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



First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

FAITH FEATURES

Sunday School: Sunday School will be taking the summer off. During summer worship there will be nursery space available if your family has need of it, but as always children of all ages are welcome in worship with us, and baby noises are a source of joy for us all. Sunday School will return in September.

Fellowship in Action: Harvey Reid at the Historic Hamilton House in South Berwick Sunday, July 2 from 5pm – 6:30pm. Start the summer off right. Our own Harvey Reid multitalented musician is traditionally the featured performer at Concerts in the Garden. Come early to enjoy and relax among the gardens and take in the view of the Salmon Falls River. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$7 for students and children. To make it even more magical bring snacks, a picnic and chairs and join others savoring the music of Harvey. Those wanting to carpool meet in front of the church at 3pm. Others can meet us there at 40 Vaughns Lane in South Berwick. Contact Dianne Goodwin at ammygood57@gmail.com or 207-361-7231.

Green Tip/News: On top of being packaged in plastic single-use bottles, conventional dish soaps often rank “D” for environmental irritants. Try a dishwashing soap bar instead of liquid soap. It is likely to last 2-6 months!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 18th

10am Worship/Music Sunday
featuring musical offerings by Handbells, Sweet Spirit, and Sanctuary Choir

Monday, June 19th

Tuesday, June 20th

Wednesday, June 21th

8:30am Shake It Up

8:30am Yoga

8am Strength Training

9:30am Bible Study-Zoom

Thursday, June 22th

Friday, June 23th

Saturday, June 24th

Sunday, June 25th

8am Zumba

8am Aerobics

9am-2pm Attic Treasures

10am Worship-Musical offerings will be provided by Jim White



ATTIC TREASURES SALE

A RECYCLE & REUSE EVENT

JUNE 24 9am – 2am

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

180 York Street, York, Maine

COME & BROWSE like-new “treasures” such as home decor items, wall hangings, quilts, glassware, china, lamps, antiques, collectables, jewelry, small furniture, tools, etc. – you get the idea!



ATTIC TREASURES SALE

A RECYCLE & REUSE EVENT

JUNE 24 9am – 2am

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

180 York Street, York, Maine

COME & BROWSE like-new “treasures” such as home decor items, wall hangings, quilts, glassware, china, lamps, antiques, collectables, jewelry, small furniture, tools, etc. – you get the idea!