

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.

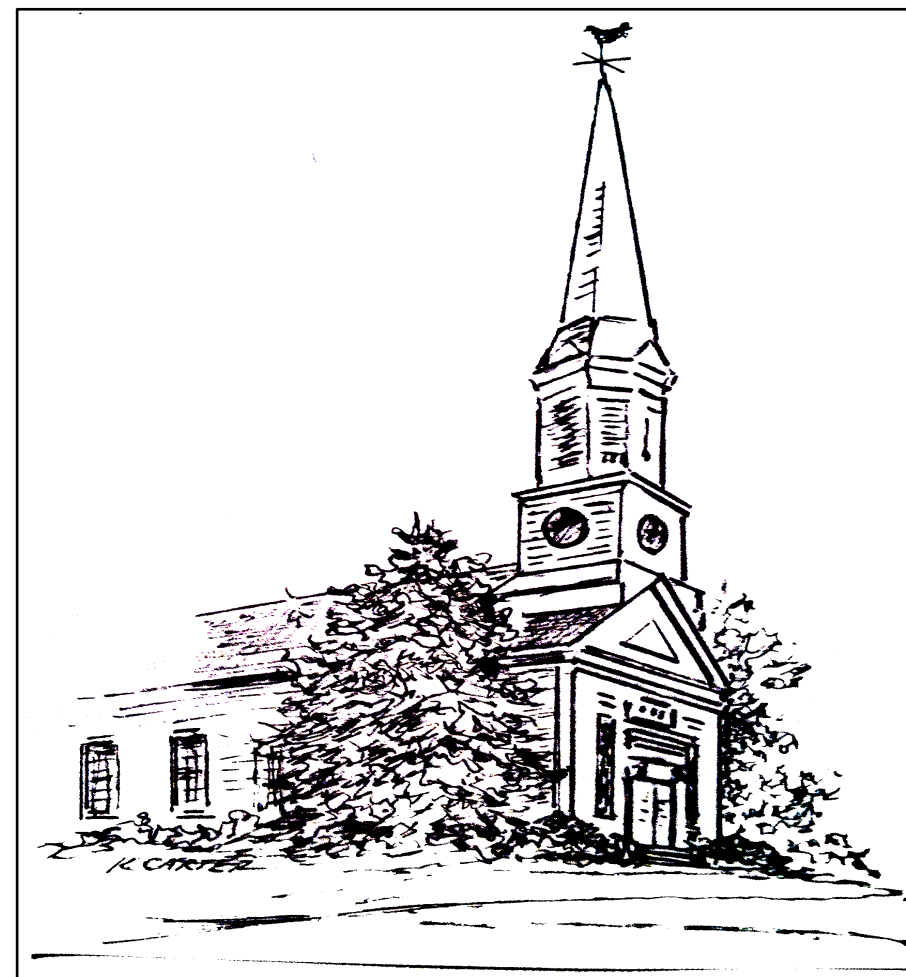
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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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“This is the day that the lord made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP
RALLY SUNDAY

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Eric Dupee

L: Weeping may linger for the night,

P: But joy comes with the morning.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

Chorale Prelude on "SLEEPERS, WAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING"

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

Phyllis Giordano

Blessing God, whose caring hands fashioned the very vessels of our being, reach out your hand in blessing on us this morning. Encourage and strengthen us with your wisdom until we become like you. Teach us to reach out our hands to others in love. Bless us as we gather together and 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** "MORNING HAS BROKEN" No. 35

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

"DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them;*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:8-14 N.T. 142 Phyllis Giordano

SERMON "Morning People" Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "AMAZING GRACE"
Arr., Jay Althouse (b. 1951)
Karen Lynge and Nathan Cox, soloists

(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** "ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!" No. 231

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "PRAISE THE LORD WITH DRUMS AND CYMBALS"
Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

*The flowers are given in honor of grandparents everywhere!
Susan and Don Gough*



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Staff

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Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

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Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

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Sign Up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAF23A6F85-2023#/>

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York Art Association-Art in the Park: FPC Bake Sale September 16 11am-2pm. Volunteers needed for baking, set up and tear down, outreach and sales. Contact Sue Wierzba at susanwierzba@gmail.com or 207-361-4541.

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Green Tip/News: One inch of rain falling on one acre of forest or wetland produces **750 gallons** of runoff. One inch of rain falling on a one acre parking lot produces **27,000 gallons of runoff!** <https://conservation-collective.org>



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