

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.

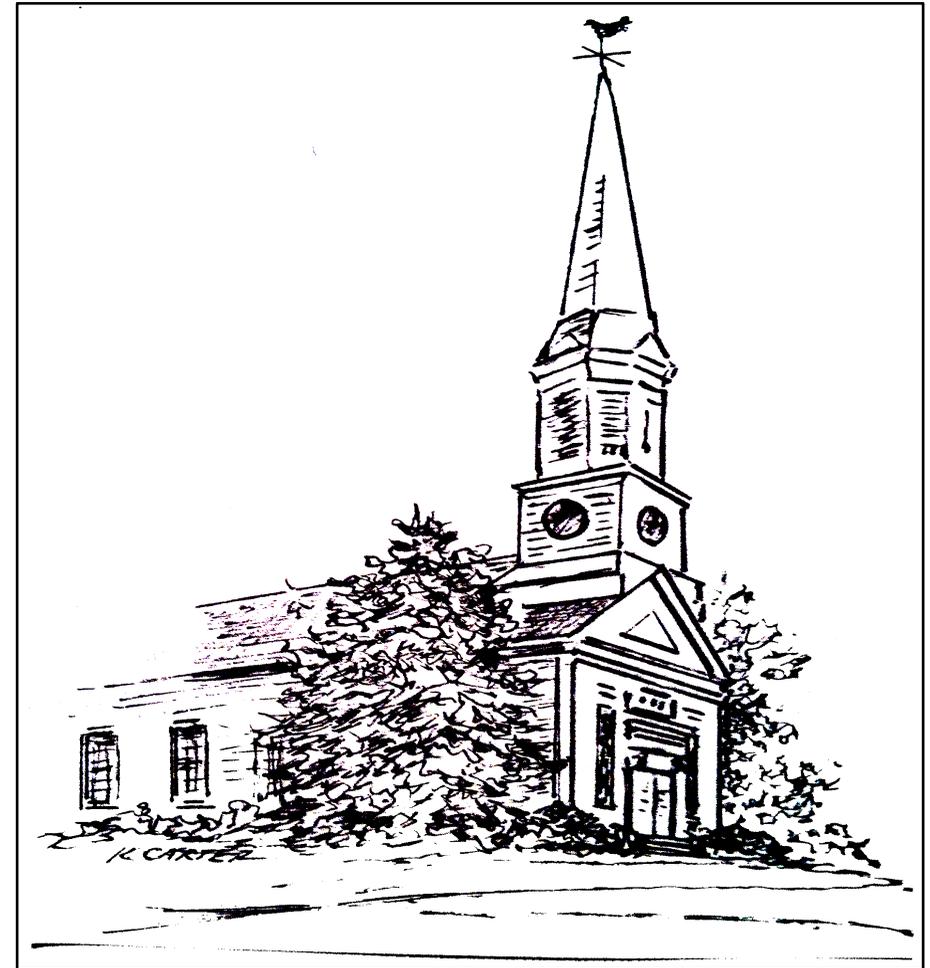
Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. 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.

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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune in D Major David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
Hymn Prelude on "RHOSYMEDRE" Ralph Vaughan William (1872-1958)

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.)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

God, you call us to embrace both you and the children of this world with unconditional love. Give us grace to discern what your love demands of us, that, being faithful in things both great and small, we may serve you with an undivided heart. We pray this in Jesus' name...

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, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING" No. 572

BAPTISM Pastor Dan Hollis

Arthur Benjamin Knoll – born December 5, 2021
son of Rachel Tanner Knoll and Jack Benjamin Knoll

Ryan Orin Ramus – born November 2, 2020
son of Haley E. Ramus and Samuel B. Ramus
Lyndsay Woods and Calvin Ramus, godparents

(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Baptism)

ANTHEM "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" Arr., Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

-- Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Luke 16:1-13 N.T. 68 Carolyn Dupre

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "FIND US FAITHFUL" Jon Mohr (b. 1998)
Gina Connolly, soloist

(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

***CLOSING HYMN** "THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY" No. 61

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Festival Postlude in C Major
Clarence Kohlmann (1891-1944)

*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 memory of loved ones by Gary and Meredyth Goss.



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Fellowship in Action: All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship at the next Fellowship in Action meeting to take place **at 6:30pm on Monday, September 19** (pushed back 1 week from our usual 2nd Monday of the month). Refreshments provided. Bring a friend!

Women's Retreat: Sign up for the Women's Retreat on October 1! Please visit the Opportunity Table during Coffee Hour to sign up and have your questions answered.

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Coffee Hour: We need people to sign up to bring goodies to share during our fellowship time. These can be store bought or homemade. The sign up poster is available each Sunday near the coffee table. Please contact Linda Hart with your questions. 363-4493

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