

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 due to our pandemic restrictions*, 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.

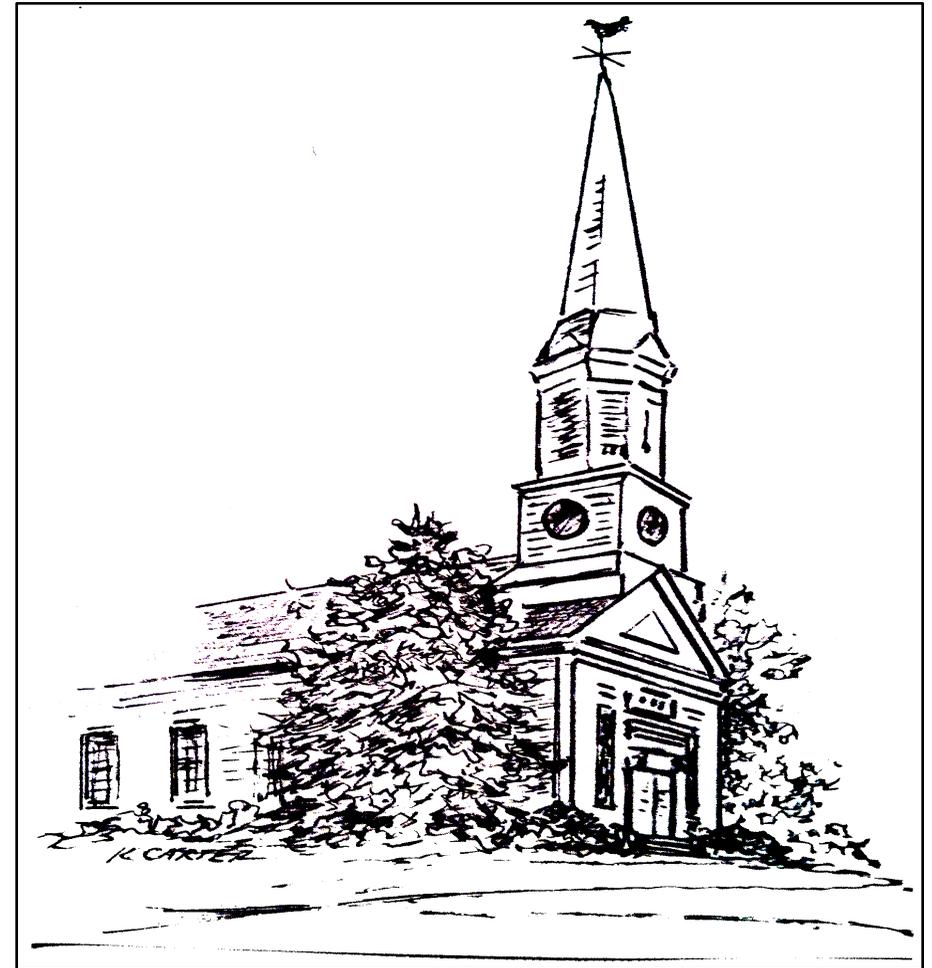
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings 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: In response to the current state of the pandemic, our Sunday School programs look a little different than usual! For now, Sunday School will be taking place outside as often as weather permits, and when it doesn't, we will adhere to strict masking and distancing protocols inside the Fellowship Hall. 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.* During the worship service, following the Message for All Ages, children will be invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way outside 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 outside and sign out their children with the teachers. 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, any of our Sunday School teachers, or our Christian Education chair Jess Scapicchio (jess_scapicchio@yahoo.com). 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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First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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

PRELUDE

Two Hymn Settings

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS” Arr., Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)
“HE LEADETH ME” Arr., Gail Leven Pollock (b. 1947)

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Hollis

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Eric Dupee

OPENING HYMN “HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION” *(verses 1-3 only)* No. 411

***GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*

Pastor Dan Hollis

Eternal One, God of mercy and healing, whose thoughts and ways are not ours, you who hear the cries of those in need: visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us. Help us build in you a faith that will support us in the face of every tempest, a faith grounded in the Christ who will always save us, and who taught us to 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.

ANTHEM

"IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE"

Arr., Jody W. Lindh

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, And hope in him in all thy ways
He'll give thee strength whatever betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that none can move.*

*Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take what e'er thy Father's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own.*

*Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be.
And trust his Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.*

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Job 1:1, 2:1-10 O.T. 417

SERMON

Pastor Dan Hollis

RESPONSE

Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Meditation on “PROMISE”
Arr., Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

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 “GLORIFY THY NAME”

No. 146

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Pastor Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE

Recessional on “O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”
Setting: John Longhurst (b. 1940)

Flowers are given in honor of Betsy and Rich O'Keefe from Melissa O'Keefe.



THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, October 3rd 9:30am Worship/World Communion Sunday
 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
 5pm Sanctuary Choir (sopranos and altos)

Monday, October 4th 8am Zumba

Tuesday, October 5th 8:30am Yoga
 3:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 6th 8am Cardio/Strength
 9:30am Women's Bible Study
 10am York Food Pantry-Food Drive

Thursday, October 7th 8am Zumba
 9am Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
 5pm Handbells Rehearsal
 7pm Choir Rehearsal (tenors and basses)
 7pm Bible Study with Eric

Friday, October 8th 8am Aerobics

Saturday, October 9th 3pm Family Fun & Chili Fest

Sunday, October 10th 9:15am Hymn Sing
 9:30am Worship
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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

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John Covino, Vice Moderator

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Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



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YCSA Food Pantry: First Wednesday of each month. Wednesday, October 6 from 10AM-11AM in front of the Parish Office. Non-perishables and/or monetary contributions gratefully accepted. Looking for a couple of "new" volunteers from 9:55AM-11:30AM More info contact Linda Drew 207-351-8141 or p.l.drew79@me.com

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