

WELCOME GUESTS! We are grateful you joined us in worship today at First Parish Church. Please fill in the “Invitation” card in your pew pocket, especially if you would like to receive our Pastors’ regular email devotional messages. Just drop it in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please introduce yourselves to the pastors as you leave the sanctuary or to a member of our Hospitality Team (wearing yellow name tags). Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments and meet our friendly fellow parishioners.

CHURCH SCHOOL INFO: All children come into church with your family. After the Children’s Message, children will meet their teachers in the narthex. PreK-4th grade will be in the lower level classrooms and grades 5-8 will be in the second floor classrooms of Fellowship Hall. After services, parents are asked to come to your child’s classroom to meet their teacher and pick up your children.

NURSERY CARE: is available every Sunday for children under 4 years old in our nursery in the downstairs of the church. Sabrina, Bailey & Linda welcome you and your children.

COMMUNION SUNDAY: In the UCC we practice open Communion; all are welcome at Christ’s table who wish to know Christ’s presence and share in the community of God’s people. If parents would like their children to take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion (held on the first Sunday of every month), you will need to coordinate with their Sunday School teachers or Nursery attendants so that you can go and retrieve your children at the appropriate time.

TODAY’S GREETERS: Greeting you this morning are Bill and Sandy Givens.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for coffee in Fellowship Hall after worship.

PASTORAL CARE: We want to provide care for you always, and in particular we hope you will let us know if you or a family member are or will be hospitalized, so we can give you our care. York Hospital, if a patient requests, will call us directly. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, we will know of your hospitalization only if you ask your family member or hospital staff to call us and let us know.

EXITING THE SANCTUARY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. The front half of the sanctuary will exit to the front of the church through the two side doors. The back half of the sanctuary will exit to the back of the sanctuary and either out the side ramp, or the front doors of the church. The Deacons will help anyone in the lower level of the church exit out the back doors of the lower level.



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First Parish Church
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Welcome

Vision

Following the way of Jesus, we aspire to *authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve* all with compassion and grace.

Mission

Following the way of Jesus, we celebrate *inspirational worship; create life-changing experiences* for children, youth, families, and individuals; and practice *meaningful congregational care*.

While *respecting our diversity, we courageously advocate* for justice and mercy, and *intentionally respond to the needs* of our community and the world.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
VETERANS DAY**

** Please stand if you are able. All people are invited to read bold face liturgy.*

9:15AM HYMN SING

THE INVITATION God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you. Pastor Dan Hollis
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Hymn Setting on "EBENEZER" John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Justin/Lauren Cummings

Be still, and know that God is.

God was in the beginning.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

From everlasting to everlasting, God is present, our comfort and protector.

Let us rejoice in the one that encircles us now and eternally!

***OPENING HYMN** "AMAZING GRACE!" No. 422

***HOSPITALITY MOMENT** Pastor Dan Hollis

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

(Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.)

GATHERING PRAYER Justin/Lauren Cummings

God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing. In the name of Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

David Cox

ANTHEM "OFFERTORY" John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before him with yearling calves?

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God? — Micah 6: 6-8

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN "WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE" No. 686

SCRIPTURE Micah 1:3-5, 5:2-5, 6:6-8 O.T. 815 Justin/Lauren Cummings

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK" (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,

and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

— Isaiah 40: 11

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34

Abundant God and God of abundance, all that we have can be traced back to you. With this offering we give, not as repayment or bribe, but as a natural response to your presence in our lives. Bless these gifts freely given, that they may serve you as you pour out your spirit upon this church, this community, and the wider world that is yours. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE" No. 580

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Grand Jeu Jean Adam Guilain (c.1680-c. 1739)

*The flowers are given in loving memory of
Virginia Russell Purrington in honor of her life and her 93rd birthday
from her family.*



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FALL FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, November 11th 9:15am Hymn Sing
 9:30am Worship
 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 6pm Youth Group-Highschool-Quest for the Tower

Monday, November 12th 8am Zumba
 6pm Women on the Move-Parlor

Tuesday, November 13th 8:30am Yoga
 5-7pm Table of Plenty
 6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, November 14th 8:30am Zumba
 9am Women's Bible Study
 5pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, November 15th 8:30am Aerobics
 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
 5:30pm Thursday Evening Service
 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 16th 8:30am Aerobics

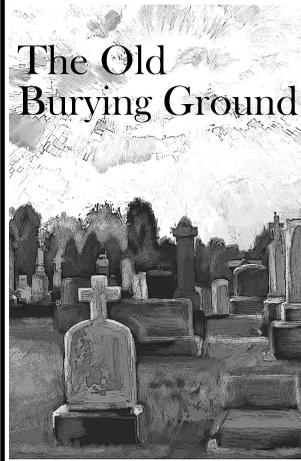
Sunday, November 18th 9:30am Worship
 11am Thanksgiving Dinner of Gratitude
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Hello fellow First Parishioners

Want to learn some history about our church and the connection to the First Parish Old Burying Ground on Lindsay Road?

Today (November 11th), James Kences will take us on an historical tour in which we will hear about Samuel Moody and others who were leaders of First Parish.

The Old Burying Ground



Meet at coffee hour, start the walking tour at 11am and finish in about 45 minutes. The Old Burying Ground is right across the street making it a very short walk.

See Martha Fenn King at Coffee Hour

Learn some history about York in a fun and relaxed environment.

All are welcome and this is a free event!



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dan Hollis

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

Janet Cassidy, Church School Coordinator

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Jan Jonas, Moderator

Thom Kearns, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



The FLOWER COMMITTEE

is asking for donations for the Harvest Table on Sunday, November 18th. Pumpkins, gourds, fresh vegetables and anything else that seems suitable. Everything is donated to the food bank or used in donation baskets to the community after Sunday service.

Donations can be left in the Parish Office by November 15th, Monday-Friday 9am-2pm or in the drop box outside the Parish House office door.

THANK YOU!



**GROUNDS & GARDENS
CLEAN UP DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16
9:30am**

Buildings & Grounds Committee needs your help and would greatly appreciate your time. Please bring your favorite tools: Gloves, Rake, Tarp and/or Leaf Container (with your name on it).
Some tools will also be provided.

"Many hands makes light work"

Rain date is Tuesday, November 20 at 9:30am

Please call Sherry McConnell
363-5494
if there is question of weather

**Gratitude Sunday, November 18th
Fill the Van**

Fill the van for the
York Food Pantry



We will have the opportunity to help our neighbors. We will fill the van, then it will be brought to the Food Pantry. Your donations are not only for families with children, but also for our Seniors on fixed incomes who need our help, too. These are the same who spent their younger years helping others.

Bring your donations into church and they will be loaded into the van after the service. LET'S FILL IT UP!

CALLING ALL WHO WANT TO GET INVOLVED

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill many openings on the various committees of the church. Whether you have been here for a long time or are a new member, we would welcome you to join a committee that best suits your gifts and talents. Committees are places to learn more about our church and meet members of the church family. If you feel you are being called to get involved, committees with the most need are, but not limited to, Christian Education, Stewardship, Nominating, Memorials, Diaconate (Deacons), Cemetery, and Collectors. If you are not sure what these committees and others do and want to find out more or perhaps sign up, call or email one of the members of the Nominating Committee. We will gladly give you more information.

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SAVE THE DATES

NOVEMBER 18

Thanksgiving Dinner of Gratitude following worship

NOVEMBER 20

Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving 7pm

NOVEMBER 30

Wreaths and Greens and Workshop
Bake Sale Set up
8am-4pm
First Parish Members Sale
2pm-4pm

DECEMBER 1

Wreaths & Greens & More Sale
Bake Sale, Crafts, Christmas Home Décor and Nubble Art
9am-12pm

DECEMBER 9

Christmas in the Village Concert
4pm

DECEMBER 15

Drive Through Nativity
5pm – 7pm

DECEMBER 16

A Service of Lessons & Carols
4pm
Trinity Church