

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all nations, on this day we break bread in solidarity with the faithful around the world. We give you thanks that we are all made in your image, with such rich diversity. May this sacred meal remind us that we are all one body in you, made up of different languages, cultures, traditions, and ways of worship. We thank you and praise you for making us all who we are, individually and collectively, and for the gift of your life-giving presence in Christ Jesus, poured out among all humanity. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH” No. 614

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Trumpet Air Jon Spong (1933-2006)

*The flowers are given in honor of the joy of marriage from Fran and Dick Lalley
(All women of the church please take a rose at the end of service.)*

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in your pew back or at FirstParishYork.net. You're invited to enjoy refreshments at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

Nursery Care: Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under.

Pastoral Care: If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at 363-3758 Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. For emergency pastoral care after office hours and on weekends, you may reach one of the pastors by calling 207-358-9776. The pastors are available to make hospital visits and we invite you to 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 ask them to do so.

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

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are across the way in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Sunday School: All youth ages 4 through 7th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School. After the Children's Message, youth meet up with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers make their way to the Fellowship Hall classrooms. After worship, parents are asked to sign out and pick up children in their classrooms. Guests are welcome to attend Sunday School and 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 youth make their way over.



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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 3, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE "COME, COME YE SAINTS" English folk song
Adagio in Classic Style David H. Hegarty (b. 1945)

THE INVITATION God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you. Rev. Estelle Margarones
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

Friends, neighbors, and travelers, come into this time of worship with open hearts.

We are receptive to feeling the Spirit and heeding God's direction for our lives.
Let us put aside all differences and truly be the body of Christ here and wherever we go.
God has blessed us richly. Let us give thanks and praise!

***HOSPITALITY MOMENT**

"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.)

***OPENING HYMN** "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" No. 478

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Mighty God, you've told us through sacred text and sages that you love us as we are. You gave your son Jesus to show us the way to be with one another and you. Yet, we forget time and again. Each time we feel 'less than' you wrap us softly in a loving embrace. Each time we fall short of treating others as you treat us, you gently remind us of Christ's teachings. Thank you for your life-giving and life-changing grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who shared this prayer with us...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"FOR ALL THE SAINTS" *(Sine Nomine)*
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
—William W. How (1823-1897)
First Parish Sanctuary Choir
Rob Finch, conductor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Gospel of Luke 19:1-10 N.T. page 71 Sandy Nelson

SERMON Rev. Estelle Margarones

HYMN "HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER" No. 596

TESTIMONIAL Pepi Upton

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD"
John H. Hopkins (1861-1945)

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true.
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world its bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
The saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.*
—Lesbia Scott (1898-1986)

Cynthia Bunce Kleeman, soprano

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity. We drink from the cup individually as a symbol of our uniqueness. *(We serve grape juice, not wine and have gluten free crackers available in the middle of each tray.)*

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, November 3rd

9:30am Worship/Communion
10:45am Creation Care Committee Meeting
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 4th

8am Zumba
5:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 5th

8:30am Yoga
5-7pm Table of Plenty
6pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 6th

8:30am Zumba
9:30am Women's Bible Study
5pm Bible Conversations
7pm Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 7th

8:30am Aerobics
9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting
4pm Nominating Committee Meeting
6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 8th

Saturday, November 9th

Sunday, November 10th

8:30am Aerobics
10am Men's Ensemble at York High School
9:15am Hymn Sing
9:30am Worship/Stewardship Sunday
1pm Youth Group-grades 9-12
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Estelle Margarones

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



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FAITH FEATURES

Church/Town Land Agreement: The agreement will be #7 on the November 5th ballot. Educational materials are available in the narthex, Fellowship Hall and the Parish Office.

November Book Group: Join us to discuss *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, Wednesday, November 20th from 11 AM-12 Noon in the Wheeler Room at the York Public Library. It is recommended to read the book in advance of our meeting. For more info, contact Pastor Dan at 363-3758.

Please Save the Dates: Sunday, November 24 for our Thanksgiving Dinner of Gratitude. After worship enjoy turkey and all the trimmings.

Tuesday, November 26 at 7pm is the Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving at First Parish.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Fix leaky faucets. A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3000 gallons per year (that's more than 180 showers!) You can save water AND money; many leaks need simple and inexpensive fixes that take only a few minutes. (Source: w/links to **leak-repair tutorials** EPA.gov, (<http://bit.ly.2nsOkc0>))