

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.



**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

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, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

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

9:15 AM 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

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

Hymn Prelude on "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER"

Arr., Jeffrey Allan Honoré (b. 1956)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Rev. Estelle Margarones

Our help is in the name of the Holy One, who made heaven and earth.

God's love has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

God has brought people of covenant from the land of bondage into freedom.

**Jesus came preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, liberating those who are oppressed, and
proclaiming the year of God's favor.**

Come, let us worship God!

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

GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Pastor Dan Hollis

**Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually
reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is
broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation
will see your glory and know your Christ, who taught us to pray...**

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

Rev. Estelle Margarones

ANTHEM

"YOU ARE THE SALT AND LIGHT" Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

One tiny bit of salt can change the flavor and take the bitterness away.

A tiny point of light can pierce through the darkness to shine with a guiding ray.

Go, live as the salt of the earth, and share all the flavor.

Go, live as the light of the world, and let it shine. — adapted from Matthew 5:13-16

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

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Trish Gosselin

SERMON

Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Hymn Prelude on "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER"

Arr., Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*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!**

*CLOSING HYMN

"AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING"

No. 551

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

Moderato Maestoso (from *Concerto in A Minor*) Vivaldi-Bach

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Catherine L. and Harriet T. Stonemetz,
James T. and Dorothea H. Hill by the Stonemetzs*

*Flowers are given in loving memory of our daughter, Emily Elizabeth,
by Robert and Kris White and our grandfather, David Miller Jr.,
by Matthew and Gregory White*

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, February 9th

9:15am Hymn
9:30am Worship
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
1pm Youth Group-9-12 grade
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8am Zumba
6:30pm Fellowship in Action

Monday, February 10th

Tuesday, February 11th

Wednesday, February 12th

Thursday, February 13th

Friday, February 14th

Sunday, February 16th

8:30am Yoga
5-7pm Table of Plenty
6:30pm Assessors Meeting
8:30am Zumba
9:30am Women's Bible Study
5pm Conversations on the Bible
7pm Search Committee Meeting
8:30am Aerobics
6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Aerobics
6:30pm Youth Group-7/8 grade
9:30am Worship
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Estelle Margarones
Pastor 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



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FAITH FEATURES

Looking for Volunteers: Collate the Annual Report Saturday, February 8th at 9am in Fellowship Hall. No experience necessary, meet some great people. There is a new system in place this year that will streamline this task, it should take about 2 hours. Coffee and goodies provided. Call or email Janet Cassidy at 207-363-4237 or cassidywednesday@aol.com

Coffee Hour: Sunday, February 16, the Creation Care Committee will be hosting coffee hour. We plan to have our "green table" out for you to peruse new products and ideas for your daily life. We also hope to have Greg Norris here with his tire compressor and hot water tank blanket info, Victoria Simon will talk more in depth about composting and a person from the new green business in Kittery to show us new ways of doing laundry, flossing your teeth, etc. Of course, several from our Committee will be happy to talk with you about our endeavors. Come and learn with us! Questions?? Linda Drew at p.l.drew79@me.com

Budget Q & A Session: In advance of our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 23; we will hold a budget "question and answer" session on Saturday, February 22, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. All interested congregants are welcome to attend.

FPC Annual Meeting: Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of First Parish Church on Sunday, February 23, at 10:45 AM in the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday: February 26th at 7:30am – 8:30am Ashes to Go and service 7pm.

Annual Free Turkey Dinner: Free to all. Saturday, March 7 at 12noon at St. Christopher's. Volunteers need: Food 6 Turkeys, 10 pies contact Anne Monks at 774-239-7008. Servers and Drivers contact Janet Cassidy at 207-363-4237 or cassidywednesday@aol.com. To have a meal delivered contact the Parish Office at 207-363-3758 or office@firstparishyork.net.

Creation Care Committee: Calling all Earth Lovers, Beach Combers, Families, and Individuals. Beach Clean Up dates on Saturday, February 29; Saturday, March 14 and March 28 all at 3pm. Meet at the Longs Sands Beach bath house. Bring a bag, gloves and a shovel, but if you don't have them, come anyway. We'll have extras. Questions contact Nan Roberts at 978-877-6759.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Keep an extra travel mug/refillable cup with you. Stash it in your car, backpack, drawer or locker at work. Take it into the coffee shop. Bring it to all of your meetings. Most single-use cups and lids are NOT recyclable or compostable. Be a role model at your meetings and the coffee shop!

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