

WELCOME GUESTS! We are grateful you joined us in worship today at First Parish Church. Please fill in the “Invitation” card in our pew pocket, especially if you would like to receive our mid-week e-mail devotional message the “Pastor’s Pen.” 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: All children will remain in church today. Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under. Summer Bags available in the back of the church. Church School will resume in early September.

TODAY’S GREETERS: Greeting you this morning are Bob and Lin Prefontaine.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for the “State of the Parish” in Fellowship Hall.

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, JULY 22, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Two Hymn Settings Gordon Young (1919-1998)

“GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”

“JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS”

THE INVITATION God’s grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Be still and know that I am God.

God was, also, in the beginning

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

From everlasting to everlasting, God is God and worthy to be praised.

Let us sing praise to our God.

***OPENING HYMN** “LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING” No. 22

***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.)

GATHERING PRAYER

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day. Clear out the cobwebs of closed minds and outworn ideas. Fill us with the freshness of your living love. Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place ready to be your people in the world. We ask this in the name of the One who came to reconcile the world to You and who taught us to pray....

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)

Our Father...forgive us our debts...Amen

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC “SLEEPERS, WAKE” (from *Cantata #140*) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Diana Parton, handbells

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN “HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD” No. 490

SCRIPTURE LUKE 8:5-8, 11-15 N.T. 58

SERMON Pastor Anna V. Copeland

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO Meditation on “BEACH SPRING” Arr., Cathy Moglebust

Diana Parton, handbells

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

Remember in your love O God, those who brought harvest gifts from the bounty of all we have received. Bless those for whom it is given, that these gifts may promote peace and goodwill among all people. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** “PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING” No. 722

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

May God so dwell within you

That you return to the world

With the light of hope in your eyes

With the fire of inspiration on your lips,

With the Word of life on your tongue,

And the love of God in your heart.

Amen

POSTLUDE Episode on “HYFRYDOL” David Paxton (b. 1934)

We are delighted to have Diana Parton provide special music for us this morning.

Flowers are given in loving memory of Peggy Cooper by her family.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, July 22nd	9:30am Worship/ Special Music by Diana Parton 10:45am “State of the Parish” – All Welcome-Fellowship Hall 10:45am Storyteller-Canceled
Monday, July 23rd	8am Zumba 4:30pm Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 24th	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty 7pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 25th	8:30am Zumba
Thursday, July 26th	8:30am Aerobics 6pm-8pm Summer Concerts on the Green
Friday, July 27th	8:30am Aerobics
Sunday, July 29th	9:30am Worship/Special Music by The Bow Tie Guys 10:45am Storyteller-Betty Ford



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SUMMER FAITH FEATURES

LEADERSHIP MEETING -All Welcome for Members and Friends of First Parish TODAY, JULY 22

“STATE OF THE PARISH”

Conversation
10:45am – 12 noon
Fellowship Hall
light lunch provided

As we approach my fall departure as your Senior Pastor, this is an opportunity to review what we’ve accomplished over the past two years in our 20/20 Initiative that led to a new Vision and Mission for our church. We’ll also consider what yet remains as we move into this final year of implementation.

In times of leadership transition, it is especially important that church leadership communicate well, work closely with one another, and pray together for the future of our church. As I prepare to pass the baton one final time this fall, to an interim pastor who will work collaboratively with Pastor Dan, it will be a joy to gather mid-summer and by the light of Christ set the compass for all that lies ahead.

Led by Moderator Jan Jonas, Past Moderator Jeff McConnell and Pastor Anna V. Copeland

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

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





Helping Through Loose Change

The Stewardship Committee asks you to share your loose change as you leave church and put it in one of the wooden boxes in the Narthex labeled "Helping Through Loose Change." The loose change from the month of July will go to the Youth Mission. The boxes are secure so anytime you go by with loose change you can feel confident the proceeds will go to a worthwhile church ministry.



New summer program! STORYTELLER

Every Sunday through August 26 one of our church family will be spending 10-15 minutes telling us about themselves, their life, their spiritual journey, their greatest accomplishment, etc. In an effort to get to know each other better we invite YOU to be one of the "storytellers". We will convene at 10:45AM after worship on the lawn or in Fellowship Hall. Betty Ford will be the Storyteller on July 29th.

Sign up to be one of the storytellers at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall.



Summer Concerts on the Green Thursdays

through August 9
6pm – 8pm

with Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid
and special guests

Please bring your family, a picnic and blanket or lawn chairs. Concerts begin behind First Parish Church and the town hall with a new stage at 6 p.m. A Free will offering will be taken weekly to support this concert series.

Rain location First Parish Sanctuary

On the Green

FIRST PARISH CHURCH FAIRE AT MARKETFEST SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

This is a wonderful opportunity to clean out those once loved items you no longer need or have room for! At the same time, it provides someone an opportunity to purchase an item they really need at an affordable price - and supports the continued good works of First Parish Church!! A 'win' for all!!

ITEMS TO DONATE? NOW through August 26 Please call Sherry McConnell at 363-5494 to arrange for drop off. **Beginning August 27 a Daily drop-off 'schedule' will be provided.**

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES: Old, collectable items that are in good condition and are desirable because of age, rarity, condition or utility. Jinny Brodsky @ 363-6239

ATTIC TREASURES: Gently used home décor items, glasses, knick-knacks, wall hangings, lamps, vases, candlesticks, dishes, garden decor, etc. (dishes, glasses, etc. – minimum of 4 per set) Sherry McConnell @ 363-5494 or Jill Ouellette @ 351-1125

BOOKS: New or gently used books that appeal to general readership and cookbooks. (Please... No magazines, technical books, encyclopedias, condensed books, videos, etc.) Diana Parton @361-3016

CHILDREN'S SECTION: Children's Books, Games & Puzzles (items must be clean, have all their pieces and be in good condition). Sondra Weaver @ 363-4641 or Susan Mancinelli @ 351-8641

FURNITURE: Used small to mid-size furniture. (under 50 lbs.) Small tables/ chairs, book cases, desks, etc. must be in good condition and easy to handle. Contact Ellis Copeland @ 361-3765

JEWELRY & HANDBAGS: Jewelry – both old and new, fashion, rhinestone, gaudy, clunky, silver and gold (bracelets, rings, necklaces, earrings). All Handbags must be clean & in good condition. Jinny Brodsky @363-6239

'TASTE OF HEAVEN' CAFÉ: Homemade soups & hot and cold drinks – enjoy under our tent or to eat 'on the go'. Contact Jan Jonas @363-3180 or Sue Wierzba @ 361-4541.

TOOL SHED: Workshop and garden tools, power tools, small tool benches, antique tools, packaged fasteners, etc. All items must be in working condition, clean and be a manageable size and weight (under 50lbs). George Parton @ 361-3016

**PLEASE: NO Electronics or Linens
All Items Must Be Clean and In Good Condition**