

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. Restrooms are available on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are in Fellowship Hall, next door. We will not have coffee hour this Sunday due to the congregational meeting. If you'd like more information about the church, please see the Welcome brochure in your pew back.

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. Summer Bags available in the back of the church.

Sunday School: Sunday School is taking the summer off for school vacation! Youth are more than welcome to stay for the duration of the worship service each week. Sunday School will begin again for all youth ages 4 through 6th grade on September 8th. Please contact the church office to register for the year.

Exiting in Case of Emergency: In the event of an emergency, the front half of the church (nearest the altar) will exit through the two side doors. The back half of the church (nearest the foyer) will exit out the front doors and side ramp. The Deacons will assist those on the lower level to exit out the lower level back doors.

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.



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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 28, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE “COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE” Paul Manz (1919-2009)
“PRAYER OF SAINT GREGORY” Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)

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)*

Welcome people from near and far. Welcome to God's house!

We are many, yet we are one in the family of Christ.

Let us ready ourselves to be in God's presence and leave the distractions of the world behind.

Let’s spend quality time with God and with each other!

***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** “SEEK YE FIRST” No. 349

GATHERING PRAYER *(unison)*

We gather together, some for the first time, knowing that God is with us and that God is here. Loving God, we ask that you touch our hearts and minds so that we fully feel your presence, within and without. Grant us wisdom, grant us peace, and grant us your blessing so that we may bless others. We ask this in the name of the one who taught us to pray using these words,

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN” Arr., Andrea S. Klouse (b. 1955)
*Can you hear the prayer of the children on bended knee
in the shadow of an unknown room?
Empty eyes with no more tears to cry
turning heavenward toward the light.
Crying: “Jesus, help me to feel the sun again upon my face.
For when darkness clears, I know you’re near, bringing peace again.”*
First Parish Men’s Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Gospel of Luke 11:1-13 N.T. page 62 Tom Feeney

SERMON

HYMN “THE LORD’S PRAYER” No. 740

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “RIVER OF GLORY” Dan Schutte (b. 1947)

*River of glory, springs of our birth,
flood of God’s riches poured on the earth.
We are born from darkness and clothed in the light!
We are bathed in the glory of God!*

Terrie Ilaria and Karen Lynge, soloists

***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** “LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING” No. 489
(Sing four Times)

1 – All voices, 2 – High voices, 3 – Low voices, 4 – All voices

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Congregational Meeting Immediately After Worship.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, July 28th

9:30am Worship/ Music provided by First Parish Men's Ensemble and Terrie Ilaria and Karen Lynge

Monday, July 29th

10:30am Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, July 30th

8am Zumba

8:30am Yoga

5-7pm Table of Plenty

7pm Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 31st

8:30am Zumba

Thursday, August 1st

8:30am Aerobics

9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

6pm Summer Concerts on the Green

Friday, August 2nd

8:30am Aerobics

Saturday, August 3rd

8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 4th

8:30am Worship/Communion/Music provided by Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid



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FAITH FEATURES

Congregational Meeting: Immediately after worship.

Helping Through Loose Change: Money collected through the end of August will be donated to the York Food Pantry.

New Compost Bin: Everyone is invited to use the compost bin just outside Fellowship Hall entrance. Acceptable items include: ALL FOOD SCRAPS: veggies, fruit, meat(!) minus stickers! Bones, shellfish, dairy, eggshells, coffee grounds/filters, paper napkins, plates, towels, floral trimmings/ flowers. Bring in a re-useable container and dump contents into bin. (NO PLASTIC!)

Summer Concerts on the Green: Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid will play their final concert on the green Thursday, August 1 at 6pm.

New Book Group! Join Rev. Estelle in August as we read and discuss *The Life of the Beloved (Sacred Living in a Secular World)* by Henri Nouwen. We'll meet every Wednesday in August beginning August 7th from 11 AM-12 Noon in the Wheeler Room at the York Library. The book is available at Amazon and other online retailers.

First Parish Fall Village Faire is on! Save the Date October 12, 9am – 4pm. Please save Attic Treasures, Jewelry, Small Furniture (one person can carry) and Tools. More details to follow.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Purchase seasonal produce; eat locally sourced food whenever possible. Food is fresher, tastes better than food that has traveled thousands of miles. Also creates a smaller carbon footprint and helps maintain farmland and green space. Money spent with local farmers, growers, artisans and locally owned purveyors and restaurants also supports your local economy. (Source: The Spruce Eats <https://bit.ly/2lIfXMm>)



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