

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in the back of the seat in front of you, or at www.firstparishyork.net.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building, which is accessed by stairs in the foyer. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found across the drive in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed due to our pandemic restrictions*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

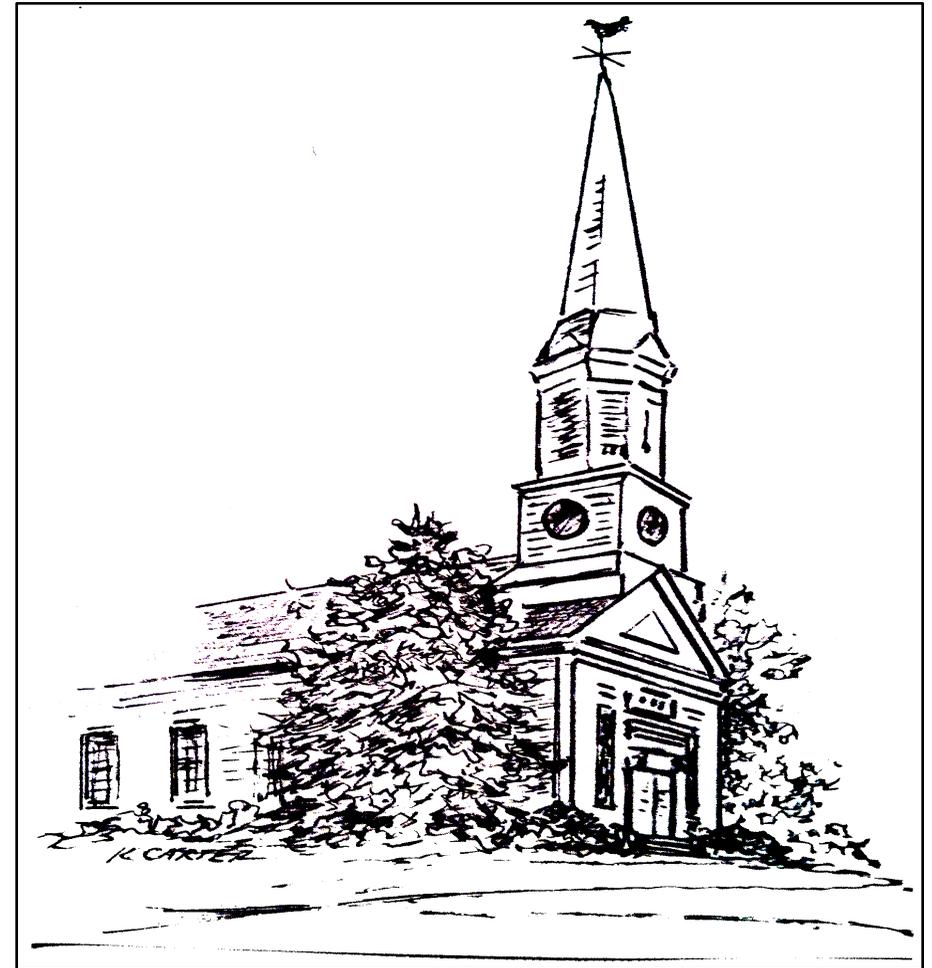
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings look like.

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

Sunday School: In response to the current state of the pandemic, our Sunday School programs look a little different than usual! For now, Sunday School will be taking place outside as often as weather permits, and when it doesn't, we will adhere to strict masking and distancing protocols inside the Fellowship Hall. During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to attend Sunday School. *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 children make their way outside.* During the worship service, following the Message for All Ages, children will be invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way outside to take part in fun and faith-based activities centered around a theme from the Bible. (Family members are always welcome to attend Sunday School if you wish!) After worship is over, families can go outside and sign out their children with the teachers. If you have any questions about the masking and distancing protocols practiced by First Parish's youth programs, please do reach out to Pastor Dan, any of our Sunday School teachers, or our Christian Education chair Jess Scapicchio (jess_scapicchio@yahoo.com). Sunday School is free of charge.

Pastoral Care: If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at (207) 363-3758, or send an email to eric@firstparishyork.net or dan@firstparishyork.net. The pastors are also available to make hospital visits, and we ask that you 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 explicitly ask them to do so.

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First Parish Church
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
RALLY DAY**

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

9:15AM HYMN SING

WELCOME Rev. Eric Dupee

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Setting: Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Dan Hollis

OPENING HYMN "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!" No. 106

***GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Rev. Eric Dupee

Dear Father and Mother, we come with songs aching to be sung, with words aching to be spoken, with questions aching to be asked, with feelings aching to be expressed, with hearts aching for love, with arms aching for embracing. We come with wounds aching to be healed, with emptiness aching to be filled, with joy aching to overflow. Let your love soak into the spirit and skin so that all may say we have met with God today, and everyone was touched and no one was turned away. Now, we are bold now to pray...

***LORD'S PRAYER** *(together)*

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.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Pastor Dan Hollis

ANTHEM "WE ARE CALLED" David Haas (b. 1957)
Kathy Mason, Karen Lynge, Terrie Ilaria

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-38 N.T. 38 Pat Smith

SERMON "I Will Rise" Rev. Eric Dupee

RESPONSE Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"
Setting: Cindy Berry (b. 1949)
Terrie Ilaria, music associate

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT *(together)* No. 34

CLOSING HYMN "BLESSED ASSURANCE" No. 426

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 ("THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD")
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Flowers are given in memory of our parents by Chuck and Karen Landry



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THIS WEEK

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Wednesday, September 15th	8am Cardio/Strength 9:30am Women’s Bible Study
Thursday, September 16th	8am Zumba 5pm Handbells Rehearsal 6pm Bow Tie Guys Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal-Zoom 7pm Bible Study with Eric
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Saturday, September 18th	8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting
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The Pumpkin Patch: The Pumpkins will arrive September 25 at 9am. Bring your family and friends to help unload. Sign up to volunteer in the Pumpkin Patch on the First Parish website www.firstparishyork.net.

Study Invitation: I invite you to join me for a study using the book Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven by Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. I have decided to begin this study over Zoom, but I will be open to a hybrid model in which we might provide opportunities for the group to meet in person. Thursday nights at 7pm starting September 16. Books will be provided or you can order it online. Contact Eric with questions and contact me for the Zoom link: eric@firstparishyork.net

Green Tip/News: Consider replacing your hot water heater with a heat pump hot water heater. It can cost less than \$400, produces lots of hot water, saves more than \$3500 over its lifetime of 10 years and serves as a dehumidifier. Rebates available. 10 year cost \$1400 heat pump vs \$5200 electric. www.energymaine.com



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