

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. You're invited to enjoy refreshments at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Join us in a birthday celebration for Carol Sparling during coffee hour this morning. Come next door and wish Carol a happy birthday!!

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.

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.

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
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, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE Hymn Setting on "PRAISE TO THE LORD" Max Drischener (1891-1971)
Benedictus Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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)* Pastor Dan Hollis

Come in to this time of worship with open hearts and open minds.

It is good and right that we are all gathered together.

All are welcome in Christ's church--even those who are lost. God's love will find them.

God's love transforms each of us. Thanks be to 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** "JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!" *(verses 1-4)* No. 90

GATHERING PRAYER *(unison)* Rev. Estelle Margarones
Mighty God, we thank you for your steadfast presence in our lives and we thank you for this community of faith. May we be ever mindful of Jesus' teachings and we pray that you inspire us to live by His word. Help us to seek a relationship with you and to remember that you seek a relationship with us. For this we are ever grateful! We pray this in the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying

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

Pastor Dan Hollis

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

ANTHEM "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD" Arr., Edward Broughton (1934-2015)

*I sing the might power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne.*

*While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

—Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Gospel of Luke 15:1-10 N.T. page 67 Betty Kehoe

SERMON Rev. Estelle Margarones

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Air in G Major Gordon Young

***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** "AMAZING GRACE!" No. 422

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Voluntary in E-Flat Gordon Young

*Flowers are given in loving memory of John and Phyllis Fogg and
William Carl and Francine Rhia by Ric and Joy Carl and family.*

Rev. Estelle will be away September 17 through September 22.



THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, September 15th 9:30am Worship
 10:30am Orientation Brunch
 11am Men’s Ensemble Rehearsal
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 16th 8am Zumba

Tuesday, September 17th 8:30am Yoga
 5-7pm Table of Plenty
 7pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, September 18th 8:30am Zumba
 11am Book Group-York Public Library

Thursday, September 19th 8:30am Aerobics
 8:30am Stewardship Committee Meeting
 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 20th 8:30am Aerobics
 5:30pm Youth Group-5/6 grades
 7pm Youth Group-7/8 grades
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 22st 9:30am Worship/Mission Sunday
 11am Men’s Ensemble Rehearsal
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Estelle Margarones

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

New to First Parish? Come to an Orientation Brunch after worship today at 10:45am in the Sanctuary Lounge.

Women’s Bible Study: Begins Wednesday, September 18 at 9am in the Parlor in Fellowship Hall.

Book Group: Join us to discuss *Soul Talk* by Kirk Byron Jones, next Wednesday, September 18 from 11 AM-12 Noon in the Wheeler Room at the York Library. For more info, contact Pastor Dan at 363-3758.

Pumpkin Patch: The pumpkins are coming! They will arrive on Saturday, September 28. Volunteers needed to unload the truck at 9am. The 6th Annual Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week, for four weeks or until the pumpkins are sold. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted.
 Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAF23A6F85-fpcpumpkin>

Fellowship in Action: “Downton Abbey Movie” Outing. September 23rd. Meeting at church at 6pm to carpool or at Cinemagic On Lafayette Rd in Portsmouth at 6:30pm. Any questions, call Sue Wierzba at 207-361-4541.

Fellowship in Action: “The Last Good War: The Faces and Voices of World War II” Join “Fellowship in Action” on Tuesday, September 24, as we visit a special exhibit at The Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, NH! All are welcome, so feel free to invite your friends, too! Carpooling from the church at 9am. To sign up, contact Kathy McQueeney at kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com or 603-380-0598

Save the Date: Sunday, October 6 for a Land Information Session after worship.

Table of Plenty: Our team cooks every 8 weeks. Your next opportunity to be a part of the team is October 22. Contact Janet Cassidy or sign up at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: 1% of soil organic matter enables each acre to hold onto an additional 20,000g of rain water (varying a bit with soil texture). Spread compost on your lawns and gardens. (Source: Nationofchange.org)