

### THIS WEEK

**Today, Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

10am Worship/Easter

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**11:15am Easter egg hunt**

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am Shake It Up

8:30am Yoga

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9am Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

8am Interval Training

9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom

5pm Personnel Committee Meeting

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

8am Zumba

4pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

8am Aerobics

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

10am Worship/Communion/Special Music by  
Nathan Cox

11:15am Creation Care Committee Meeting

4pm White Pine Programs Workshop

### White Pine Programs Workshop

White Pine Programs is a local organization that provides outdoor experiences to awaken curiosity, and cultivate caring relationships with self, community, and the natural world. They have agreed to run a workshop for First Parish members and friends on our grounds. It will include a meditative nature walk and nature sit. It will involve individual reflection and group discussion. All are welcome.

When April 7<sup>th</sup>

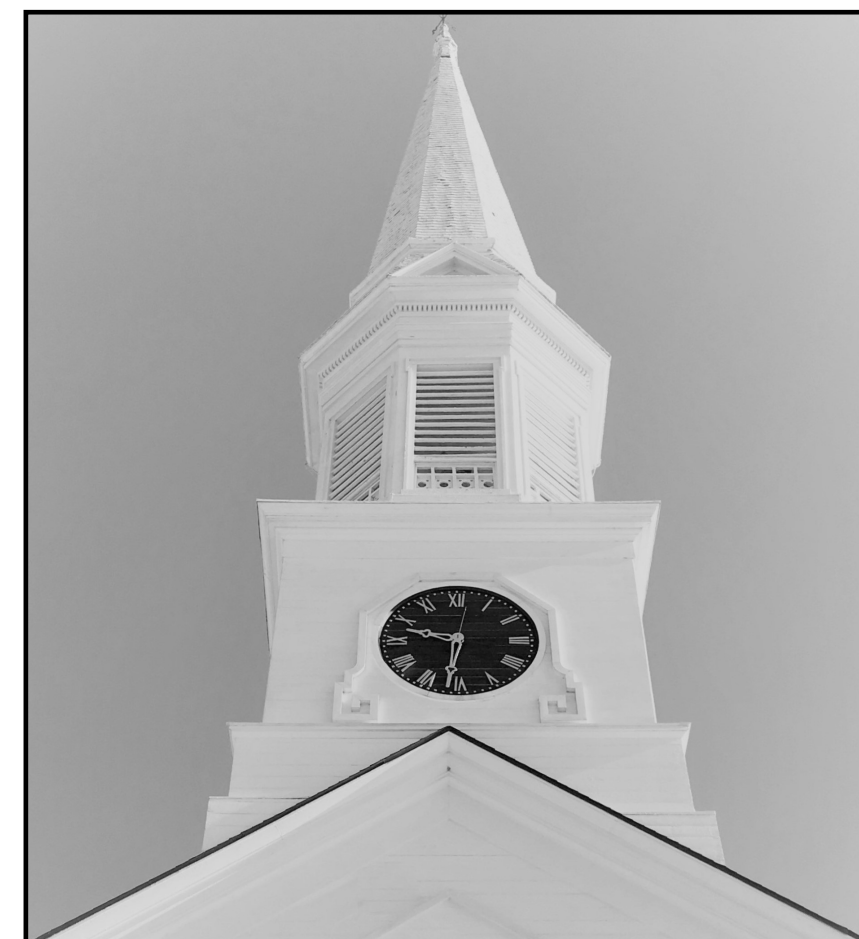
Time 4-5:30pm

Meet Outside Fellowship Hall

Questions contact Pastor Eric



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*Hallelujah*

Christ is Risen

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**FAITH FEATURES**

*Vision Statement:*

Following the way of Jesus, we aspire to authentically invite, courageously include and generously serve all with compassion and grace.

*Mission Statement:*

We celebrate inspirational worship; create life-changing experiences for children, youth and families; and practice meaningful congregational care.

While respecting our diversity, we courageously advocate for justice; and intentionally respond to the needs of our community and the world.



**Ministers**

*All the Members of the Congregation*

*Leading Worship Today:*

*Rev. Eric Dupee*

*Rev. Dan Hollis*

**Staff**

*Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries*

*Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate*

**First Parish Church Lay Leaders**

*John Covino, Moderator*

*Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator*

*Ray Hamlin, Treasurer*

*Susan Mancinelli, Clerk*

We welcome children in worship! There are Easter activity sheets at the church entrance. Downstairs, there are comfortable chairs and a monitor for viewing the service.

**Thank you:** I'd like to express my sincerest gratitude for all the cards, emails, texts, and heartfelt messages I have received from my church family in the past few weeks. Your support has given me strength and comfort during a very difficult time. Now there is much relief in knowing that my mother is finally at peace in God's loving embrace after navigating the challenges of Alzheimer's disease for many years. Thank you. Blessings, Kathy McQueeney

**Mission Opportunity:** We would love you to join us as we travel to Salem TWP, Maine from June 23-28 to do mission work. Our work will include home repair, painting etc for those in need in this rural area of our state. We will live and eat together and sleep in 2 bunk houses. The property sleeps 22 with RV and tenting sites available.

We are looking for folks high school age and older to join us for this week of sharing our hands and hearts with those in need. We are hoping for some people with some experience with tools, painting, and small construction projects but we have jobs for all skill levels. If you would like to be part of preparing meals instead of working in the field, you are welcome to join us.

We hope to raise much of the funds for the trip which is \$300/person. All of this cost goes directly for materials for the home improvements. There will be an additional nominal cost for food and transportation. We hope to fundraise and seek donations to offset some of this cost of materials and food.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact

Carolyn Dupre

[cardup8@gmail.com](mailto:cardup8@gmail.com) or call 207 752-3247

Here is a link to the website:

<https://www.umeconomicministry.com/bring-a-mission-team>

**Instate Mission Opportunity:** Calling all springtime campers, join the FPC team of supporters of Pilgrim Lodge in the Spring clean up days Friday and Saturday April 26 and 27. I'm not sure what special tasks they may have for us this spring but I have a call into the staff for details. Gary Goss told he was loving that belt sander and wondered if they had another 15 or 20 benches to clean up! Check out the pictures on the Pilgrim Lodge web site under Work Day Schedule.

**Creation Care Committee:** Beach Clean Up Saturday, April 13 at 9:30am on Long Sands Beach.

**Creation Care Committee Meeting:** Sunday, April 7 in Pilgrim Room after worship. All are welcome to check it out. Just catching up and brain storming a bit. We need you.

**Green News/Tips:** "The mind once stretched by a new idea, never returns to its original dimensions." Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are delighted to have the Portsmouth Brassworks Quintet with us this morning to add to the glory of our Easter celebration. The members of the congregation are invited to join the brass and Sanctuary Choir in the traditional singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." Probably the world's most often quoted and best known piece of choral music, it is the concluding chorus of the Lenten portion of Handel's *Messiah*.

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](http://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, 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/@firstparishyork](http://www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork). 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: 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. Partway through Sunday services, children are invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way to the Fellowship Hall 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 across the drive to sign out their children with the teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are On Life's Journey,  
You Are Welcome Here!

We covenant with God and with one another as members of First Parish Church to be an Open and Affirming Church. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We are one body with many members: people of every age, marital status, family structure, faith background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, racial and cultural identity, and socio-economic status. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we invite all into the full life, ministry, and sacraments of the church. We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's message of unconditional love.

EASTER SUNDAY  
MARCH 31, 2024  
10AM

**We welcome you to First Parish Church, United Church of Christ.  
We're delighted that you have come. We hope you will come  
again and make yourself at home. No matter who you are or  
where you are on life's journey, you are most welcome here.**

*\* When you see an asterisk, please stand if you are able.*

**PRELUDE** Sonata from Die Bankelsangerleider Arr., Robert King  
Meditation on "HYMN OF PROMISE" Arr., Brenda Portman  
"AWAKE, THOU WINTRY EARTH" Arr., Mark Scott  
**Portsmouth Brassworks Quintet**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Eric Dupee

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**  
*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(unison)* Rev. Dan Hollis  
**God of endings and new beginnings, we come to praise you. We  
come to offer up our hopes and dreams, that you may breathe  
new life into them. Shake us from our slumber and awaken us to  
our own resurrections. With gladness for Jesus Christ and his  
triumph over death, we offer the prayer he taught...**

**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.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY" No. 288

**BAPTISM** Amaris King DeRose – born November 8, 2021  
son of Emily King and Nolan DeRose

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT: We promise our love, support, and care.**

**ANTHEM** "RISEN INDEED!" Words and Music: Allen Pote (b. 1945)  
*Sing alleluia, he is risen! Lift up your voices, sing alleluia!*  
*Christ is risen indeed, he is risen from the dead.*

*He died for us, our sinful souls to save.*

*Now he is risen from the grave.*

*The tomb stands empty, the stone was rolled away.*

*Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day.*

*Jesus will meet us when our death is near.*

*He gives us hope eternal. We need not fear. Alleluia!*

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**  
**Portsmouth Brassworks Quintet**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Dan Hollis

**SCRIPTURE** John 20:1-18 N.T. page 100 Sherry McConnell

**SERMON** "Good News People" Rev. Eric Dupee

**\*HYMN** "CHRIST AROSE!" No. 294

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "LIKE THE FIRST BIRD"  
Arr., Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** No. 34

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN" No. 289  
*(verses 1 - 3)*

**\*THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN** Rev. Eric Dupee

**\*BENEDICTORY ANTHEM** "HALLELUJAH" (from *Messiah*)  
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune in G Jeremy J. Bankson (b. 1975)



*The Easter flowers are given in loving memory/honor of:*

My parents, Gilbert and Katherine Garland from Gail Gilchrest.

Tom Willcox and Mary Ross from Karen Lyng.

David Ott from Eileen Ott.

Dr. Kenneth and Nancy Leigh from family

Family and Friends from Ray and Kay Hamlin.

Mary Ross from her daughters with love Kimberly and Kirsten.

Russell and Lillian Meier from daughters Terrie, Bonnie, and Barb.

Bobby and Barry Herman my two sons who passed from their mom,  
Barbara Herman.

Felix and Irene Wierzba, John and Mary Josephine Donlan from Dennis and  
Sue Wierzba.

In loving memory of Charles Furlong. In honor of Elizabeth Furlong from  
Joy Dalley, daughter and Scott Dalley, son in law.

My husband, Dick Nelson and my parents, Wayne and Aili Kangas from  
Sandy Nelson.

Caroline Schreiner Calder, Al and Bev Fenn and Thomas A. King and Jane  
Hansen from Stephen and Martha.

Our Parents, Edward and Noella Nowak and Alfred and Olga Finkowski  
from Elaine and Al Finkowski.

Alexander and Priscilla Brown from Russ and Melissa Brown.

My parents, Roberta and Harry Buck from loving daughter, Lynne Tocci.

Charles and Marian Copenhaver, Erwin and Kitty Jonas from Per and Jan  
Jonas.

Duncan and Jennifer Leith from Barbara Elkhorn.

My grandmother, Ada Schrader from Rev. Pat Smith.

The Monks family.

Our parents, Arthur and Betty Lypscon and Hank and Priscilla Richburg  
from Ginny and Larry Richburg.

Nelson Giordano from Phyllis Giordano.

Owen and Eloise Goss and Tom Goss from Gary and Meredyth Goss.

Donald and Mary March from Gary and Meredyth Goss.

Carolyn and Edward Lindsay, her aunt and uncle from Susan and Ray  
Mancinelli.

My son, John and my husband, Donald Stewart from Helen Stewart.

Our loved ones from Heidi Oliver and Priscilla Pike.

My parents, Dalton and Jennie Woodman from Phil Woodman.

Loved ones from Diana and George Parton.