

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.

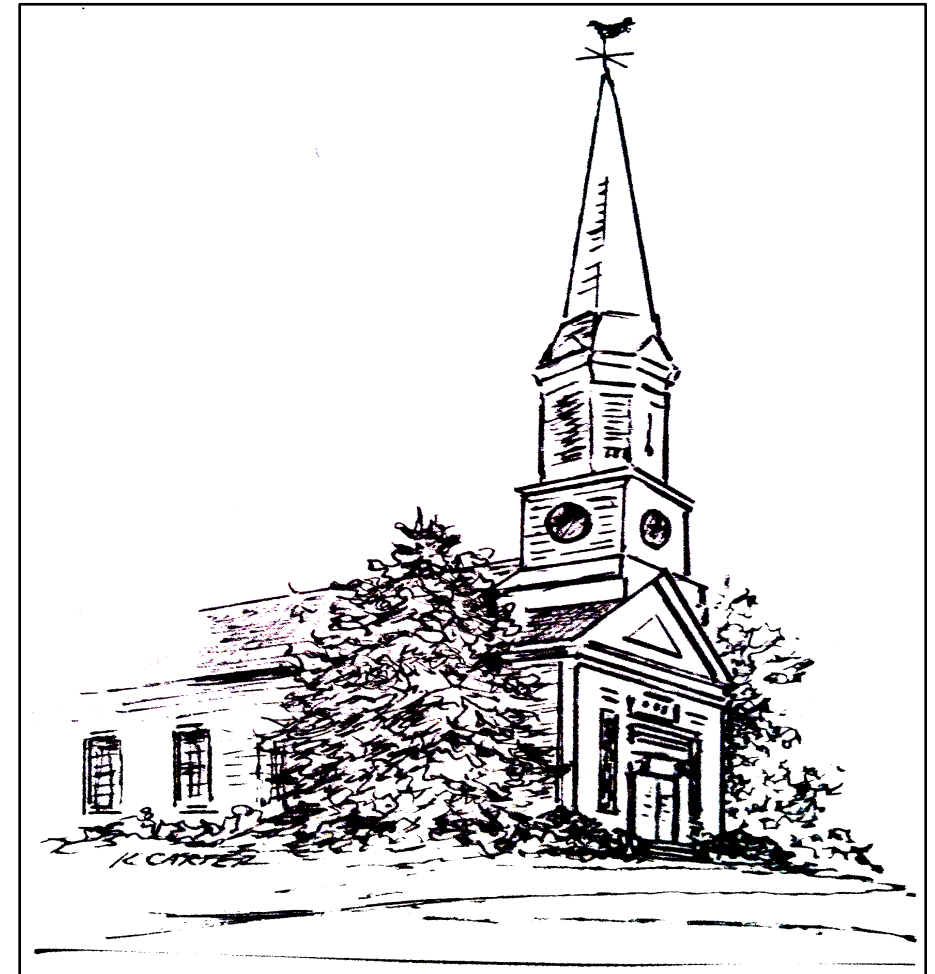
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings 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, OCTOBER 24, 2021 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	A Psalm of Glory	Lani Smith (1934-2015)
	Benedictus	Gordon Young (1919-1998)

WELCOME Rev. Eric Dupee

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Dan Hollis

OPENING HYMN “OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE” No. 480

***GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Rev. Eric Dupee
Ripen us, God, as sun ripens corn and grapes. Round out the complex flavors of our lives. Blend here our strengths and weaknesses to make for yourself a full-bodied praise. Glory, abundant glory, to you, O God and to the Christ in whose name we 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

ANTHEM

"How CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?"
American folk hymn/Arr., Andy Beck
*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation,
No storm can shake my inmost calm. I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir
Rob Finch, guest conductor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52 N.T. 41 Cindy Bufithis

SERMON “Interrupted” Rev. Eric Dupee

RESPONSE

Mission Moment

Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “MY FAITH, IT IS AN OAKEN STAFF” (*Muswell Hill*)
Arr., Stewart Landon

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT No. 34

CLOSING HYMN “SOFTLY AND TENDERLY” No. 348

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Toccata in C Major Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Ruth, Abbott and Doug Trueman.
Love Chris Briley and mother Joyce Stone.*



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THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, October 24th

8:30am Beginner Bible Study
9:30am Worship
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 25th

Tuesday, October 26th

Wednesday, October 27th

8am Zumba
8:30am Yoga
8am Cardio/Strength
9:30am Women's Bible Study
4pm Mission Committee Meeting
6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Thursday, October 28th

8am Zumba
5pm Handbells Rehearsal
7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 29th

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All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

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Pastor Dan Hollis

Staff

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Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Jan Jonas, Moderator

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Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



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Need 2 volunteers, to date there have been 19 different volunteers, would prefer new volunteers. Volunteer for approximately 90 minutes.

More information contact Linda Drew 207-351-8141 or p.l.drew79@me.com

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