



## First Parish Church, Congregational

On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

September 5, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

Communion Sunday

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** “*Sicilienne*”

*Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)*

(Please refrain from conversation during the prelude)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jared Hamilton, Youth Director*

Leader: Praise be to God, who calls each generation to new life in Christ!

**People: We baptize, just as John the Baptist and the apostles did, to recognize Grace and to raise up disciples.**

Leader: Praise be to God, who strengthens us long after we take our first steps!

**People: We celebrate Communion, just as the first disciples did, to remember and keep us strong for the journey.**

**All: May God be worshipped and glorified in all we do here today!  
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**\*HYMN:** “*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*” PH 15

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Jared Hamilton, Youth Director*

**Lord, you’ve blessed us with a spiritual community, where your ways might be revealed in holy readings and hymns, in caring gestures and encouraging words. On this day, we celebrate both your sacraments as we aim to bear witness to the fullness of your grace. Help us sense the power among us as we baptize and receive the Lord’s Supper. Where we’re able to comprehend, make us mindful of what is holy. Where we cannot understand, let there be awe. For we do ministry in your name. You alone empower disciples. This prayer we offer through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father...**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen”

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Psalm 1*

**ANTHEM:** “*You Raise Me Up*”

*Words and music Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham*

*The O’Brien Family*

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence,  
Until you come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up... To more than I can see.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Luke 14: 25-33*

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

*Hannah Jones*

**MORNING PRAYER**

**CONGREGATION’S JOYS AND CONCERNS**

We are listeners for God’s voice. Sometimes we speak first in order to clear our heads of chatter, quiet our anxious hearts, and open our souls to the Almighty. In that spirit, we join together now, praying with confidence that the Almighty One hears us and speaks – in due time – that which we need to hear. Let us pray.

**SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN:**     *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*    PH 211

**SERMON:**    *“It’s Not Supposed to be Easy”*

**MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:**   *“Majesty”*

*Jack Hayford (b.1934)*

*The O’Brien Family*

Majesty, worship His Majesty.  
Unto Jesus, be glory, honor and praise!  
Majesty, Kingdom authority,  
Flow from His Throne, unto His own  
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on High, the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King!  
Majesty, worship His Majesty,  
Jesus, who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings!

**\*DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

**\*HYMN:**     *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*    PH 288

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**CALL TO COMMUNION**

**GENERAL CONFESSION**

*PH 495*

**DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:**    *“Recessional”*

*Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

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The greeters this morning are George and June Nickless  
The lay reader this morning is George Nickless.  
The liturgist this morning is Jared Hamilton, Youth Director.

We welcome, this morning, our guest minister the Rev. G. Jeffrey MacDonald. Rev. MacDonald is a United Church of Christ minister and an independent journalist. He reports on religion, ethics and ideas for national news outlets such as *Time* magazine and *The Christian Science Monitor*. His book, "*Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul*," came out from Basic Books in April. He lives in Swampscott.

**Book Signing & Conversation** with Rev. Jeff MacDonald – At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, **Sept. 8**, Rev. MacDonald will be at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Northshore Mall in Peabody to discuss his new book: *Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul* (Basic Books, 2010). He'll also be signing copies. All are welcome at this free event.

Book: [www.thievesinthetemplebook.com](http://www.thievesinthetemplebook.com)

Website: [www.gjeffreymacdonald.com](http://www.gjeffreymacdonald.com)

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Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Hannah Margarete Jones, daughter of Christopher Weigt and Lindsey Catherine Jones of Australia.

Thank you to the O'Brien Family for their lovely singing this morning. Christiana, Debbie, Erin, Kim, Mary-Lou, Andrew, Jeffrey and Ross.

The Deacons are Mary Lumsden and Jill Benke.

The Sexton is Charlie Hatch.

**ATTENDANCE** August 29, baptism– Church 86

Welcome to all who worship here this morning. If you are new to our church, a guest or visitor please fill out the "Welcome Card" in the pew, place it in the collection plate and sign the guest book located in the

narthex. Please join us in the front of the church following the service for coffee, tea and hospitality.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** Please call Penny Lapham at 978-526-7128, by Monday to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

### **CARE TEAM, Have you shared the experience?**

Our Care Team provides meals, rides, & visits to sustain families in our Church Community through times of illness and loss. If you would like to become involved with this wonderful support system

please call; Sheila Kafer 978-525-3253, [smkafer@comcast.net](mailto:smkafer@comcast.net)

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### **SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10AM**

Sunday school and Youth Registration. The Senior Choir returns to sing

### **VESPERS**

Vespers starts on September 22 through December 1, every other Wednesday. Doors open at 6:30pm, service begins at 7pm.

### **FAITH FORMATION – Judy Haley**

❖ **Friday Bible Study -Starting Sept 10 4:00-5:30 p.m.** (Chapel)

On Friday afternoons we get the behind-the-scenes tour of the biblical passages that will guide our worship on Sunday mornings. This fall we will look at each lectionary passage but will be focusing especially on the *gospel of Luke* for a more coherent study. Luke emphasizes worship and prayer, the role of women, and ministry to those who suffer among other themes of Jesus' ministry. This discussion-based group is open to everyone. **\*Note the time change** because of Judy's schedule.

❖ **Family Pot Luck** – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm –Chapel

❖ **Growing Together** -Starting Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday nights, 7:30-9pm.

For more information, contact Judy [pastoralassist.fpchurch@verizon.net](mailto:pastoralassist.fpchurch@verizon.net) or 978 710-8732.

### **SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE –Jared Hamilton**

**Saturday, Sept. 4** – High School Climbing Trip– 6am – 7pm

**Friday, Sept. 10** – Confirmation Information Session at chapel, 7pm– 8:30pm

**Sunday, Sept. 12** – MS youth group at chapel – 10am–11am

**Saturday, Sept. 18** – MS Apple Picking at Russell Orchards–1pm– 4pm

**Sunday, Sept. 19** – MS youth group at chapel – 10am – 11am

**Sunday, Sept. 26** – NO MS youth group in chapel – Jazz Sunday

If you have any questions about the youth program at First Parish Church, please send me an email at [youthdirector.fpchurch@verizon.net](mailto:youthdirector.fpchurch@verizon.net) or leave me a message at the church office, 978 526-7661 ext 2.

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS**

Mark your calendar for this year's FAIR, **Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Our next **general planning** meeting will be **Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. All are welcome to attend.

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Lynne Lance, craft chairperson: [lmk.914@aol.com](mailto:lmk.914@aol.com), 978 526-8574

*Don't forget the White Elephant room when doing your end-of-summer clean-up.*

## **JAZZ SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 26**

Everyone is welcomed to join us in worship. A pot-luck picnic lunch is planned in the Chapel and outside entertainment for kids.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May be found on the calendar hung in the narthex, in the Church Bell or on the Church website: [\*\*First Parish Church\*\*](#)

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## **PARISH SCHEDULE**

## **Monday, September 6**

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

8:30-9:30am Exercise w/Carole-Chapel

## **Tuesday, September 7**

9:30-11:30am First Parish Playgroup-Chapel

7-8:30pm CE committee-SS room

7:30pm Executive Committee-conference room

## **Wednesday, September 8**

8:30-9:30am Exercise w/Carole-Chapel

10-11am COA Yoga-Sunday school room 13

## **Thursday, September 9**

7:30pm Growing Together with Judy Haley-conference room

## **Friday, September 10**

8:15am-10am Yoga Class w/Carla-Chapel

9-10am Office Staff meeting-conference room

4-5:30pm Bible Study with Judy Haley-conference room

7-8:30pm Confirmation information with Jared Hamilton,  
Youth Director.-Chapel