



**First Parish Church, Congregational**  
**On the Village Green**  
**Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts**

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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:** *Isaiah 40:21-31*

**ANTHEM:** “*There Is A Balm In Gilead*”

*African-American Spiritual  
arranged by William Levi Dawson (1899-1990)*

*Rebecca Shrimpton, soprano*

*There is a balm in Gilead,  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead,  
To heal the sin-sick soul.*

Some times I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say “He died for all.”

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

**MORNING PRAYER**

**CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

May all who feel moved by the love of Jesus Christ, feel free to approach this table and participate in this meal.

## **GENERAL CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we have been wrong; we have strayed from your paths like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts and have not followed you. We have not done those things we should have; we have done those things we should not have done.

So, Dear God, have mercy on us. Forgive us when we confess. Restore us, so that, the words of our mouths and the reflections of our hearts may be acceptable to you, O Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Leader: God formed us in the divine image and breathed life in us. When we turn away, when our love fails, God's love will continue to pursue us.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (*distribution of elements*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*[The "Removal of the Flame"]

## **BENEDICTION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *"He Is King of Kings"*

*African-American Spiritual  
Setting by Charles Callahan (b.1951)*

The greeter this morning is Deirdre Henderson and Ralph Smith.

The lay reader this morning is Deirdre Henderson.

The Acolyte is Charlotte Pick. The Bell Ringer is William Pollock.

The Deacons are Wendy Smith and Linda Palmstrom.  
The Sexton is Jennifer Gallagher.

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.*

## ATTENDANCE

Church 78, Sunday School 35, Youth 7

**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)

or: Janet Groth at 978-526-8408 [janbythesea244@gmail.com](mailto:janbythesea244@gmail.com)

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

After service on **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, the first Parish Church will hold its Annual Business Meeting.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

We are now on the 2012 budget. Please call or email the church office with your pledge, if you haven't already. Thank you so much everyone!

- The Stewardship Committee

## **COOKBOOKS**

The Cookbooks is \$18.00 each or 2 or more for \$15.00 per copy. Please call Alison Walker at 283-4842, to order. Checks can be made payable to: First Parish Church, please note on the memo line: "cookbook".

-The CE Committee.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Soup & Conversation, Feb 19** at 11:30 a.m. Watch how the people of First Parish put Jesus' words into action through our local missions. See slides and hear stories about how we are making a difference. Let Judy Haley know if you will be contributing a soup.

**Growing Together** Prayer Gathering for our church, **Thursday, Feb 9** at 7:30. Is there a problem or a crisis? No! The ABM provides us an opportunity to reflect on what the church means to us. If the church is important to you, join in the readings, reflections, and prayers to celebrate First Parish Church and the wider Church.

**Friday Bible Study at 4:00.** This week's readings include 2 Kings 5, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9, and Mark 1:40-45. Bring your questions!

**Women's Fellowship March 19 Meeting: SAVE THE DATE**

Judy Haley 978 937-8881 [pastoralassist.fpchurch@verizon.net](mailto:pastoralassist.fpchurch@verizon.net).

## **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

As we approach Super Bowl Sunday, we might want to consider how the church uses football lingo to explain its worship:

- “**Interference**”: a term by the organist when people talk during the prelude music;
- “**Blocking**” is what some people think the minister is doing at the front door when they need to escape quickly - - without speaking to anyone!
- A “**quarterback**” is what children look for when forced to drop a half-dollar into the collection plate;
- An “**extra point**”: what happens when the preacher continues the sermon during the benediction;
- “**forcing a pass**”: what happens to latecomers when they have to move by the person who always sits at the end of the pew;
- The “**two minute warning**”: the message people communicate to a preacher when they gaze at their watches during a sermon.

[adapted from *Humor for Preaching and Teaching*, 1996]

## **NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please contact the office if you would like envelopes and do not have any assigned for 2012.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Monday, February 6

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Exercise w/Carole- Chapel

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM - Playgroup, FPC -Chapel

7:30 PM - Executive Committee - Conf.Rm

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Exercise w/Carole- Chapel

10:00 AM - COA Yoga - Chapel

7:30 PM –Sr. Choir Rehearsal - Chapel

Thursday, February 9

9:00 AM - Staff Meetings – Conf.Rm

7:30 PM - Growing Together w/Judy Haley- Conf.Rm

Friday, February 10

8:00 AM - 9:45 AM Yoga w/Carla- Chapel

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM MY Open House - Magic Years Classrm

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study w/Judy Haley- Conf. Rm