



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

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion Sunday, March 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Prelude in C Major”*
 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Glory of God is all around us;

The Glorious God reveals truth to us;

Our Glorious God is to be praised;

**The Glorious Mystery of our faith
is to be celebrated.**

***HYMN:** *“When Morning Guilds the Skies”*

NCH #86

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

It is a mystery, God’s creation of this wonderful world.

We are thankful for the gift of life.

It is a mystery how God’s presence becomes reality for us.

We know we are the sheep of God’s pasture.

God is our Shepherd.

We are the chosen people to whom

**God reveals all truth, if we but have
the ears to listen.**

We know God reveals beauty to us,
if we but have the eyes to see.

**We rejoice that God’s love is abounding
and not confined to the conditions of ordinary life.**

We are grateful that the love of God endures forever.

We stand in God’s favor, through Jesus Christ.

Jesus who taught us to pray...

***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: 2 Peter 1:16-21

ANTHEM: “*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*”
by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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.

Let us pray...

SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:1-9

***HYMN:** “*Jesus, Take us to the Mountain*”

NCH #183

SERMON: “*The Speaking Spirit*”

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “*Chorale Prelude in d Minor*”
by J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

***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:** *“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”* *NCH #182*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, the holy meal, recalling Jesus’ suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ’s resurrection, and awaiting Christ’s return in victory.

We have spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labors. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and juice, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be our champion of peace and justice in this world.

Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of the Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. 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 your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**[The “Removal of the Flame”]*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “*Sonatina in d Minor*”
by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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The greeters and lay readers are Joe and Christiane Alsop.

The Deacons are Mary Lumsden and John Feuerbach.

The Sexton is Rachael Gallagher.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Richard V. Hunt.

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given in loving memory of Beverly Xavier by her family.

After the service join us in the front of the church for hospitality.

Welcome to all who are new to our worship. To join our mailing list fill out a “Welcome Card” to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@verizon.net , 978-526-7661 ext 1.



Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Last year’s palms from Palm Sunday become this year’s ashes as Lent begins.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Please call [Penny Lapham](tel:978-526-7128) at 978-526-7128, by Monday to be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

ATTENDANCE Church 45

THE CARE TEAM MINISTRY, Have you shared the experience?

We support FPC families with meals, rides, & visits through times of illness and loss. If you would like to become involved with this wonderful team contact;

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Bonnie Anderson

Bonnie Anderson made her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at age 14, first as flute soloist and several months later as piano soloist in the Grieg Piano Concerto. She has performed on both instruments in the United States, France, Germany and South America. A frequent soloist, she has appeared with the Boston Pops, Peoria Symphony, Bach Society Orchestra of Harvard University, Northern Illinois Philharmonic and the Bach Festival Orchestra. Ms. Anderson's honors include the Young Pianist Award at Tanglewood, top prizes at the Young Keyboard Artists Association International Competition and the San Antonio International Keyboard Competition, as well as competitor in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. As chamber pianist, she has performed in Alice Tully Hall, Jordan Hall, the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C., the Shalin Liu Concert Hall in Rockport, MA and numerous universities around the country. She enjoys collaborating with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic and National Symphony Orchestra. She performed on the Nantucket Musical Arts Society Concert Series with Branford Marsalis and the Walden Chamber Players. Ms. Anderson recently released her debut solo recording, featuring piano music by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Ravel and Ned Rorem. Her recording of music for trumpet and piano with Joseph Foley will be released in 2012. She joined the piano faculty at Phillips Academy Andover in September 2012. She lives in Manchester-by-the-Sea with her husband and two daughters.

FAITH FORMATION

“Ruth Moves to Manchester”

The short biblical story of Ruth will provide a lens for looking closely at such times of transition. We will reflect on the spiritual resources that we can access and offer to others in the midst of life's changes. Join us for five weeks, March 13-April 10, Thursdays at 7:30 in the conference room.

Soup & Conversation, Sunday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel.

THIS WEEK:

Monday

8:00 AM Exercise
7:30 PM Manchester Singers

Tuesday

11:30 AM COA Zumba
7:00 PM EC Committee
7:00 PM Missions Committee

Wednesday

8:00 AM Exercise
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM COA Yoga
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Health Clinic

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study

Saturday

9:00 AM Dance
10:00 AM Art for the Heart

Sunday

9:15 AM Bibles and Bagels
10:00 AM
Worship
Nursery, Sunday School
Solace Youth Group



We are taking pride and ownership of our most used building

Come lend a hand to refresh our Chapel Building!

Saturday, March 15

9 am-3 pm

Bring lunch or donate a pizza

Come for the day or just an hour

Projects for all ages

**Tidy kitchen drawers - paint hallways - caulk Sunday
school windows-dust-help us clean out a closet
and MORE**

Sign up in the Narthex or online or just show up