



First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 18, 2015 10:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Lied” Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you have searched us and known us.

You know when we sit down and when we rise up.

You discern our thoughts from far away.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

Such knowledge is too great for our understanding;

It is too lofty for us to comprehend.

***HYMN:** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know that you receive us as we are.

Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence.

Touch us, O God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We ask that through your power, you may ground us in your grace. Amen.

***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: 1Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

ANTHEM: *“I waited for the Lord”*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Rebecca Shrimpton and Diane Houghton, sopranos

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.
O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION’S JOYS AND CONCERNS

Holy God, give us the inner vision to see
the things our eyes overlook.

**Open our hearts to feel the things
our hands cannot touch.**

Open our souls to hear the still voice
which sounds only like silence.

**Teach us to know who you really are –
as you bathe our souls in forgiveness, Amen.**

Let us pray ...

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER-CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:43-51

***HYMN:** *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

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SERMON: *“Hearing the Unheard, Seeing the Unseen”*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

MY STORY

Jane Pearson

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*
 Words by Robert Robinson (1735-1790)
 Tune: Nettleon, 1813
 Arranged by Mack Wilberg (b.1955)

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His Precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the Lord I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it for Thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

***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:** *“Here I Am, Lord”*

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*[The “Removal of the Flame”]

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *“Largo”* John Stanley (1717-1786)

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The greeter and lay reader is Jane Pearson.

The Bell & Acolyte today will be Antonia Cicala and Hannah Koopman.

The Deacons are Wendy and Ralph Smith.

The Sexton is Tyler Duda.

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.

ATTENDANCE Church 61

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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Janet Groth at 978-526-8408, janbythesea244@gmail.com

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

Each Wednesday Evening

An Hour of Tranquility

in our sanctuary 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

As a way of giving back to the community, we open our candlelit sanctuary for anyone seeking a place of tranquility to enjoy peaceful music and private meditation. All faiths are welcome to join in this space.



Hour of Tranquility

I would love to tell a 60-90 sec. story about what Church means to me, something the Church did for me, or an event that I'd like to share. Contact Mary Ellen Cook.



Join the Seaside Parish Knitter we meet alternating Thursday afternoons in the Conference Room of the Chapel. Thinking ahead for the chapel dates for knitting: 3-5 PM Next meetings Feb 5 and 19

YOUTH GROUP



Grab your skates! The Youth Group will meet at Dexter's Pond (off Colburn Road) after school for an afternoon of ice skating from **2:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Friday 1/30**. Don't have a pair of skates? Let us know your size and we'll try to find someone who has an extra pair! Open to grades 6 - 12 (invite a friend!). RSVP with Emelia (youthdirector.fpchurch@verizon.net).



Celtics Game Join the Youth Group for a night out in Boston for the Celtics vs. Hornets game on Friday 2/27. Tickets are limited (cost \$55). Open to grades 6 - 12 (invite a friend!).

RSVP with Emelia (youthdirector.fpchurch@verizon.net).

Friday afternoon 4:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Chapel led by Rev. John Hughes

Bible Study

[Exploring Our Hebraic Heritage A Christian Theology of Roots and Renewal](#) January 29, 2015 An interview of Dr. Marv Wilson by Dr. Kirsten Heacock Sanders ('05) on his new book, Exploring Our Hebraic Heritage: A Christian Theology of Roots and Renewal (Eerdmans, 2014). Ken Olsen Science Center, Gordon College
4 p.m. Reception and Book Signing, Loggia
4:30 p.m. Interview, MacDonald Auditorium

Upcoming events can be found on our website (www.firstparishchurch.org) under “News” and “Calendar” and on our [Facebook page \(First Parish Manchester-by-the-Sea\)](#) under “Events”

THIS WEEK:

Monday

8:00 AM Exercise
7:30 PM Manchester Singers

Tuesday

10:00 AM COA Zumba
7:00 PM CC Committee

Wednesday

8:00 AM Exercise
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM COA Yoga
6:30 PM Hour of Tranquility
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga
4:00 PM Friday Bible Study

Saturday

9:00 AM Dance Class
Solace Youth Event
High School Youth Event Service Project

Sunday

9:00 AM 10:00 AM Worship
Nursery, Sunday School
Solace Youth Group