

300th
Anniversary
Gathering
1716-2016



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE: *“A Cup of Rejoicing” Shaker Tune*
Setting by Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Allison Moir Smith

Let us give thanks to God.

Let us call upon God’s Holy Name.

Let us make known to the nations
the great things God does.

**Let us sing, let us offer our praise,
let us declare God’s holy works.**

***HYMN:** *“We Gather Together”*

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COVENANT

Dan DeOreo

**Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be our Savior and Lord,
accepting the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice,
recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves
for Christian fellowship,
the enjoyment of Christian ordinances,
the public worship of God, and
the advancement of the Kingdom of God in this world,**

**We do now, in the sight of God (*invoking God’s blessing*),
covenant and agree with each other,
to associate ourselves to be a church
of the Lord Jesus Christ,
as called for by the Scriptures.**

**We agree to maintain the institutions of the gospel,
to submit ourselves to the administration of Church,
and to walk together in love.**

**To do all this, we depend upon
the aid and guidance of our Heavenly God,
who so loved the world,
that the sacrifice of the only Begotten Son,
took place to guarantee our salvation.**

**We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit;
We believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior;
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
that creates, challenges, and renews our Church. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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: Habakkuk 1:3-4, 6-7 Rev. John Hughes
Habakkuk 1:12-13, 2:2-3

ANTHEM: *"I Will Arise" Early American Hymn
Arranged by Alice Parker (b. 1925)
and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)*

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

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.

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

God be with you.

And also with you.

May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine upon us.

May God's generosity be gracious.

May God's kindness grant us peace. Amen.

Let us offer our silent prayers ...

SILENT PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER CHORAL RESPONSE

***HYMN:** *"300th Anniversary Hymn"*

Tune: "Duke Street" "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Words by Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith

First Parish Church, Congregational, sings.
Clear from God's people the chorus rings,
Brightly and boldly giving glory and praise
Three hundred years of faithful days.

Down all the years the faith story we tell;
Someone stands ready to ring the bell,
Calling folks out on each Sunday morn
Welcome and baptize the next newborn,

Weddings and funerals we gather to pray,
Follow Christ's life and truth and way,
Never forgetful of whose we are
And that our God is never far.

Brightly and boldly give glory and praise
Three hundred years of faithful days.
Stand with the founders here on the town
green:

God's folk in Manchester since 1716.

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SCRIPTURE: Habakkuk 3:1, 17-19

Rev. John Hughes

SERMON: *"We Shall Gather to a Ringing Bell"*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *“We Walk by Faith”*
 Based on “Dunlap’s Creek”
 By Samuel McFarland, ca. 1816
 Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche (b.1947)

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none ever spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our faith abound
To call on You where You are found:
That when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You With endless sight.

***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:** *“For All the Saints”*

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: *“Intrada” George Blake (1912-1986)*

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The greeters are Rev. John and Marilyn Hughes.

The Flowers are given in celebration of the 300th Gathering of our Church.

The Deacons are Wendy Smith and Lynda Griffiths.

Readers and Greeters are always needed, talk to the Deacons.

Listening devices are available for those in need; they are at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to address a Deacon should you need help using them.

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.



First Parish serves dinner at The Open Door
Wednesday, September 21

Prep & Servers needed: please contact Jim Brennan after worship or at 978-879-4595

Save the date, JAZZ SUNDAY, September 25

If you can provide 1 or 2 dozen egg, ham, tuna or chicken salad finger roll sandwiches or finger food sweets for the Jazz Sunday reception, please see Susan Parker (978-704-9798). The diaconate appreciates your help!




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

Begins again **September 22!**

Join the Seaside Parish Knitter we meet alternating Thursday afternoons in the Conference Room of the Chapel. 3-5 PM.



 First Parish Church Book Group continues on **Monday September 26th at 7pm** in the conference room at the Chapel. It will be a potluck of appetizers, desserts and beverages. The book for the Summer reading was "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex" by Nathaniel Philbrick. Book group will continue to meet monthly throughout the year.



October 3, all are welcome to join us for a conversation on Congregational History with Margaret Bendroth.

Join us at the Chapel following worship.

Soups and salads needed! Contact Jessica at 978-526-7661 ext. 3 or cedirector.fpchurch@verizon.net.

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;

Sheila Kafer 978-525-3253, smkafer@comcast.net

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

At the sign of the rose, we're happy to announce that our new season of *Vespers* quiet time, prayerful meditation candle-lighting at the altar, and music, resumes this fall.



All are welcome. The Sanctuary opens at 6:30 for meditation & prayer; our service is from 7 – 7:30 pm.

Weds., Sept. 21 – Vespers: “hallelujah” psalm 146

Weds., Oct. 5 – Vespers: “wait patiently” psalm 40

Weds., Oct. 19 – Vespers: “no slumber” psalm 121

Weds., Nov. 2 – Vespers: “delights in people” psalm 149



Will be moving to **Thursdays** this fall, still led by Rev. John Hughes and at 4 PM.

Christmas Fair- Saturday, November 19

The Church Fair is looking for knitters, sewers, woodcutters, sand dollars, nice shells, small mussel shells, open pine cones, and ribbon. Drop at the



Church or Chapel or Judy Drinkwater at 978-879-4879. Remember to save good White Elephant items, books, jewelry, knitting, sewing, canned goods and large baskets for the Silent Auction!

COA “The Big E” trip, Thurs. Sept 22, leaves behind Town Hall 8:30 AM contact the COA for details.

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

Monday

7:30 PM Manchester Singers

7:00 PM EC

Tuesday

11:30 AM Woman’s Club Luncheon

Wednesday

10:00 AM COA Yoga

5:00 PM Serve The Open Door

7:00 PM Vespers

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

3:00 PM Seaside Knitters

4:00 PM Bible Study

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga

Sunday

10:00 AM Worship, Nursery, Sunday School

Middle School Youth Group