

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

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## **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service

December 24, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS PRELUDE:** “*Greensleeves*”  
*Richard Purvis (1913-1994)*

\*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Sing to the Lord of Creation a new song!

**Let the heavens ring with our voices!**

We thirst for the God of Peace

as a deer thirsts for mountain streams.

**We yearn for the Holy Light,**

**that overcomes the darkness of this world.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL:** “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” *PH #132 blue*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:** **The Parker Family**

### **CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

#### **\*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:** Isaiah 9:2-7 pg. 1072

**CHRISTMAS CAROL:** “*What Child Is This*” *PH #140 blue*



**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** *“What’s Right this Christmas?”*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL:** *“Silent Night, Holy Night”* PH #138 blue

**CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE:** *“Swiss Noël, with Variations”*  
*Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

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The lay reader is Fran Bachman.

Lighting the Advent Candles are Muriel Parker, Jeffrey Parker, Susan Parker, Rosaly Parker and Brian Parker

The flowers are given in Celebration of the birth of the Christ Child and in loving memory of our parents, Dr. Wilson E. and Janet Hughes and Ernest W. and Gladys Mander, by the Rev. John and Marilyn Hughes and their family.

The Poinsettia gracing our Sanctuary through the Christmas season is given by Doris Milne, in loving memory of her husband, Forrest, and their families.

The Deacons are Paul Gudonis and Susan Parker.

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.

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](mailto:office.fpchurch@verizon.net) , 978-526-7661 ext 1.

Seaside Parish Knitters meets alternating Thursday afternoons in the Conference Room of the Chapel, 3-5 PM. Join us!





There are so many new visitors to our church services. Vitality hopes to answer any of your questions. We will have a get together in the new year but feel free to call Mary Ellen 526-717, Allison 526-1904, or Jane 526-7137. Welcome to our church family.

Book Group continues with a new selection for December/January; “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman. *A grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him the bitter neighbor from hell, but must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?*” from goodreads



We are going to meet next on January 23rd @ 7 pm at 37 Beach St (the snow date is January 30<sup>th</sup>). All are welcome!



Sunday school and Youth Group resumes Sunday, January 8, join us at 10 AM at the Chapel building. *“Engaging the whole child: heart, mind, hands, senses, intuition.”* Godly Play is a Montessori-related approach to learning which enables children to experience the presence of a loving God.

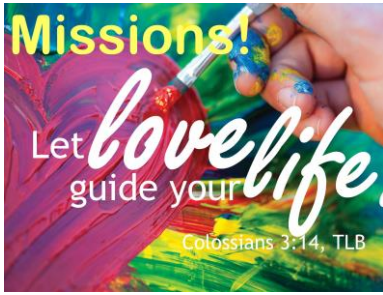
**NURSERY**

Sundays 9:45 am. to 11:30 a.m. In the Chapel for children from infancy through age 3 in our dedicated Nursery during the worship service.

**YOUTH**

**Middle School Youth Group Grades 6-8** Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and other times for fun events.

**High School Youth** attend Confirmation, play an active role in our Sunday School as volunteers and Mission projects and trips are offered.



## Brown Bag Lunches

Friday, December 30 [sign up](#)

or contact Lelly or Nancy (info. below)

Still needed- kitchen help and a volunteer to drop off the lunches

**Beginning in January** there will be containers in the Chapel and Narthex for **grocery donations**, it is the hope of the Mission Committee that these will be reminders that one item from each family's routine grocery shopping trip will go a long way towards fulfilling the mission of our local food pantries.

**January 27 Brown Bag Lunches** for Action Shelter [Donate now](#)

**February 12 Grace Center at the Open Door, noon-4 PM.** Help to serve and clean up lunch, visit with the guests. Bring cards, a craft project, games or musical instruments to enjoy with the guests are welcomed. Contact Lelly Smith to sign up or for more information.

**Interested in helping out with missions projects?**

Contact Lelly Smith [lellysmith@verizon.net](mailto:lellysmith@verizon.net) 978-526-9717

or Nancy Peterson [nancypetel@gmail.com](mailto:nancypetel@gmail.com) 508-284-0883



Bible Study resumes on Thursday, January 5 at 4 PM at 37 Beach St.

*The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for getting their 2017 pledges in by the end of the year. We are all so blessed!*

Monday - Office Closed

6:30 PM Diaconate

Tuesday

4:30 PM Friends of the COA

Wednesday

10:00 AM COA Yoga

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga

Sunday - New Year's Day, 10:00 AM Worship



*Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to our Church for  
the Christmas season, if you donated a plant  
you may take your plant after this service.*

***In Celebration of:***

*Our children, Mara, Laney & Naomi!* Barry & Cynthia Franklin  
*The Shrimpton and Houghton families, near and far*  
Jeffrey & Rebecca Shrimpton  
*Merry Christmas to my family and friends* Liz Loomis  
*Merry Christmas* The Aulds

***In Loving Memory of***

*Guy & Doris Willmonton, George Willmonton, Emily & Dick Greenleaf, &  
Cynthia Greenleaf* Annie & Dick Greenleaf and Family  
*Glenn J. Loucks* His son  
Glenn  
*Annie and Bill Emslie* Sheila Carrassi  
*Wayne Marshall* Jan Marshall  
*Donald and Dorothy Reid* The Reid Family  
*Our fathers, Robert Munroe Wilkinson and Robert Sanborn Parker*  
Susan & Jeffrey Parker  
*Robert Sanborn Parker* Muriel Parker  
*Marian & Emory Eaton and Bob Wilkinson* Shirley Wilkinson  
*Larry Larsen*  
*Jolene & Kate Larsen*  
*Ralph W. Drinkwater Jr.* Judy, Jeff, Andy and Families  
*All Our Loved Ones* The Lumsden Family  
*Henrietta Taylor Burnett, Frederick & Lee Peterson, Robert, Gloria &  
Marion Driscoll* The Peterson Driscoll Family  
*Mother and Grandmother, Virginia Hug* Linda Crosby  
*Our Grandparents* The Klebart Marcaurelle Family