

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

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Adagio in G Minor”*
Tommaso Albinoni (1671-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

**Many: My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;**

One: My heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God!

**Many: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,**

One: Where she may lay her young, upon your altars,
O Lord of hosts,

**All: Happy are we who live in your house,
ever singing your praise! Amen.**

***HYMN:** *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

NCH #293

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of mercy, we are grateful for the longing you create deep within us; a yearning that compels us to seek, ask and knock until we find our way home to you. Holy One, we hunger and thirst for all that is holy within us and around us. We praise you for your steadfast love, for like a friend at midnight, you rise to meet us whenever we call. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying ...

***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: Isaiah 43:1-7

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION’S JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER- RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14:21 -32

***HYMN:** *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

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SERMON: *“Taking a Leap of Faith”*

Rev. Elizabeth King

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY: *“Gavotte” Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)*

***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:** *“What a Covenant”*

NCH #471

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *“Postludium” Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

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Please welcome our Guest Minister this morning **Rev. Elizabeth King**. Rev. King has served 11 different churches in the MA Conference of the UCC. During her first 15 years of ministry she served two churches as a settled pastor and has served the rest as transitional pastor. Elizabeth teaches History and Polity of the UCC at Harvard Divinity School each spring. She recently moved from Stoneham to Gloucester and is currently enjoying a sabbatical. We are pleased to welcome her this morning!

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.

The greeters and lay readers are Jeff and Sue Parker.

The Deacons are Wendy Smith and Ralph Smith.

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.

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We are looking for a volunteer for occasional help in the First Parish Church Office. Call Nancy at 978-526-7661 ext. 1 or send an email to office.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

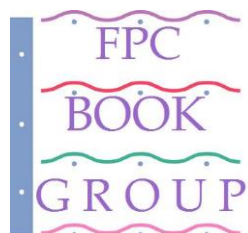
FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Cut flowers from your garden would be most welcome this summer for the church altar on Sunday mornings. The arrangement does not need to be large - just being fresh from the garden would be wonderful. Please call Penny Lapham (978-526-7128) or email (laphenpen@live.com) to sign up.

MY STORY-The "My Story" segment of the service will continue in the fall. Thank you to the 28 participants since October! We have enjoyed your stories. If you have not shared yet, hope to hear you in the fall...



Christmas Fair by the Sea, November 14!
Save the date of **Thursday, September 10** for a meeting of the minds about the Fair! In the meantime, everyone knows the drill, knit, craft, bake... and if you are canning save some for the fair.

Important Fair Note: You can bring items for the White Elephant Room, Book Room and New Items Table to the Chapel building at 1 Chapel Lane between 9 and noon weekdays.



For the summer months of July and August, our book selection is *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay. You have all summer to read this one. The book group will meet again on Monday September 14, 7 PM.

Join the Seaside Parish Knitter we meet alternating Thursday afternoons in the Conference Room of the Chapel. 3-5 PM, August 13 & 27, September 10 & 24





First Parish Church is still looking for a creative, energetic person to lead programs for middle and high school students. We desire a strong community among our youth where they can build faith through inspiration and encouragement.

Candidates should:

- Relate to, value and support youth of today.
- Have experience running educational, spiritually rewarding, and engaging programs for youth.
- Be comfortable within a religious organization.
- Have strong communication, and organization skills.

Begins August/September

Read the [full job description](#) on our website.

Resumes can be submitted to office.fpchurch@verizon.net or mailed to First Parish Church Congregational P.O. Box 187, Manchester, MA, 01944

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

Wednesday

10:00 AM COA Yoga

Thursday

10:00 AM Health Clinic
3:00 PM Seaside Knitters

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga

Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Rev. Elizabeth King

FIRST PARISH CHURCH FINANCIALS through June 2015:

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Income	\$14,560	\$159,144	\$315,153
Expenses	\$25,580	\$166,566	\$313,734
Excess Inc/Exp	(\$11,020)	(\$7,422)	\$ 1,420

Upcoming in September:

Christmas Fair Meeting September 10
Jazz Sunday September 13
Book Group September 14
FPC Serves The Open Door September 16
CE Open House September 20
Fall Vespers Begin September 23
Membership Sunday September 27



At the sign of the rose, we're happy to announce that our new season of *Vespers* quiet time for prayerful meditation and peace, wonderful reflections from the Reverend John Hughes, candle-lighting at the altar, and perfect music, resumes this fall. All are welcome.

The Sanctuary opens at 6:30 for meditation & prayer; our service is from 7 – 7:30 PM, followed by ten minutes of music.

For further information, call 978-526-7661.

- Weds. Sept. 23 – Vespers: “let evil recoil” psalm 54**
- Weds., Sept. 30 – Vespers: “nothing hidden” psalm 19**
- Weds., Oct. 7 – “prove, try, test” psalm 26**
- Weds., Nov. 4 – “blessed is...” psalm 146**
- Weds., Nov. 18 – “I take refuge” psalm 16**
- Weds., Dec. 2 – “do not remember my sins” psalm 25**