

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

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 30, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Diapason Voluntary”*
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We look to the hills,
from where does our help come.

**Our help comes from the God
who made heaven and earth.**

***HYMN:** *“Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”* *NCH #22*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, your laws and commandments are a way of holiness that has stood the test of time. Cleanse us through and through, and keep our hearts faithful to you.

As we welcome your saving Word into our lives this morning, help us be generous to those most in need. Allow us to hear your Word anew, as if for the first time; allow us to orient ourselves to it; allow us to put it into practice in a way that will transform us and all who we encounter.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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: John 10:25-29

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

Holy God, enter our hearts
and so fill us with your love,

**that we will shun all evil desires
and embrace you, our only good.**

Say to our souls: 'I am your salvation'.
Speak to us so that we may truly understand.

**Our hearts are before you;
open our ears to follow you;**

let us be quick to respond to your voice;
take hold on us.

**Enlarge the narrowness of our souls,
so that you may fully enter into our lives.**

Amen.

Let us offer our silent prayers...

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER-RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:30-37

***HYMN:** *"What a Covenant"*

NCH #471

SERMON: *"How Can I Forgive?"*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"AllegroMaestaso" from Water Music
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

***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:** *"Great is Your Faithfulness"*

NCH #423

BENEDICTION

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

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The greeters and lay readers are Joseph and Christiane Alsop.
The Deacons are Wendy Smith and Ralph Smith.
The Sexton is David Reid.

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.

The Diaconate is always looking for volunteers to Read and Greet on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in reading the scripture and/or greeting in the Narthex please contact office.fpchurch@verizon.net.

ATTENDANCE Church 33



Women's Fellowship Thursday, Sept. 24 6:30 PM
in the Chapel Conference Room. All please come for wonderful friendship and conversation. We are hosting the Andover/Essex Association Women's Meeting in

November. Please come and help us plan this wonderful gathering.

Any questions, call Marilyn Hughes or Mary Ellen Cook.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Save the Date: **September 27!** If you're interested in joining First Parish or learning more about the process, please contact Mary Ellen Cook at 526-7178 or Allison Moir-Smith at 526-1904.

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;

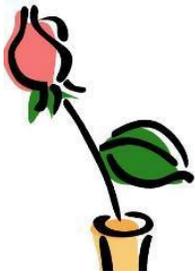
Sheila Kafer 978-525-3253, smkafer@comcast.net

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.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH FINANCIALS through July 2015:

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Income	\$ 1,883	\$161,027	\$315,153
Expenses	\$15,078	\$181,623	\$313,734
Excess Inc/Exp	\$(13,195)	\$(20,596)	\$ 1,420



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., Oct. 7 – “nothing hidden” psalm 26

Weds., Nov. 4 – “blessed is...” psalm 146

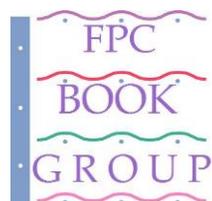
Weds., Nov. 18 – “I take refuge” psalm 16

Weds., Dec. 2 – “do not remember my sins” psalm 25

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...



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



For the summer months, our book selection is *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay. The book group will meet again on Monday September 14, 7 PM at the Power's home. Contact Priscilla with questions.



Friday afternoon 4:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Chapel led by Rev. John Hughes, begins September 11.



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 Rooms, Book Room, Jewelry, New Items Table... to the Chapel building at 1 Chapel Lane between 9 and noon weekdays.



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 \(First Parish Manchester-by-the-Sea\)](#)

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday

10:00 AM COA Yoga

Thursday

10:00 AM Health Clinic

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga

Sunday

9:00 AM Worship



**6th Annual Gosport Regatta Sailing Race
And Family Weekend at Star Island
September 26-27**

All are invited to the Annual [Gosport Regatta](#) on September 26, 2015 – an open sailing race from Portsmouth Harbor to the Isles of Shoals organized by the Piscataqua Sailing Association to benefit sustainability initiatives at [Star Island](#).

Spectators are encouraged to enjoy the competition from the deck of the M/V Thomas Loughton. Everyone is welcome to Star Island for post-race events including an awards ceremony, live music and food. Enjoy a special family-friendly overnight package that includes lodging, all meals and children's activities, capped off by a barbecue pig-roast luncheon and kite festival on Sunday.

Spectators and overnight guests register online by [clicking here](#)

Boats/Crews register online by [clicking here](#)

Package deal!

Saturday Regatta Overnight & Sunday Festival includes lodging at Star Island, three meals, taxes, gratuity, all activities and boat transportation to and from the island:

- [Spectator Ticket](#) with Overnight Lodging (1 adult) \$160
- [Youth Spectator Ticket](#) with Overnight Lodging (youth under 15) \$75
- [Spectator Couple Ticket](#) with Overnight Lodging (2 Adults) \$265

For more information on the event program and pricing options [click here](#)

If anyone has questions, feel free to direct them to Alison Walker 978-283-4842, walkerali@comcast.net