



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

*Awaken to the Light and Love of God;
Be a Joyful Beacon to the World*

**First Parish Church, Congregational
United Church of Christ
Worship Celebration
Sunday, October 23, 2022
10:00 AM**

Prelude Morning (from 'Peer Gynt') – Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Welcome John Feuerbach, Deacon

Opening Hymn *His Eye is On the Sparrow* NCH #475

Call to Worship Bethany Woods

Leader: We are not here because we have found God but because God has called us here.

People: We come responding to that call as different people from different lives. Different people with different histories. We are all children of God.

Leader: We have one teacher, Jesus, who is God's living Word to us. We have one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Children's Moment (for young and young at heart) Jeanne Westcott
(Children will leave to go to Sunday School after)

Choir Anthem Blessed is the Man – Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of waters, that bringeth forth his fruit in due season. His leaf shall not wither, and what he doeth shall prosper.

Prayer Intentions

Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer with 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering Bethany Woods

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Meditation Eye Hath Not Seen (from 'The Holy City') – Alfred Gaul (1837-1913)
Paul Knox, solo

Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. For He hath prepared for them a city, whose builder and maker is God, Eye hath not seen the things prepared for them that love Him. There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the people, the people of God; therefore fear lest anyone come short of it. Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that Love Him.

Prayer of Dedication The Book of Worship 1965, alt.

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Psalm 84 New International Version Lynda Griffiths

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!
- ² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

Message Dr. Eugene D'Angelo

Choir Anthem Amazing Grace – trad., arr. Ed Lojeski

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart, my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious, precious grace that grace did appear the hour I first believed! Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. Amazing grace, amazing grace, bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Closing Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* bulletin insert

Blessing

Closing Song God Bless You and Keep You – Jay Althouse (1951)

God bless you and keep you wherever you may go; His love be a constant companion. God lead you and guide you and be at your side. God bless you and keep you forever.

This morning we welcome Dr. Eugene D'Angelo, as our Worship Leader.

Dr. Eugene D'Angelo is Chief for the Division of Psychology and Director of the Outpatient Psychiatry Services in the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. D'Angelo holds the Linda and Timothy O'Neill Chair in Psychology at Boston Children's Hospital. He is an Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. Gene is a longtime friend to First Parish Church, married to Anne D'Angelo and is a member of Visitation Parish - Sacred Heart & St. John the Baptist Churches.

Our Deacon this morning is John Feuerbach.

We invite everyone to join in "Coffee Hour Fellowship" after Worship!

Next Sunday, October 30 we welcome back **Rev. Jared Hamilton, as our Guest Worship Leader**. Jared served as First Parish Church's Youth Leader and led many worship services here while earning his Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He was ordained at First Parish in November 2013. He has served as Pastor at the United Church of Hinesburg in Vermont since 2013.

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First Parish will hold its first annual **Messiah Sing** in its Sanctuary on **December 11, 2022, at 7 PM**. Singers and listeners are welcome to join us in the glorious music of G. F. Handel. Featured will be soloists and orchestra, conducted by our Music Director, Dr. Herman Weiss. This event is open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the Chapel Hall. It also will be live streamed and recorded. A free will offering will be accepted at the door. You are encouraged to bring your musical scores. Additional scores will be available if needed.

Fall Children and Youth Fellowship

Sunday, November 6, Youth Fellowship Outing destination and time tbd. Community, friendship, and support built through dinners, movie nights, community service, escape rooms, retreats and more, open to all youth ages 13 – 18, twice a month. Questions? Contact Jeanne Westcott, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com

Saturday, November 13, 5:30 PM Family-Friendly Movie Night with craft. Faith Formation will host a family-friendly movie, free for all accompanied by an adult, with crafts and snacks provided. Our "craft" will be a beeswax candle decoration suitable for Thanksgiving, Advent or to be given as a gift. Pre-registration for this event is required details coming.

Saturday, December 10, 12 PM - 4 PM Winter Queen's Emporium

A holiday shopping opportunity for children ages 5 – 10. Children bring a list and \$1 per family members, to shop in our stocked emporium. They will meet the Winter Queen, enjoy a treat, and wrap/tag their gifts to surprise their family!

Thursday- Spiritual Study Join in a lively discussion, Thursdays, 4 PM, on Zoom using The Daily Word as a resource. Questions or to join in contact Paul Lengieza 978-526-4765, lengiezap@hotmail.com.

The Seaside Parish Knitters meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Chapel, from 1-5 pm. In November - Nov 3 & 17. We welcome all to stop by anytime during that time. Over the years we have enjoyed our time knitting and crocheting items for baptismal events at the church, shawls and blankets for friends at home, scarves, neck gators, and helmet liners for our veterans in combat, and mittens and hats for Cape Ann children. We are always looking for knitting needles and yarn that you might be considering “casting” aside, especially wool. Contact Penny Lapham at 978-526-7128.

Book Group News This is a time for church members as well as non-church friends to come together and engage with one another, build relationships, and share in a discussion of books that are of interest to people of various backgrounds. We have fun visiting, conversing about the book and sharing stories and would love to have you join us! Questions? Call Mary Ellen Cook 978-500-0018.

We meet tomorrow night, **October 24th** (not the 31st which is Halloween), to discuss **“The Alice Network” by Kate Quinn** at Mary Lumsden’s home, 18 Woodcrest Rd. Manchester. RSVP to Mary at 978-500-4571.

November 28th we will discuss **“In the Woods” by Tana French** location TBD.

**The Outreach and Service collection continues for -
The Open Door and The Grace Center items needed**

Baking Mixes - Cake, Brownie, Cookie, Muffin, Pancake
Peanut Butter

Canned Tuna, Chicken, and Turkey

Healthy Snack Items

100% Juice/Juice Boxes

Breakfast Cereal

Hearty Soups

Canned Vegetables and Fruits

Spaghetti Sauce

Macaroni and Cheese

Rice, Noodles, Pasta

Pet Food

Gift Cards from local grocery markets (Shaw’s, Stop & Shop, Market Basket, etc.) so they can purchase butter, cream and other perishables

Troop items for October

Disposable cameras

Writing materials

Calling Cards

Drop at the Church before Worship or at the Chapel.

Forming a Stephen Ministry at First Parish

Several members are organizing a Stephen Ministry at First Parish. The Stephen Ministry, named for Stephen, who in Acts 6 was appointed to assist members of the community suffering acute hardships, is a 50 year old interdenominational Christian tradition which trains lay members of the Congregation in psychology and theology to be a Christian presence with all in the community suffering acute challenges. Typical examples would include bereavement, divorce, terminal illness, substance abuse, or mental illness. Full details of the program are available by clicking [Stephen Ministries](#). A Stephen Minister's objective is not to "solve" the challenge but rather to ensure that none feel alone in their struggles. (Jesus, after all, did not come to "fix" all of our challenges, but rather to be *with* us in our struggles.) At the same time, a Stephen Ministry in a congregation develops a network of specialized services suitable to assist individuals with particular problems. For example, someone struggling with alcoholism would be introduced to a local AA group, while the Stephen Minister would continue to meet with that individual as a friend and witness. We are currently working closely with the Outreach & Service Committee and the Care Team on this project. In the short term, as the leadership is trained and the program develops, our intention is to augment the work of the Care Team and develop our network of specialized services to which we can refer people for specialized support. Our tentative expectation is that during the current program year we will assist people within the congregation, with the goal of offering a fully trained and developed service to the full local community in the following program year. If you are interested in learning more about this project, call Steve Carhart at 978-407-8454.

Our New Online Prayer Wall - Give it a try! Request prayers and pray for others through the Prayer Wall on our website. Feel more connected to the Joys and Concerns of our congregation, and hear what's on each other's hearts. You will be touched to receive notifications every time someone prays for you. <https://www.firstparishchurch.org/prayer-wall/> 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.

Welcome to all who are new to our Worship time. To join our mailing list please fill out a "Welcome Card" to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@gmail.com, 978-526-7661 ext. 1.

You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge @PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester

Our FPCC Compassion child, Chepkirwok needs supporters for 2023, [sign up now](#), questions can be directed to Sue Parker, sueparker33@aol.com.

[Click to read](#) the most recent edition of The Church Bell Newsletter.

Use the links below to learn more about First Parish Church online:

Facebook www.facebook.com/FirstParishChurchManchesterMa/

Instagram www.instagram.com/fpcmanchesterbythesea/

Website www.firstparishchurch.org/

YouTube Worship Services

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUvfURhmsH8lfE13FLaRtWcw-pOTC9T2h>

Readers and Greeters are always needed. To volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up [online](#).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caba822a1f49-diaconate>

First Parish is looking for help with streaming our worship services.

Can you volunteer? Full training is provided! Not sure? Sign up to be an assistant to the volunteer who is streaming. We need your help to continue to provide online access to Worship services. Sign up [here](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA822A1F49-sunday2>

or contact Richard Smith at richard.w.smith@gmail.com.

Manchester Seniors - Drop in for Coffee and Conversation

Starting September 12th and continuing every Monday 10 AM-12:30 PM (except holidays) at the First Parish Chapel Hall located behind Santander Bank. Hospitality provided by *The Friends of The Manchester Council on Aging*. Come sit down and talk!

Upcoming Guest Worship Leaders

Today, October 23, Dr. Gene D'Angelo

October 30, Rev. Jared Hamilton

November 6, Rev. Teri Motley

November 13, Rev. Judy Brain

November 20, Outreach & Service Committee

November 27, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith

December 4, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith

December 11, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith

December 18, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith

December 24, 5 PM Jeanne Westcott, FPC Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

December 24, 7 PM Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith

December 25, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith