

Andrea Kunst and Eric Grant were married at First Parish Church in June of last year. They reunited 4 years ago, after 55 years apart, when Eric returned from Northern Canada and world travels. Eric paints, Andrea works at the only Boston Public School with a "green" mission, and they share their lives with dear friends old and new, as well as a Mastiff, a Norwegian Forest Cat, and an Angora Bunny.

Rebecca Shrimpton has been associated with First Parish Church since 2006 as a staff Soloist/Soprano Section Leader for the choir. She is a professional musician and full-time Assoc. Professor of Voice at Berklee College of Music. She performs regularly with several jazz groups, including the 21-piece Jazz Composers Alliance Orchestra, and will be recording her 16th album in a few weeks--a special duo project with pianist/composer Herman Weiss, First Parish's Music Director (you can read more at rebeccashrimpton.com). Rebecca's family includes husband, Jeff, grown sons, Sam and Ben, and mother, Diane Houghton. This church has become a second home for Rebecca and she is so happy to become an official member at last!

Diane Houghton is a retired professional actor and singer, having spent 60+ years on stages in New York, Chicago, and across the country. In 2014, Diane and her husband, Bill (deceased in 2019), moved back to her native New England to live near their daughter, Rebecca, and she has been part of the First Parish choir ever since. Diane is still a faithful member of Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY, and will be joining First Parish as an Associate Member.

Adilia James is a Professor of Sociology at Endicott College and has lived on the North Shore since 2017. She and Katherine have two kids - Rosie and Eliot - who keep her on her toes. Adilia is happy to have found a new church home at First Parish Church.

Heather Reid has been living and working just outside Washington DC for the past four years and is glad to be returning to the North Shore, both to rejoin First Parish Church, where she had been an active member for twenty five years, and to be working as a Fine Arts Administrator overseeing a collection of Japanese art. In her earlier career she had roles as a museum curator, landscape painter and art teacher. She enjoys walking the beautiful beaches and trails on the North Shore, oil painting, reading and supporting arts organizations.