



**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 November 10, 2024
10:00 am**

Ring of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Passacaglia – Andre Raison (1650-1740)

*Please maintain a prayerful quiet during the prelude as we prepare our hearts for
worship.*

*** Call to Worship**

One: In this time of worship, O God

Many: **Our lives are opened to You, and with them, our world.**

One: We pray that Your Spirit

Many: **Would whisper through every heart and every place.**

One: We ask that Your Spirit

Many: **Would challenge and empower all who are weak or weeping.**

One: We long for Your Spirit

Many: **To inspire all who follow You to think, speak and live
as true imitators of Christ.**

One: That our world and all who live in it

Many: **May know peace, healing and reconciliation with you
and with each other.**

One: Bless us, O Lord,

Many: **That we may become the building -blocks
of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Welcome

*First Parish Church is rooted in the Congregational tradition of democratic governance
and the full inclusion and participation of all who call this their spiritual home. We take
seriously the responsibility to make the Christian faith our own in this time and place
and seek to live lives of generous service.*

***Hymn Renew Your Church - #311, NCH**

*** Prayer of Invocation**

Passing of the Peace

Choir Anthem - Beautiful Savior – arr. Michael Burkhardt (1957)

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of Spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

Prayer Intentions

Pastoral 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Meditation The Lord's Prayer – Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)*

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

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Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Mark 12:38 -44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Sermon " Giving from the Heart " Rev. Katherine Schofield

Stewardship Reflection Jason Smith

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem Walk, While You Have the Light – Hank Beebe (1926); text: John 35-36

Walk, while you have the light, now that you see the light, now lest the darkness cometh upon you; for they that walketh in the darkness knoweth not where they goeth, for a little while walk, while you have the light, see, you can see the light, go, though the doom of darkness be on you. Walk, while you have the light, and you'll see that you have the light, and believe that the light will guide you forever. Walk, while you have the light. Walk, while you have the light, now that you see the light, now lest the darkness cometh upon you; for they that walketh in the darkness knoweth not where they goeth, for a little while walk, while you have the light, see, you can see the light, go, though the doom of darkness be on you. Walk, while you have the light, and you'll see that you have the light, and believe that the light will guide you forever. Walk, while you have the light.

*** Doxology #780 NCH**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn** Eternal Father, Strong to Save PH #429

*** Blessing**

Closing Song - The Peace of the Earth – words and music Guatemalan traditional

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too; the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too. Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

* Indicates the congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Our Deacons are Janet Groth & John Feuerbach .

The altar flowers were donated by Jeff & Sandy Bodmer -Turner to honor all the men and women who have served our country in the military. We especially wish to honor Korean War and Vietnam War era veterans for their service.

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 x 1.

Listening devices are available for those in need; they are at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to ask a Deacon should you need help.

New Members Info Session - Sunday, Nov. 17th following worship
Want to learn more about the life of this community of faith, ask any questions you may have, and get to know other newcomers and church members? Whether you're planning to join First Parish Church as a member or not, this Info Session will help you learn more about our commitments as a faith community, the various programs and ministries we offer, and how you can get involved. Contact Pastor Katherine for more info.

Upcoming Pastor -Parish Relations Committee Meeting

The PPRC exists to promote a healthy, faithful, shared ministry between the pastor and congregants. To that end, the committee meets regularly with Rev. Katherine, and is available as a confidential resource to the congregation offering a discrete sounding board for concerns. The PPRC also provides input to the Executive Committee as part of their annual Pastor evaluation. The PPRC will meet mid-November so if you have anything you'd like to share please seek out Sandy Bodmer -Turner, Adrian Argento or Paul Knox in the next two weeks.

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

Faith Formation Opportunities for All Ages

Through study and prayer and service, we aspire to love God “with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.” From the youngest toddlers, to the wisest Elders, we each are called to grow in our faith and understanding.

Weekly Bible Study – Meets on Tuesdays, 3:30-4:45p via Zoom. We study scripture together, utilizing resources from a variety of traditions, and seeking meaning for our daily lives.

First Parish Stephen Ministers are highly trained lay volunteers who stand ready to provide confidential, one on one presence and counsel for anyone facing a life challenge such as divorce, job loss, major illness, or bereavement, under the direction of our Minister. This service also provides referrals to local agencies which can provide tangible assistance for needs such as housing, energy, or medical care. This program is part of the national interdenominational Christian movement described here: stephenministries.org. If you or anyone you know might benefit from this service, please contact Rev. Katherine or Stephen Leaders Linda Crosby (978-314-1526) and Steve Carhart (978-407-8454).

It is time for the **Council on Aging Bags** ! Lists are in the Narthex for items and the items can be put in bins in the narthex or outside the church office by November 11th. There are 20 COA bags. This mission is sponsored by Women’s Fellowship, Outreach & Service and is open to the entire church. Any questions please ask Nancy Klebart or Mary Ellen Cook.

The Seaside Parish Knitters meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Chapel, from 1-3 pm, November 7 and 21. 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.

A Church Directory, Fall is available at the Church and in the Church Office.

A graphic with four horizontal bars of different colors: a reddish-brown bar at the top with the word "Support" in yellow script, a teal bar with "our" in white script, a green bar with "Outreach" in white script, and a yellow bar at the bottom with "Collections" in red script. There is a small floral illustration to the right of the "Outreach" bar.

Support
our
Outreach
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Hands on Opportunities at First Parish
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First Parish has continuing collections for –

- **The Open Door** Most needed items – canned chicken & tuna, peanut butter, healthy snacks, 100% juice boxes, cereal, hearty soups, canned fruits & veggies.
- **Operation Troop Support** Socks, and small board and card games.
- **The Grace Center** Gift Cards from local grocery markets for perishables like cream, butter, milk.

Drop items at the Chapel (inside and outside bins) and at the Church

Book Group is open to everyone! Book Group 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!

Book Group meets on the last Monday of the month, at 6:30 PM, and hosting is shared among members.

November 25, 6:30 PM discussing "Table for Two" by Amor

Towles at Marianne Round's home 3 Greenbrier Rd. Manchester. RSVP to Marianne at 978-902-5452 or marianne.round@gmail.com.

December 16, 6:30 PM Christmas potluck dinner at Nancy Peterson's home 111 Chebacco Rd. South Hamilton. Participating in a Yankee Swap, with a wrapped used book, is optional. RSVP to Nancy at 508 -284-0883 or nancypete1@gmail.com.