



**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 17, 2024
10:00 am**

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Andante, from Piano Concerto #2 in F, op. 102 -Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

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

*** Call to Worship (Psalm 16)**

One: I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;

Many: In the night also my heart instructs me.

One: I keep the LORD always before me;

Many: Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

One: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

Many: My body also rests secure.

One: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

Many: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.

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 Praise with Joy the World's Creator - #273, NCH**

*** Prayer of Invocation**

Passing of the Peace

Choir Anthem Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing – Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great redeemer's praise;
that we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.

Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever,
sing Jehovah's mighty power, Praise Him forever.

Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and Sing Our great Redeemer's praise;
that we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.

Sing Alleluia!

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 Consideration – Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

I have no one, to which I run, only the Lord whom I can turn. Lord, in your vast consideration, consider me. Tide rolling high billows defy, Lord, hear my pleading, don't pass me by. Lord, when you smile on all creation, consider me. Mad winds may blow; mad breakers roar; they beat on every side. One thing I know and to be sure in Thee my soul can hide. When I'm alone without a home, friends and my loved ones all are gone. Lord, when you give out heav'n reservations, consider me. You know my need, you know my deeds, you know my wishes, let me succeed. Lord, when you bless those of the nation, consider me. When in the storm let me be calm, trusting Thy promise, do help me on. Lord, when the world break all relations, consider me. Lighten may flash; wild waves may dash; the tempest raging high. Send from above whispers of love; attend my feeble cry. The day will come, life will be done, Lord in your presence let me be one. Lord, when you give out heav'n reservations, consider me.

Scripture Reading s Nancy Peterson

1 Samuel 2:1 -10

¹ Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies
because I rejoice in your victory.

² There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly;
let not arrogance come from your mouth,
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low; he also exalts.

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked will perish in darkness,
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰ The LORD! His adversaries will be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Mark 13:1 -8

¹ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Sermon “ We Would Be Buildin g” Rev. Katherine Schofield

Stewardship Reflection Richard Smith

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem O Clap Your Hands – Gordon Young

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible: He is a great King o’er all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, Alleluia!

*** 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** You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim - #305, NCH

* **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 .
Our Greeter is Nancy Peterson.**

Music Note: Gordon Young, the composer of this morning's choir anthems, was born in McPherson, Kansas. He attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, and was a scholarship pupil at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. In 1964, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Music from Southwestern for his outstanding contributions to American church music. A superb organist and choral director, he served churches in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, before becoming the Organist/Choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, where he served for many years (excerpt from 'Wikipedia').

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 - today , 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.

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).

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.



Hands on Opportunities at First Parish
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.