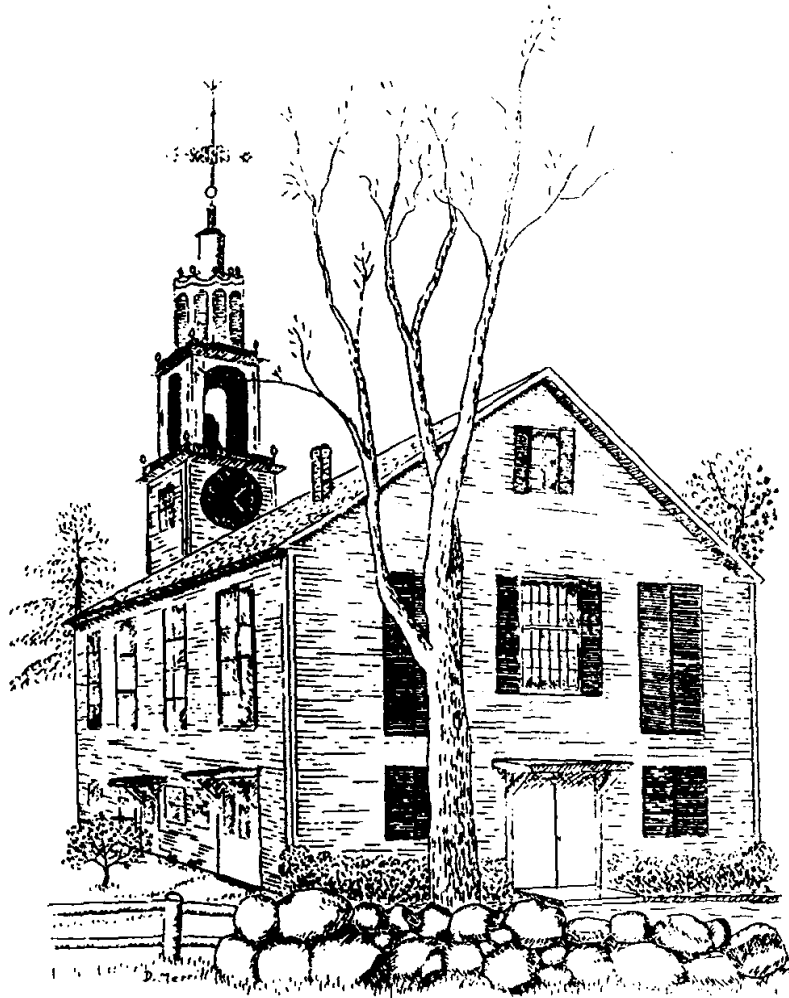


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Doris Merrill

ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

April 12, 2015 Second Sunday of Easter

FOUNDERS DAY

On April 12, 1719, Rev. James McGregor preached the first sermon for the Scots-Irish families who settled our community. First Parish Church often designates a Sunday in April as Founders Day to remember this event. Founders Day gives us a chance to think about our church and community's connection to the past--the industrious and faithful Scots-Irish settlers who formed First Parish also formed Nutfield (eventually Londonderry and Derry). It is remarkable that 296 years later our church is still going strong!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Lighting the Candles

*HYMN NO. 67

"Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.

All: We gather once more to testify to life.

One: Let us declare to each other what we have experienced.

All: Let us testify to God's grace and goodness.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

You pour out upon us the oil of gladness, gracious God, as we gather in the name of our risen Savior. You have given us the Word of Life; we have heard and seen your greatest of all gifts and testify to that experience by our presence here. Let Jesus Christ be known among us, in your conversation and in our prayers. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #756 - **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo ; Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x4)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

In our thanks, these gifts we bring, for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you, in all we say, and all we do. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janet Wetherbee

Followed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen. (Children may now go on to their classes.)

*HYMN NO. 336

"Here, Oh, My God, I See Thee"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133

(O.T. pp. 636-637)

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

(N.T. p. 119-120)

SERMON

"God Creates a New Thing – Yet Again!"

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

WE RESPOND IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members will be invited forward and introduced – please open your hymnal to page 44.

Joanne Worthen: sponsor Julie Turner; Becky Worthen: sponsor Sarah Keller

Ed & Christie Lombardi: sponsors Gail & Carl Hepworth;

Mike Gazda & Tammy Lynch: sponsors Rachel & Alec Cobban;

Lindsay Huber: sponsor Diana Sweeney; Scott & Heidi Merrow: sponsor Diane Gordon;

Debbie Gline-Allen: sponsor Liz Greenberg

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

WE RESPOND WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP AND OUR PRAYERS

FOUNDER’S DAY PRESENTATION – Nancy Heywood

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Jesus, Remember Me”

WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Among the first Christians, there were no needy people because those who were rich brought their resources to be shared. They gave up their advantages so the needs of all could be met. Out of the rich legacy they have passed on to us, let us bring our tithes and offerings in thanksgiving for all God’s gifts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #785

**We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another’s needs and in serving the world in Christ’s name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. May life and faith be extended to many through us. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN NO. 393

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“We Will Take What You Offer”

Bell

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

FLOWERS Offered by Joe and Sue Weaver in memory of Joe’s mother, Sophie Weaver

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In Our Prayers ~ April 12, 2015

We pray for the following members and friends of First Parish. Please take this home & keep our friends in prayer!

<u>Entered</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Requested By:</u>
JOYS:			
04/10/2015	Rev. James MacGregor, for founding FPC in 1719		First Parish
04/10/2015	Ed Sullivan	Out of hospital!	First Parish
04/10/2015	Communication Cohort, for bringing us together		First Parish
04/07/2015	Project Good Word, for bringing positivity and happiness!		First Parish
04/07/2015	280 folks attended Easter Services		First Parish
03/31/2015	Birth of our new grandson, Oliver Thomas Hepworth!		Carl and Gail Hepworth
03/20/2015	Mackenzie Holbrook Gray – born 3/16 to Mike and Alyssa Gray		Grandmother Cyndi Gray!
03/12/2015	Pastor Deborah and Liz	Bought a house on N. High St.	First Parish
GRIEVING (Kept on Weekly Prayer List for 12 Sundays unless removed by request)			
03/31/2015	John J. Wawer, Jr. (Kris's father, Kate & Meghan's grandfather)	Passed away 3/27/15	The Barker Family
03/25/2015	John "Ed" Merrill, Fred's father	Passed away 3/24/15	First Parish
03/23/2015	Richard Voss (father-in-law)	Passed away 3/22/15	Nancy Heywood
03/10/2015	Frank Knutkowski	Passed away 3/9/15	First Parish
03/08/2015	Rita Rother, Diana Kittery's mother	Passed away	First Parish
03/03/2015	Aunt Theresa Baillargeon & family	Passed away 3/3/15	Dawn Gilbert
02/18/2015	Rhetta Wanamaker	Passed away (2/18/15)	John Bartel
02/13/2014	Ian Graham (Marion Willis's son)	Passed away	Marion Willis
02/10/2015	Shirley Young (Laura Sullivan's Mother & Donald Young's Wife)	Passed away 2/10/15	First Parish
01/22/2015	Dick Sargeant	Passed away 1/22/15	First Parish
MEDICAL/OTHER CONCERNS (Kept on Prayer List for 8 Sundays unless removed by request)			
03/20/2015	Shirley Loui	Strength and health	The Hepworth Family
03/20/2015	Ed Sullivan	Medical concerns	First Parish
03/13/2015	Jackie Hepworth	Strength and health	The Hepworth Family
03/08/2015	Anita Huse	Dealing with Cancer	First Parish
03/04/2015	Sue Lindemann	Recovering at home, severely broken shoulder joint	Paul Lindemann
03/04/2015	Presley Weaver	Hospital for diabetes testing	Joe and Sue Weaver (grandparents)
02/23/2015	Wayne Hall	Surgery on arm	Lisa Hall
02/22/2015	Marilyn Ham	Admitted to Rehab hospital	Chet Ham
02/20/2015	Joanne (daughter of friend)	Whooping cough	Paula Robinson
Those Stationed in the U.S. are now listed on the Continuing Prayer List -			
11/18/2014	Derrick Ulrich	Deployed for 1 yr starting 11/20	Wade and Linda dos Santos
12/26/2012	Michael DeNapoli	Stationed in Germany	Patti-Anne DeNapoli
04/01/2012	Cory Szaro (Gerling)	Stationed in Afghanistan	Paula Robinson, Friend
Ongoing Residential & Elder Care:			
Ongoing	Robert King	At Home	First Parish
Ongoing	Elaine Gordon	Salem Haven	First Parish
Ongoing	Theo Johnson	Hillsborough County	First Parish
Ongoing	Leon Berry	Pleasant Valley	The Berry family
Ongoing	Ethel (Duch) Crowell	Concerns	Ray Crowell
Ongoing	Patricia Rankin	Hillsborough County	First Parish
Special:			
Ongoing	Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc – First Parish UCC is a Covenant Partner!		
Ongoing	Dangamvura UCCZ	Zimbabwe African Church	Partner Church
*Special	Rev. David Peyiye	Pastor - Zimbabwe	First Parish