

# FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

*Growing Faith + Sharing Love + Grounding Lives*



## We are an Open & Affirming Church

*First Parish of Westwood affirms the dignity and worth of every person regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, family structure, education level, economic circumstance and faith or religious tradition.*

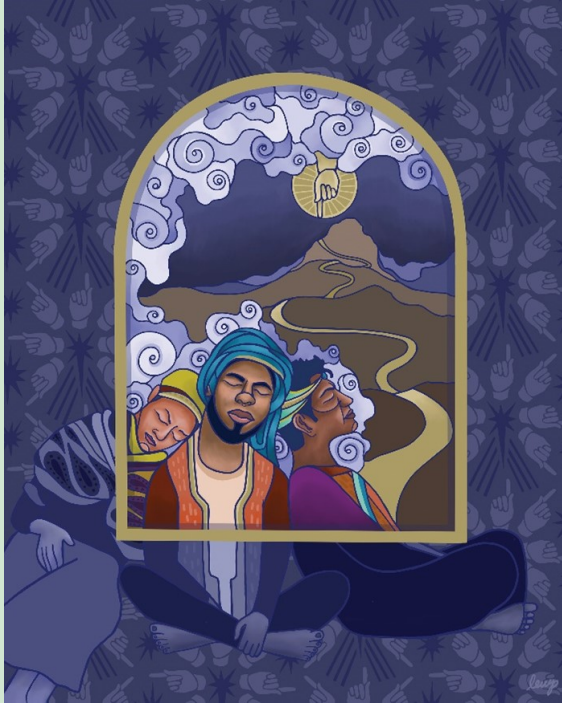
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**January 2, 2022**  
**Happy New Year!**

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**Join us for a virtual service today at 10am.**

Recent elevated levels of COVID has led to a decision to temporarily stop in-person activities at church for the month of January. Even though this includes stepping away from in-person worship, please join us on Facebook for a live-streamed service with communion at 10am. For today's service bulletin, please [click here](#).



To access the Facebook page, please [click here](#).

Image | The Wise Men's Dream

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## Scenes from the Campfire Christmas Eve Service

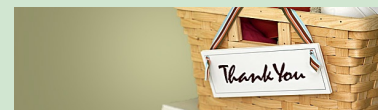
Christmas Eve was extra special this year with an outdoor, in-person campfire worship service and carols. Readers included Marge Eramo and Barb Worth. Carols were sung and marshmallows roasted when the service ended.

In addition to the campfire service, we also had a pre-recorded service with Lessons & Carols. If you have not had a chance to watch this beautiful video, it's not too late. You can find links to the recording here -

[Click here for YouTube](#)  
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## Letters of thanks to First Parish from Lifeworks Christmas Gift Recipients



*Dear Parishioners of First Parish Church,*

*Thank you for making our Christmas so special with all of the gifts you provided for myself and my 3 children. I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart! God bless you all!*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

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*We can't thank you all enough for your generosity and care for our family. For sure we'll have a much merrier Christmas morning. God bless you all!*

*Merry Christmas*

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*Dear Parish members,*

*We were so touched by your generosity. You truly made our Christmas more special than we could have imagined. Your kindness and selflessness allowed the two children to have a magical day. There are no words to express our gratitude.*

*Thank you*



## Thank you for Virtual Options

This note came from Maine -

*Dear First Parish,*

*I have SO appreciated your virtual options over this difficult COVID time. It's wonderful for me to "reconnect" in this new way.*

*Thank you for your work in making a new way to be with you.*

*Lots of love,  
Linda Johnson*

## Message from the Treasurer's Office

First Parish uses Vanco for electronic giving. It is safe, reliable and flexible and it provides the church with a reliable monthly cash flow. This method of giving will be especially helpful during January when our services are virtual.



**IMPORTANT**



## Important Dates at a Glance

### January

- Jan. 9 - Sunday Worship online - Worship will be led by Rev. Jane McIntyre @ 10am
- Jan. 16 - Sunday Worship online - Worship will be led by Bob Deininger @ 10am
- Jan. 23 - Sunday Worship online @ 10am
- Jan. 30 - Sunday Worship online @ 10am

# COVID Protocols

COVID Protocols: The church will be closed to in-person activities during the month of January.



## Office Hours

By appointment during January.  
Contact the church office at  
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call 781.326.5344.

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