

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.

March 6, 2022

COVID Protocols

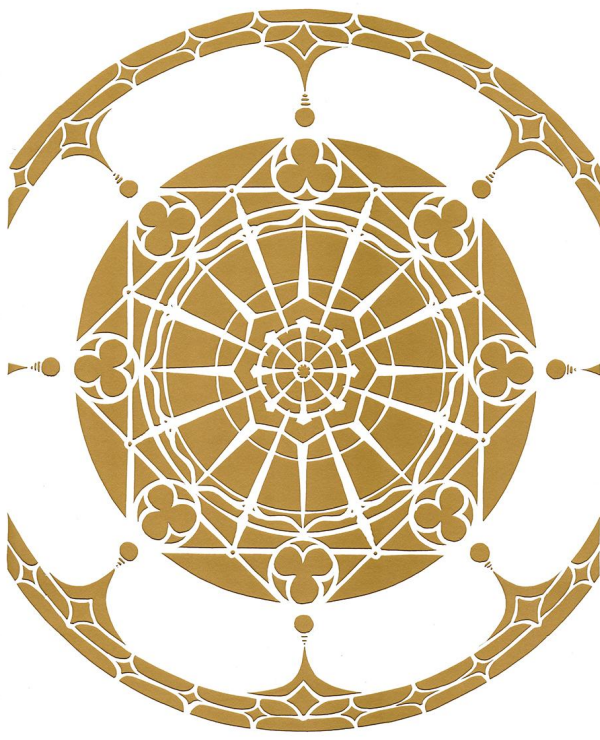
COVID Protocols: It is requested that KN-95 or N-95 masks be worn in the church.

We will have a supply on hand if needed.

Other information about return to in person worship

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, March 13th.

Nursery coverage is not available until after vaccines for children under the age of five become available. Look for updates in future emails.



Hannah Garrity

Image: Temptations (Paper Lace) by Hannah Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Artist Statement: Inspired by Luke 4:1-13 In this image, concentric circles depicting the temptations that Jesus meets in the wilderness radiate outward. A crown and swords echo the power of kings that the devil offers to Jesus. Steeples point outward between the swords. "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Jesus quotes scripture in verse 12 of this Luke passage. And yet, the devil continues to test. Nails in the center foreshadow Jesus' death on the cross.

Join us for an in person, intergenerational worship service today at 10am

Please join us in person or on Facebook for a live-streamed service at 10am. In addition to Pastor JT leading us in worship, Bob Deininger is today's lay reader and Jim and Ruth Aldinger are ushers. Doug Hyde will oversee the live streaming and our choir returns with Sarah Tocco as our choir director and musician today.

This service will also be available for viewing on Facebook and YouTube* after the service is concluded. To access the service via Facebook page, please [click here](#). You do not need a Facebook account to do this. Anyone viewing the service who has a Facebook account is invited to LIKE and SHARE the service.

***To access worship via YouTube: Go to YouTube on a Smart TV or do a Google search for YouTube on your phone or laptop. Once in YouTube, search First Parish Westwood. The live stream of a service Sunday morning or recordings of past services should appear on your screen.**

For the service bulletin, please [click here](#).

NOTE: If you are not able to attend worship but you wish to share expressions of gratitude from the past week or joys/concerns during worship, please contact the church office via email prior to the start of worship at 10am.



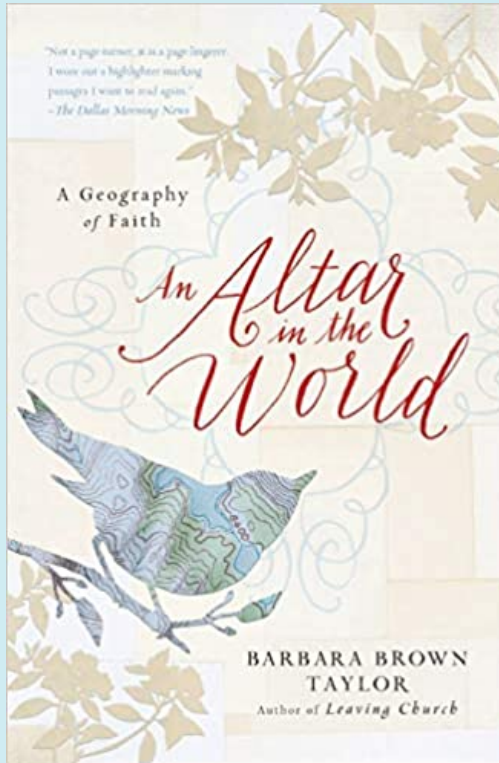
Thoughts and Prayers

The Celebration of Life service for Jim Worth was recorded and is available on both Facebook and YouTube.

Barb Worth's address is 17 Minuteman Way, Canton, MA 02021.

Lent Devotionals

Our Lenten theme is *Full to the Brim*, brought to us by A Sanctified Art, the people that also brought our Advent theme. This theme addresses that desire for a closer and deeper connection to God. As the creators of the theme wrote, "Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed." ***Sets of Daily Devotional Cards and a Devotional Booklet created by A Sanctified Art for the season of Lent are***



Lent Reading and Book Discussion - *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor

During the Lent season, everyone is invited to read and participate in a book discussion of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Taylor's book is an exploration of encountering God in our everyday lives. "Something as ordinary as hanging clothes on a clothesline becomes an act of meditation if we pay attention to what we're doing and take time to notice the sights, smells, and sounds around us."

The book discussions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm over Zoom, starting Tuesday, March 8 and ending in Holy Week on Tuesday, April 12. Two chapters will be discussed each week.

The Zoom link will be sent out Monday.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) 2022

Would you like to put your love for others into actions? Putting love into actions is a call to us to help our neighbors, near and far, as we have the ability. Your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing – United Church of Christ enables our church and our worldwide partners to make a difference in the lives and communities around the world. Together, we are responding to disasters, supporting sustainable farming, education, and health initiatives, as well as pitching in to assist people fleeing violence from their home communities.

The OGHS calendar is designed to help us acknowledge our blessings but to also think about and pray for others. Each day highlights various situations and suggests a donation of coins or bills. Your household can decide what unit works best for you. It is easiest if you select one unit and use it throughout the days on the calendar. The sharing calendar works well with the OGHS coin box. Children will be invited to take home both the calendar and coin box today.



Our churchwide collection for OGHS will take place on Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for April

Starting today, we will resume in person coffee

hour after worship. For people volunteering to host coffee hour, we will have light snacks (prepackaged), coffee and juice available. You only need to provide cream. Thank you to everyone who signed up for March. We are now looking for volunteers to cover Sundays in April.

No prior experience required!!!

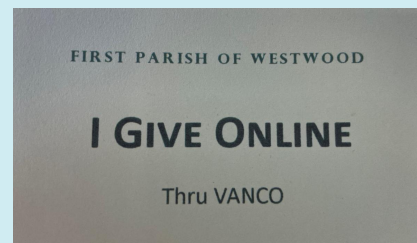


Help Wanted

First Parish is looking for permanent, part-time church administrator. Please [click here](#) for the job posting. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this 18 hour a week, non-benefits position, please have them contact the church office at office@firstparishwestwood.org with a letter of interest and resume. Please note this person should not be affiliated with First Parish.

Church Offerings

For all who now fulfill their pledges online, we have "I give online" cards (see photo) in the pews so you can place a card in the offering plate to show your participation. Contact asst_treasurer@firstparishwestwood.org if you are interested in giving online.



Important Dates at a Glance

March

- March 13 - Sunday Worship in person @ 10am
 - Return to Daylight Saving Time @ 2am
- March 20 - Sunday Worship in person @ 10am
- March 27 - Sunday Worship in person @ 10am

April (More information to follow for worship services during Holy Week)

- April 3 - Sunday Worship in person @ 10am
- April 10 - Palm Sunday Worship in

person @ 10am

- Maundy Thursday
- April 17 - Easter Sunday Worship in person for sunrise and 10am



Office Hours

Mondays 9am - 1pm (*Note: office hours on Monday, March 7 will be 9:30am - 1:30pm*)

Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm

Wednesdays 9am - 1pm
Contact the church office at office@firstparishwestwood.org or call 781.326.5344.

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