

# HOPE LOOKS LIKE WELCOME

Rev. Jamie and Rev. Annie  
Sunday, September 21, 2025

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*“How strange and foolish are these walls of separation that divide us”*  
- Rev. A. Powell Davies

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Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez  
Worship Associate WA Marya Dantzer  
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers  
Choir Director CD Brad Conner  
Music First Parish Adult Choir  
Steve Sussman, *piano*

## A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Batt, Bob Dorer, Clayton Springer, Linda Conrad, Carla Bradford,  
Deb and Neil McKenna, Sarah Dorer, Lee Vorderer

Focal point donated by Maureen Castiglione

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## If you are visiting today, Welcome!

After services, all are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee in the Common Room. Stop by the Welcome Table and complete a blue card to be added to our email list.

## Assistance & Accessibility

Hearing assisting devices are located at the back of the Sanctuary and in Page Room. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. All floors are accessible by our elevator at the Elm St. entrance. If you prefer privacy, the back two rows of pews and the upstairs Bacon room will not appear on zoom. Our masking & fragrance-free room is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Noise cancelling earphones are available. Ushers are on hand to help. Please wear a name tag. New tags can be requested at the Welcome Table.

## Youth

†All children, 4 to 14, are invited to join classes. Childcare for infants and children under 3 is available most Sunday mornings in our downstairs nursery.

## Today's FD Classrooms

PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> Rm L02  
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Rm 204

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### SOUND OF THE BELL

#### PRELUDE

“Give Me Your Tired Your Poor”

*Music by Irving Berlin, Text by Emma Lazarus*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

#407 “We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table”

### OPENING WORDS and CHALICE LIGHTING SM

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

#### \*\*UNISON AFFIRMATION WA

#### TIME FOR ALL AGES SM

“How Sara Won the Argument” by Rev. Jamie

#### †SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

*May your mind be open to new learning*

*May your lips bring truth into the world*

*May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice  
as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.*

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### ANTHEM

“God, Help the Outcasts”

*Music & Lyrics by Alan Mencken & Stephen Schwartz*

#### REFLECTION MFD

“Hope After Being Cast Out” by Rev. Annie

#### OFFERING WA

#### OFFERTORY

#### REFLECTION SM

“Hope Looks Like Welcome” by Rev. Jamie

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

#131 “Love Will Guide Us”

#### CLOSING WORDS SM

#### POSTLUDE

“More Love” Shaker, arr. Davis

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*\*See back of bulletin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMMIGRATION JUSTICE COMMITTEE

After the service, all are welcome to join the Immigration Justice Team upstairs in the Bacon Room for a presentation and Q&A on the immigration justice work First Parish is doing. Come learn how you can get involved! Bagels and cream cheese will be served.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 101

Everyone is invited to a "Capital Campaign 101" session on **Saturday, Sep 27 from 2:30 - 4 pm at FPB**. UU consultant Sara Green will lead this tutorial. After service on Sunday Sep 28, Sara will talk again with Parishioners in the Sanctuary. Questions will be answered, and bagels will be served.

## WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	IJC Forum
	12:00 PM	CoA Opening Ceremony
	2:00 PM	Multi-Generational Games
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	6:30 PM	Monday Mom's SGM
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Meditation
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	5:30 PM	Faith Dev Volunteer Training
	7:00 PM	Lay Pastoral Committee
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group
	7:00 PM	Committee on Ministry
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Personnel Committee
	4:00 PM	Board Potluck Dinner
	4:00 PM	Consultant Meeting
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	Consultant Meeting
	2:30 PM	Capital Campaign 101

~check the website calendar for more details~

## OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

### Faith Development

Sunday (PreK - 7<sup>th</sup>) during Sun Service  
Jr. Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) Wed 3:30 - 5 pm  
Sr. Youth Group (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Sun 2:30 - 4 pm

### Choirs

Adult Choir Thur 7:30 pm  
Sr. Youth Choirs (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) TBA  
Jr. Youth Choirs (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>) TBA  
KidSing (age 5-2<sup>nd</sup>) TBA

**Drop-In Meditation Group** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & last Tue 7pm

**Vespers** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue 7 pm

**Women's Book Group** monthly Sun. 6 pm

**Short Story Group** Thur 9:30 am

**Join a Small Group** contact Rev. Annie

**Multigenerational Gaming Gathering** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 2 pm

**Friday Night Potluck Dinner** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 6 pm

**Immigration Justice Committee** contact Cecile Mercado

## UNISON AFFIRMATION

Love is the spirit of this church  
And service is its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia  
y el servicio es su ley.  
Este es nuestro gran pacto:  
Vivir juntos en paz,  
buscar la verdad en espíritu de amor,  
y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

“Connect” with us to be added to our email list.



Volunteer



Connect



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**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday, 10:AM - 2:00 PM  
781-275-7994

### Church Staff

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**Parish Board:** Mark Bailey, Bea Brunkhorst,  
Ted Carlson, Peter Cho,  
Wendy Innis

### Church Committee Chairs

**Environmental Justice (EJC):** Ginny Steel, Corinne Doud

**Finance:** Wendy Innis, *treasurer*  
Gallery@FirstParish  
**Maria Green, Doris Smith**

**Hospitality:** Catherine Van Praagh

**Immigration Justice:** Cecile Mercado

**IT:** Sandy Currier

**Lay Pastoral:** Liz Connors

**Membership:** Dave Southard

**Music:** Lisa Tohline

**Nominating:** Sarah Dorer

**Parish Council:** Bea Brunkhorst

**Partner Church:** Sharon McDonald

**Personnel:** Carol Gregory

**Physical Plant:** Joel Parks

**Stewardship:** Sarah Dorer, Bill Rabinowitz

**Social Responsibility:** Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw

**UU Urban Ministry Delegates:** Cecile Mercado & Robert Schmalz

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CONGREGATION



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
10:00 AM**

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