MAKING OUR DREAMS A REALITY
by the Worship Team
Sunday, February 8, 2026

"Listen to Mustn'ts, child, listen to the Don'ts. / Listen to the Shouldn'ts, the Impossibles, the Won'ts. / Listen to the Never Haves, then listen close to me. / Anything can happen, child, Anything can be."
-Shel Silverstein

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Worship Team
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA	Elizabeth Connors
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Music Director MD	Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD	Janet Welby
Music	First Parish Jr. & Sr. Youth Choirs
	First Parish Adult Choir
	Steve Sussman, *piano*
	Kat Nicoll, *flute*

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers
Bob Bass, Bob Batt, Carla Bradford, Paul Bradford, Stacy Chandler, Joe Cook, Bob Dorer, Carol Epple, Deborah McKenna, Jenn Puhle, Sara Sullivan & Catherine Van Praagh

Focal Point Donated by Buffie, Dean & Laurie Groves, & Nicholas Caprio
"In Memory of Alice Groves."

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 2nd 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 - 5th	Rm L02
6th-7th	Rm 204

ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE
"Book of Days" from "Far and Away"
by Enya

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS MFD

CHALICE LIGHTING JR YOUTH GROUP

OPENING WORDS SM

*OPENING HYMN
"Building a New Way" No. 1017

**UNISON AFFIRMATION

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TESTIMONIAL
Senior Youth Group

TIME FOR ALL AGES DFDC
"The Town That Kept Spare Doors" by Nate Sellers

ANTHEM
"A Whole New World" from "Aladdin"
by Alan Menken & Tim Rice, arr. Leavitt

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

INTERACTIVE, PART ONE MFD
"Unlikely Dreams" (writing) by Rev. Annie

OFFERING SM

OFFERTORY

INTERACTIVE, PART TWO MFD
"Unlikely Dreams" (reading) by Rev. Annie

REFLECTION SM
"Making Our Dreams a Reality" by Rev. Jamie

*CLOSING HYMN
"One More Step" No. 168

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

***Please rise in body or spirit. **Please see back of bulletin.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

A post-service congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 8. We will vote on a resolution to launch a $1.5M capital campaign this spring. If approved, the campaign will run in parallel with annual stewardship. Campaign funds will be collected during FY 2026-2029. Resulting physical improvements will benefit FPB generations for decades to come. The link below can be used to virtually participate on Feb 8:

Topic: Special Meeting of the Congregation
Time: Feb 8, 2026 11:45 AM Eastern Time
https://zoom.us/j/95942597538?pwd=SaeledcFwj9PbhateuiqM2Rgs94uNu.1

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG
	11:45 AM	**Special Mtg. Of the Congregation**
	4:00 PM	Valentine's Concert
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Grief Group
	1:00 PM	KNOT Committee
	6:30 PM	Monday Mom's SGM
TUESDAY	5:00 PM	Leadership Team Mtg.
	7:00 PM	Vespers
	7:30 PM	SRC Meeting (ZOOM)
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	6:00 PM	IJC Mtg. (ZOOM)
	7:30 PM	Men's SGM
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	11:00 AM	Carleton Willard Village Forum
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs

~check the website calendar for more details~

Open Groups & Programs

Faith Development	
Sunday (PreK - 7th)	during Sun Service
Jr. Youth Group (6th - 8th)	Wed 3:30 - 5 pm
Sr. Youth Group (9th - 12th)	Sun 11:30 - 1 pm
Choirs	
Adult Choir	Thur 7:30 pm
Sr. Youth Choirs (6th - 12th)	Thur 4:00-4:15pm
Jr. Youth Choirs (3rd - 5th)	Thur 4:00-4:15pm
KidSing (age 5-2nd)	Contact Janet Welby
Drop-In Meditation Group	1st, 3rd, 4th & last Tue 7pm
Vespers	2nd 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	3rd Sun 2 pm
Friday Night Potluck Dinner	1st 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 Donate

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Gallery@FirstParish	Maria Green, Doris Smith
Hospitality:	Catherine Van Praagh
Immigration Justice:	Cecile Mercado
IT:	Sandy Currier
Lay Pastoral:	Elizabeth Connors
Membership:	TBA
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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FEBRUARY 8, 2026
10:00 AM

75 Great Road
Bedford, MA

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