

IT MATTERS WHAT WE DO

by Rev. Annie Gonzalez

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Why First Parish is Important to Me?

"First Parish Bedford is a place that feels like home, where I can express my values and feel at peace!"

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Ian Carroll
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA	Art Smith
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Music Director MD	Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD	Janet Welby
Music	<i>Steve Sussman, piano</i>

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Batt, Paul Bradford, Randi Currier, Sandy Currier, Sarah Dorer, Stephanie Keep, Deborah McKenna, Ellen Scheiner, Doris Smith & Sara Sullivan

Focal Point Donated by

Lee Vorderer

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

†Childcare for infants and children under 3 is available most Sunday mornings in our downstairs nursery.

ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE KAT NICOLL

"Garden Song"

by Dave Mallett

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING JYG YOUTH

OPENING WORDS SM

*OPENING HYMN

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" No. 361

**UNISON AFFIRMATION

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE SYG YOUTH

ANTHEM

"Vine and Fig Tree"

by Altman

*And everyone 'neath a vine and fig tree
Shall live in peace and unafraid. (Repeat)
And into plough shares turn their swords
Nations shall learn war no more. (Repeat)*

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

OFFERING WA

OFFERTORY

"Follow the River"

by Donnelly

REFLECTION MFD

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Fire of Commitment" No. 1028

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE MFD

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you like spending other people's money? If so, sign up for proxy bidding at FPB's auction on Saturday, March 28. The SignUpGenius link below lists proxy bidders and many other volunteer roles for helping with this springtime social event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FABA92FA4FC1-62984637-2026>

Thanks!

The Public Witness Team invites you to No Kings Bedford: 10-12 on Saturday, March 28 on Town Common.

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	Death Matters Discussion
	11:30 AM	SYG
	12:15 PM	Quiche & Tell-New Member Event
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Grief Group
	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Meditation
	7:00 PM	EJC (ZOOM)
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	7:00 PM	Death Matters Discussion (ZOOM)
	7:00 PM	Lay Pastoral Committee Mtg.
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	10:30 AM	Death Matters Discussion
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:00 PM	Committee on Ministry
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	No Kings Event
	6:00 PM	Talents & Treasures Auction

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

~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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Ted Carlson, Peter Cho,
Wendy Innis, Susan Lincoln

Church Committee Chairs

Environmental Justice (EJC): Ginny Steel

Finance: Wendy Innis, *treasurer*

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

FIRST PARISH IN BEDFORD

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION



ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 22, 2026

10:00 AM

75 Great Road
Bedford, MA



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