

**Welcome to First Parish!**

First Parish in Cambridge is a multi-faith, spirit-filled congregation devoted to love and justice. We are moving joyfully into a multiracial, multicultural, justice-making future. We embrace all ages, races, classes, abilities, sexual orientations, gender presentations, and ethnic and religious backgrounds. Honoring all the faith traditions of the world, we support each person’s path to wisdom and spiritual growth. Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey of life, we welcome you into our hearts.

**If you’re here for the first time**, we invite you to fill out a visitor card located in the pew and leave it in the collection plate. We’ll sign you up for our weekly e-mail announcements and monthly newsletter. **All are welcome to join us in Helverson Parlor** following the service for refreshments. Please take a “terra cotta” mug so we can recognize and greet you.

**For those attending with children**, you are welcome to worship as a family or children ages 4 and under are welcome in our Nursery and children 4 and older are welcome in our Religious Education Program. An usher can direct you to RE staff. Registration is required.

**Shared Offering**

The Shared Offering recipient for October is the **Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC)**. Earlier this year, First Parish voted unanimously to join CISC in order to support efforts to offer physical sanctuary at University Lutheran Church to immigrants facing the possibility of deportation. Many First Parish members have been involved as organizers and as volunteers accompanying the family in sanctuary at University Lutheran. CISC is committed to community engagement, advocacy, and offering physical sanctuary with the goals of providing hope, comfort, and political support to immigrants and refugees suffering indignities, harassment, and deportation.

**RETREAT REGISTRATION ENDS TODAY!**

**Link to Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/2017FPCRetreat>

Please join us as we host our **Annual Retreat to Ferry Beach (Maine)** from October 13 – 15. This year we aim to celebrate the gift of being human. All activities will be inspired by our First Principle: **Affirming the inherent worth and dignity of all.**

**Participating in this morning’s service**

Adam Lawrence Dyer, Lead Minister  
Rev. Danielle Di Bona, Developmental Minister  
Jonathan Barnhart, Director of Music  
The First Parish Choir  
William Williamson, Membership Coordinator  
Linda West

**Religious Education for Children and Youth**

Today is a multi-generational service and there are no graded Religious Education classes. Child care is available for children under 4 in the Nursery.

**Considering going to the Retreat?** Might your 12+ year old be joining you? You and your youth are invited to meet after church around noon in the chapel to discuss youth activities and our new "Free to BEACH" policy. This document outlines expectations for youth, families, and facilitators around participation and supervision, with the goal of giving our youth independence and flexibility to participate as they are inspired. If you cannot join this meeting, please contact Beth Reagan ([bethmreagan@gmail.com](mailto:bethmreagan@gmail.com)), co-chair of the retreat team.

**Today’s Events****Exploring Membership Classes**

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Parish? Are you a newcomer who’s looking to learn a bit more about our faith community? Have you been attending services for a while and now want to learn more about what membership means? Join us on **Sundays October 1 and October 8 at 12:00 pm** for our Exploring Membership classes.

These 2 hour interactive orientations offer an opportunity to learn about our community, our activities, the history and philosophy of both Unitarian Universalism in general and First Parish in particular. These classes are one of the requirements of becoming a member here at first parish. And if you can’t make October’s classes don’t worry we will offer more classes soon! All are welcome! Please RSVP at [membership@firstparishcambridge.org](mailto:membership@firstparishcambridge.org).

## The Sanctuary Boston is back!

If you want to enjoy a unique worship experience, you are invited twice a month to Sanctuary Boston. This spirited and thoughtful spiritual community is led by a young team of multi-cultural leaders who welcome everyone, inclusive of age, race, gender, ethnicity, ability or income. First Parish Cambridge is thrilled to continue our enthusiastic support of this wonderful community by welcoming Sanctuary Boston into our space every other gathering (see the calendar below). We also look forward to sharing a Sunday morning worship led by the Sanctuary team later this year. Enjoy!

**October 4, 6:00 pm – First Parish in Cambridge**  
**October 18, 6:00 pm – First Church in Boston**  
**November 1, 6:00 pm First Parish in Cambridge**  
**November 15, 6:00 pm – First Church in Boston**  
**December 6, 6:00 pm – First Parish in Cambridge**  
**December 20, 6:00pm – First Church in Boston**

<http://thesanctuaryboston.org/>

## Support Our Sanctuary Guest and Her Children

As many of you know, a woman and her two young children have entered Sanctuary at University Lutheran. As a member of the Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition, First Parish is providing volunteers in support of this effort. Volunteer opportunities are available seven days/week. Volunteering is easy and rewarding and we'll pair you with an experienced volunteer so you won't be on your own. Please email Rebecca Balder at [BBSF@firstparishcambridge.org](mailto:BBSF@firstparishcambridge.org) to learn more.

## Safe Congregation

At First Parish we covenant to welcome all people to the table, to nourish and serve each other and to respect and honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person. To achieve these goals it is essential that we maintain a safe environment that protects children and adults from harm while fostering their spiritual growth. We encourage anyone who has witnessed or experienced verbal, sexual or physical abuse at First Parish to contact the appropriate team (adults and children respectively):

[SafeCongregation@firstparishcambridge.org](mailto:SafeCongregation@firstparishcambridge.org) or  
[safechildren@firstparishcambridge.org](mailto:safechildren@firstparishcambridge.org)

## GBIO TASK FORCE EVENTS

**October 11** GBIO Task Force Meeting  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Landing Room

**October 22** "Out of Many, One"  
Learn more about the life and experiences of Muslims.  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Temple Beth Zion, Brookline.  
Advanced registration is necessary.

**October 30** GBIO Delegates Assembly  
7:00 pm to 9:00pm. Location to be determined.  
Looking for people who want to be educated about the latest status of GBIO's criminal justice, affordable housing, and health care campaigns.

**November 10-12** 3-day training in Boston  
(short walk from South Station) on GBIO techniques, strategies, approaches using lectures, discussions, and interactive exercises. \$90 to cover costs of food. Limited scholarship funds available from the First Parish GBIO Task Force.

Please contact either Elizabeth Kline ([elizkline@gmail.com](mailto:elizkline@gmail.com)) or Marcia Hams ([marciahams@gmail.com](mailto:marciahams@gmail.com)) if interested to get more information and registration forms.

## Getting Involved

### Possible New Covenant Groups

If you describe yourself as an elder and would like to gather with others "of a certain age" to discuss issues surrounding aging, as well as growth and wisdom that comes with aging, please let me know. If there is enough interest we will gather a covenant group of elders.

There is also some interest in starting an LGBTQ covenant group. Again, if there is enough interest we will start a GBLTQ covenant group.

If you are interested in either group, contact Rev. Danielle at [devminister@firstparishcambridge.org](mailto:devminister@firstparishcambridge.org) or at [617-876-7772](tel:617-876-7772).

### Can't Keep From Singing?

Perhaps you used to sing in a choral group. But now those "high" notes are harder to hit than they used to be. Nowadays, rather than soprano, you could be perfect for alto or even tenor. Or perhaps you simply need practice – which we can provide. Whatever your voice range, it's an excellent time for finding out more about the First Parish in Cambridge choir. Choir members or director Jonathan Barnhart would be interested to answer your questions. Contact: [jonathanbarnhart@comcast.net](mailto:jonathanbarnhart@comcast.net)

## First Parish Auction – November 12 and 19

The 2017 First Parish Auction will be held on **November 12 and 19**. The Auction raises critical funds for the operating budget, donates 25% of the event proceeds to the Tuesday Meals Program, and furthers our mission of *creating community at First Parish* through themed dinners and flat-rate events.

### Please Consider Donating to the Auction

#### Donations Due by October 25

Please help make the Auction a success by organizing an event with friends; donating a week in your vacation home; donating themed gift baskets or gift cards from your favorite local restaurant or store; or donating homemade crafts for the *gifts to go* table. Please visit with a member of the Auction Committee at Social Hour to learn more about donating or check out the donation form at [www.firstparishcambridge.org/auction](http://www.firstparishcambridge.org/auction). Be creative, have some fun and meet new people!

### Flowers for Sunday Morning

A reminder that fresh flower bouquets to decorate the Meetinghouse for Sunday worship may be ordered by contacting Office Assistant, Laura Smith, at 617-876-7772 or [officeassist@firstparishcambridge.org](mailto:officeassist@firstparishcambridge.org). Bouquets are \$50. Most upcoming Sundays are available.

## Events This Week

*Please note that Yoga Classes and Music Classes are not First Parish programs. They are run by outside instructors and a fee is associated with the classes.*

### Sunday

10:30 am  
12:00 pm  
12:00 pm  
12:00 pm  
12:15 pm  
2:00 pm  
2:00 pm

### Monday

10:30 am  
5:00 pm  
5:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
6:30 pm

### Tuesday

9:00 am  
5:30 pm  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

### Wednesday

5:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
8:00 pm

### Thursday

9:00 am  
12:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

### Friday

9:30 am  
6:00 pm

### Saturday

8:00 am  
8:30 am  
10:00 am  
6:00 pm  
7:30 pm

### October 1

Sunday Worship  
Child Care in the Baldwin Room  
Youth / Parent Meeting in the Chapel  
Mandarin Class in the Fuller Room  
New Member Class in the Barn Room  
MASS Peace Action in the Parlor  
OWL in the Chapel

### October 2

Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel  
Harvard Extension Drama in the Barn Rm  
Harvard Bookstore in the Meetinghouse  
AA in the Parlor  
Art Class in the Chapel

### October 3

Yoga in the Barn Room  
Tuesdays Meals in the Parlor  
Spanish Conversation in the Baldwin Room  
Young Adult Group in the Nursery

### October 4

Sanctuary Worship in the Barn Room  
Two Brattle in the Baldwin Rm  
AA in the Parlor

### October 5

Yoga in the Barn Room  
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Social Justice Council in the Chapel

### October 6

Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel  
Harvard Bookstore in the Meetinghouse

### October 7

Cambridge Minyan in the Parlor & Chapel  
GSA in the Chapel  
Yoga in the Barn Room  
Women's Circle in the Barn Room  
BRAIN Arts Event in the Parlor

## First Parish Staff and Leaders

Lead Minister.....Adam Lawrence Dyer  
Developmental Minister.....Rev. Danielle Di Bona  
Minister Emeritus.....Rev .Dr.Thomas Mikelson  
Director of Administration.....Carol Lewis  
Director of Religious Education.....Mandy Neff  
Music Director.....Jonathan Barnhart  
Youth Coordinator .....Alex Gaydos  
Nursery Care Coordinator.....Lace Campbell  
Nursery Care Coordinator.....Jeremy Schwartz  
Afternoon Child Care Provider.....Dorothy Merceda  
Afternoon Child Care Provider.....Andrea Aptecker  
Alto Section Leader.....Brianna Meese  
Bass Section Leader.....John Bitsas  
Soprano Section Leader.....Renée Saindon  
Tenor Section Leader.....Matt Corcoran  
Office Assistant.....Laura Smith  
Financial Administrative Assistant...Mary Anne Carlson  
Building Manager.....Roland Ellies  
Evening Sexton.....Kayar Lowe  
Weekend Sexton.....Ramon Gomez  
Tuesday Meals Kitchen Coordinator.....Pam Cannon  
Tuesday Meals Assistant.....Brian Downes  
Executive Director, Paine Senior Services.....Liz Aguilo  
Social Worker, Paine Senior Services.....Maureen Harty  
Director, Cambridge Forum.....Mary Stack