

First Parish in Cambridge – May 5, 2019

Are You Being Served – Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer

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.

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

Participating in the Service

Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer, Lead Minister
Carol Lewis, Director of Administration
Jonathan Barnhart, Music Director
The First Parish Choir
Valerie Fullum, Welcome Team Leader

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Please join us for religious education programs. Nursery care for children under 4 opens on the second floor at 9:00 am.

The following programs begin promptly at **10:30**:

OWL	K-1st Grade	Barn Room, second floor
OWL	4-5th Grade	Chapel, first floor
Lodestone	6 th – 8 th Grade	Fuller Room, Mezzanine

Our other classes begin after the Story for All Ages

Spirit Play	PreK-1st Grade	Baldwin Room, Mezzanine
Theme Group	2 nd – 6 th Grade	Parlor, first floor
Youth Group	7-9 Grade	Meets at 12:30 in the Nursery

Today's Events

All are invited to attend a **pot luck lunch** after the service. Newcomers are especially welcome to this event as a way to get to know you better and to meet more members of the church. Bring a dish either from home or pop around the corner and get a pizza or other food item and join us for fellowship. The lunch will start at approximately Noon in the Parlor. The kitchen oven and fridge are available if needed. Plates, silverware, napkins, cups, serving utensils, tables and chairs will be provided.

At 12:30, join Ministerial Intern Will Williamson for a talk in the chapel on “The Role of Mary Mother of Jesus in Islam.” Presented by the Middle East Education Group. Feel free to bring items from the potluck luncheon. All are welcome.

Shared Offering for May

Our recipient for **May** is the **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization**. GBIO is a 20+ year old organization that educates, advocates, and uses power to implement social justice and racial equity in our region. Its accomplishments are legion: criminal justice legislation adopted; funds for affordable housing in Boston approved; a STEM high school in Roxbury built; and health care laws enacted.

The current priority is on additional health care reforms including dealing with mental health, cost containment and better access including to children of immigrants. Equally important, GBIO has recently voted to approve a “radical reshaping” of its organization to bring in congregations comprised primarily of people of color and immigrants.

First Parish Church became a member in October 2015 and is a very active participant.

Upcoming Events - Save These Dates!

The [Mother's Day Walk for Peace](#) has been gathering those affected by gun violence and their supporters for 23 years. Join us on Mother's Day, May 12, to demand both an end to this violence and dignity and compassion for all families impacted by murder. For all the details and to register for (or donate to) our Team, go to <https://1bdpeace.z2systems.com/fpcambuu>.

TRAVELERS: *An Evening of Storytelling* **Friday, May 17 at 7:00 pm**

Hear real-life stories from your fellow parishioners and share in an evening of fun and entertainment. Featuring our All Star Cast: Laura Heath-Stout, Susan Shepherd, Grey Lee, Mandy Neff, Valerie Fullum, Rashid Shaikh, Larry Childs and more!

Light refreshments at intermission –

Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door

ADVANCE TICKETS May be purchased by contacting the church office or by following this link

(https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps...)

and clicking on STORYTELLING EVENT

GBIO Health Care Campaign at First Parish!

- Are you or someone close to you struggling to pay for necessary medicines or other health care?
- Have you or someone close to you suffered from mental health problems and not received the help you or they need?

On **MAY 19** at 12:15 in the Barn Room, come share your stories and learn about the campaign. Last year Greater Boston Interfaith Organization held hundreds of small group discussions to help plan their agenda for change in 2019. Four issues that need action to improve health care in Massachusetts: High Cost of Prescription Drugs; High Out of Pocket Costs; Mental Health Care; Health Care for Immigrant Children. For more information about the event, contact Marcia Hams (marciahams@gmail.com) or Tod Hibbard (hibbard79@gmail.com).

Save the Date – June 2 – Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Congregational Business meeting will be held directly after the service on **Sunday, June 2**. All Members will want to attend for a conversation that will include what First Parish is doing to live into our Mission and plans for restoration of our historic Meetinghouse. Governing Board elections will be held and the 2019-2020 budget submitted for approval. More information will be available in announcements and on the website (firstparishcambridge.org) as we get closer to the event.

First Parish Retreat

The Retreat Planning Team is asking you to save the date for the First Parish one-day retreat on Saturday, **June 8** to Salisbury Beach State Reservation. Please come to the table at social hour to voice your preferences about the retreat in terms of food, activities, etc. Let us know what you'd like to see. We'll take your suggestions and plan around them. And don't forget to take our quick and easy electronic [survey](#).

Mark Your Calendars for Gospel Sunday!

The Music Team is pleased to announce the return of Linda Brown-San Martin to lead another Cambridge area gospel choir at FPC on Sunday June 16. All who love singing are invited to participate, along with the First Parish Choir. Spread the news to neighbors, family and friends! Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings, May 30, June 6 and June 13, with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, June 15. More details will follow. If you are interested, please contact Music Director Jonathan Barnhart after worship, or at JBarnhart@firstparishcambridge.org.

Get involved!

Do you want to meet more people at First Parish?

A great way to meet people and get involved at First Parish is to **join The Welcome Team Ministry**. Members commit once a month to usher or greet for the hour before church and assist with the collection and other small tasks during the service. Serving on the team allows you to help create a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers. It is a wonderful way to connect with members as well as newcomers. Information is available on the bulletin board in the parlor.

Accompaniment Volunteering

First Parish is a member of the CISC, a coalition of 10 Cambridge-area congregations that is currently hosting a woman and her two children in sanctuary so she can avoid deportation and separation from her family. "Accompaniment" volunteers are needed seven days a week on-site at a church in Harvard Square. Sometimes volunteer shifts are quiet, and sometimes there is a lot of interaction with the children. We can pair you with an experienced volunteer so you won't be on your own. Volunteering helps in her long process of fighting to stay in the U.S.

Child Care Volunteering

The CISC childcare team is looking for several new volunteers who can commit to regular monthly outings to ensure that the children (ages 2 and almost 4) are able to spend time outside each day. A simple hour or two of outdoor play means so much in the life of this family we've committed as a coalition to support. Because coverage and consistency are ongoing concerns, we are looking for people who can commit to at least 2 weekday morning or afternoon outings a month.

Please email Rebecca Balder, First Parish's volunteer coordinator, at BBSF@firstparishcambridge.org to learn more about either of these opportunities.

Groups

Our Elders Group is open and meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 2:30 pm in the Chapel. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Danielle at ddibona@firstparishcambridge.org.

The **Young Adult Group (YAG)** is a community for people ages 18-35. YAG meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm upstairs in the Nursery and sometimes meets for food and social events on other occasions. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information visit our website cambridgeyag.org.

Spanish Conversation Group

¿Hablas español? First Parish's **Spanish Conversation Group** meets on first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Baldwin Room. Come join us for informal conversation in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. All levels are welcome and no commitment is required! For more information, email spanish@firstparishcambridge.org. ¡Nos vemos pronto!

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is available for you. If you would like a pastoral care phone call or visit please let us know. Our ministers are available to support you. Please contact them directly by phone at 617-528-9838 or email at pastoralcare@firstparishcambridge.org

Safety Reminder

Please remember that the 3 Church Street door is locked beginning at 10:30 on Sunday mornings to help ensure the safety of our space. If you are entering for worship after the door is locked, please use the Mass. Avenue entrance. Accessible entrance is available at 1 Church Street. If you are entering after 10:30 for Religious Education or other programming ring the buzzer at 3 Church Street and someone will let you in.

Events This Week

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

Sunday

10:30 am	May 5 Sunday Worship
12:00 pm	Potluck in the Parlor
12:30 pm	MEEG in the Chapel
12:30 pm	Youth Group in the Nursery
12:30 pm	Mandarin Class in the Fuller Room

Monday

8:30 am	May 6 Cambridge Homeless Court in the Parlor
5:00 pm	Harvard Extension School in the Barn Room
6:30 pm	AA in the Parlor
6:30 pm	Art Class in the Chapel
6:30 pm	Women Writing Together in the Baldwin Room

Tuesday

9:00 am	May 7 Yoga in the Barn Room
2:30 pm	Elders Group in the Chapel
5:30 pm	Tuesday Meals in the Parlor
5:30 pm	Harvard Extension School in the Barn Room
6:00 pm	Spanish Conversation in the Baldwin Room

Wednesday

9:00 am	May 8 Yoga in the Barn Room
6:30 pm	Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room
7:00 pm	EJTF in the Nursery
7:00 pm	Interplay in the Barn Room
8:00 pm	AA in the Parlor

Thursday

9:00 am	May 9 Yoga in the Barn Room
12:00 pm	Yoga in the Barn Room
6:00 pm	Yoga in the Barn Room
6:00 pm	BASEA in the Parlor

Friday

9:00 am	May 10 Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel
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Saturday

8:30 am	May 11 GSA in the Chapel
10:00 am	Yoga in the Barn Room
12:00 pm	Josimovich Memorial Service in the Chapel

