

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

10 A.M.

- Children ages 0–2 may go directly to the Nursery.
- Children ages 3 and older join their families for the first portion of the worship service.

10:20 A.M. (APPROXIMATE)

- Sunday school begins for preK–grade 7.
- PreK–grade 3 parents bring their children to class; older kids may go on their own.

11:30 A.M.

- PreK–grade 3 parents pick up their children from Sunday school, even if the worship service hasn't finished. Children in grades 4 and up may join their parents at coffee hour.

RE POLICIES

- Children may join our program at any time during the church calendar year. Registration is required and may be done online: www.firstparish.info/PDFDownloads/RE_Registration.pdf. (Hard copies are also available.)
- We are a non-smoking and nut-free environment. A snack of Goldfish crackers is provided.¹
- At least two teachers are present in every grade.

Our church is a sacred space, and children are taught to respect it as such.

¹ Some Sunday school lessons involve cooking and food; in these cases, parents are notified ahead of time. When registering your child, please note any food or other allergies.

RE CALENDAR, FALL 2017

September

- 10 All-ages worship – no RE classes except PreK; Nursery is open; OWL resumes
- 16 New RE Teacher Orientation
- 17 Class 1 (grades 1–7 meet first in the Bailey Room); Youth Group resumes
- 24 Class 2
- 26 All-Teacher Training, 7 p.m.

October

- 1 One-Room Sunday School (ORSS)²; no a.m. RE except pre-K; Nursery is open; OWL and Youth Group in p.m.
- 8 ORSS; no RE except pre-K; no p.m. activities
- 15 Class 3
- 22 Class 4
- 28 Youth Group retreat
- 29 Class 5; no Youth Group

November

- 5 Class 6
- 12 Class 7 (Music Sunday)
- 19 All-ages worship; no RE except PreK; Nursery is open
- 26 ORSS; no RE except pre-K; no p.m. activities

December

- 3 Class 8
- 10 Class 9; Bagel Breakfast for teachers
- 17 All-ages worship – no RE except PreK; Nursery is open; OWL in p.m.
- 24 All-ages a.m. worship, no Nursery, RE, or Youth Group; p.m. services at 4, 6, 8 p.m.
- 31 ORSS; no RE except pre-K; no p.m. activities

² The ORSS model was created for those Sundays when no RE class or intergenerational service is scheduled. Children in grades K–4 meet in the Bailey Room after Time for All Ages for a multi-age program (Nursery is open; pre-K meets as usual).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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LEARNING TOGETHER

*We are the church of the open minds,
the loving hearts,
and the helping hands.*

The RE program at First Parish is a place where children learn and discuss liberal religious values to help them navigate life's challenges. Adults and children together discuss the big questions of life and ponder spiritual issues. Children make friends of all ages, learn to care about others, and grow spiritually and emotionally. They are encouraged to take the values they learn on Sunday mornings back to their homes, schools, and playgrounds.

Our hope is to raise children to act beyond the church doors with open eyes and loving hearts.

RE is a busy and fun place full of music, art, stories and dance – and our doors are open to all newcomers.

BEING IN COMMUNITY TOGETHER

This is a cooperative church school, and we don't charge for our morning RE program. Our RE teachers are volunteers, and most are not education professionals, though all are committed to the spiritual growth of our children. Parents are encouraged to teach in our program after attending First Parish for one year.

First Parish members are strongly encouraged to pledge or donate toward the maintenance of our church.

Here are some other ways to contribute your time and energy to our Sunday morning and evening programs.:

- Assist with a One-Room Sunday School
- Share your skills – as a musician, artist, baker, storyteller, field trip driver, etc.
- Act as a Youth Group Advisor on Sunday evenings
- Be a mentor for our Coming of Age program
- Take part in Time for All Ages
- Volunteer to help in the RE Office with administrative needs

Contact DRE Tina Schultz for more info.

RE CURRICULA • FALL VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

Note: For classroom locations, please consult the classroom maps posted around the RE wing, or check with people wearing RE Committee name tags.

Pre-Kindergarten: Sunday School Fun • Betsy Carlton-Gysan, Carol Lewis, Delia Vanderpile

Kindergarten: A Discovering Year • Annelise Aminoff, Mary Babic, Lucy Voges

Grade 1: Faith, Ritual, and Mystery: Stories from Other Cultures • Ellen Robie, Mischa Shattuck

Grade 2: Experiences with the Web of Life • Allison Tilly Carswell, Karen McKeen, Melina Vanderpile

Grade 3: Holidays and Holy Days • Loren Gomez, Tracy Manty

Grade 4: Living the Promise • Alan Linov, David Whitford

Grade 5: Kingdom of Equals • Steve Berczuk, Bob Fowkes, Suzanne Kaminski

Grade 6: Amazing Grace: Exploring Right and Wrong • Jenise Aminoff, Julius Pereli

Grade 7: Neighboring Faiths • Erin Jackson, Eric Segal

Grade 8 (7–8:30 p.m.): OWL • David Deakin, Lynn Rosenbaum

Note: This is a continuation of Spring 2017 OWL and is open only to those students.

High School: Youth Group (6:45–8:45 p.m.)