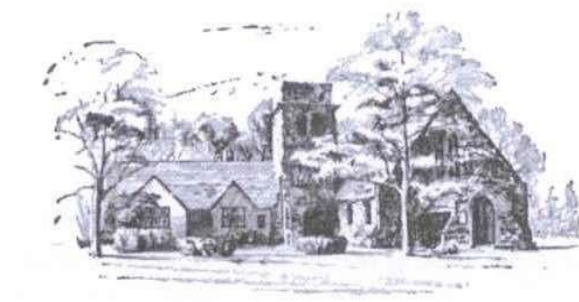


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26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



January 2024

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SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, Minister

# VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

## *Veritas*

There are things that we do not talk about, subjects that we glide past rather than stir up hard feelings or past arguments. That effort to avoid is in part a desire to maintain the peace and quiet of the moment. Traditionally, such topics include money, politics, and religion. There are more items to put onto a modern list, more subjects too hot to handle over the dinner table or in casual conversation.

And yet, there are reasons to consider these issues. There are reasons to take up these questions. It is better in the longer term to sort out what is meant or not meant by a term or an idea. And it is important to do so in a congregation of people building community together. Therefore, I will be venturing forth into troubled waters.

My sermon series for the New Year will be about “Things We Can’t Talk About.” Things we don’t or won’t talk about. Things many Americans do not seem to be able to make any progress in discussing. How should we talk about mental illness, or “cancel culture,” or the modern use of pronouns? We will see.

My hope is to explore these and other questions and to step back from the moment to understand how we became less able to consider such topics as a society. Progress is a process and as we move forward with these ideas, hopefully we gain greater understanding of one another. And I would encourage us after the service to gather in the parish hall to discuss the questions presented as a group over coffee and conversation.

God bless,  
~Mark

January 7

Sermon: Let There Be Light  
Scriptures: Genesis 1: 1-5, Mark 1:4-11, Psalm 29  
Scripture Reader: Mark Chadbourne  
Usher: Mark Chadbourne  
Coffee Hour: Carol and Werner Lohe  
Altar Flowers: Our flowers are in celebration of the New Year and in memory of all those who have served the church over the years.

January 14

Sermon: Your Servant is Listening  
Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:43-51, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Scripture Reader: Bert Dane  
Usher: David Brooks  
Coffee Hour: Sally and Bert Dane  
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Jane Ewell Dane by the Dane family.

January 21

Sermon: In the Belly of the Whale  
Scriptures: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20, Psalm 62:5-12  
Scripture Reader: Carol Lohe  
Usher: G. West Saltonstall  
Coffee Hour: Sarah and Andrew Welch  
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Pat Timothy from her friends at First Church.

January 28

Sermon: A New Teaching  
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28, Psalm 111  
Scripture Reader: Lisle Baker  
Usher: Lisle Baker  
Coffee Hour: Pauline Ho Bynum  
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Sandy Belfer by her husband Myron Belfer.

## JANUARY MUSIC

January 7, 2024

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Prelude	Communion	Gounod
Anthem	A Sound of Angels	Tye
Hymn 143	We Three Kings	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Laudate nomen Domini	Tye
Hymn 29	Now Thank We All Our God	
Hymn 439	Not Alone for Mighty Empire	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Invention #4	Bach

January 14, 2024

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Prelude	Offertoire	Thomas
Anthem	De Profundis	Mozart
Hymn 10	Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne	
Response	Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Teach Me, O Lord	Attwood
Hymn 104	Comfort, Comfort Ye My People	
Hymn 478	All Things Bright and Beautiful	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Trio par Contrfugue	Chaumont

January 21, 2024

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Prelude	Pastorale	Bach
Anthem	God is Living, God is Here	Bach
Hymn 228	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
Response	Where'er I Go, Whate're My Task	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Let My Prayer	Blow
Hymn 7	Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise	
Hymn 236	Life of Ages, Richly Poured	Parry
Choral Amen	Fourfold Amen	Barrow
Postlude	Prelude WTC Book1 No 2	Bach

January 28, 2024

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Prelude	Elevation	Dupre'
Anthem	O God, My King	Amner
Hymn 363	A Mighty Fortress is Our God	
Response	From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come	Bach
Offertory Anthem	O vos omnes	Correa
Hymn 433	God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand	
Hymn 443	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	
Choral Amen	Twofold Amen	Perischetti
Postlude	Souvenir	Dupre'

### MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

Marcel Jean-Jules Dupre' was a French organist, composer and pedagogue. He lived from 1886- 1971 in France.

He was born into a wealthy musical family. He was a child prodigy who later entered the Paris Conservatoire, where he studied with Louis Vierne and Charles-Marie Widor. In 1926, he was appointed professor of organ performance and improvisation at the Paris Conservatoire. He composed extensively for piano and organ.

### QUICK REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### *PFLAG Workshop*

On Wednesday, January 17 at 6pm, we will be hosting a Zoom training led by PFLAG of Greater Boston. It will be an introductory session about LGBTQ issues and considerations as a part of our ongoing Welcoming Congregation efforts. Please contact Rev. Mark for the link information.

### SNOW POLICY

As a reminder, as we head into another winter season here at First Church, Newton's winter parking restriction go into effect beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through March 31<sup>st</sup>. If Newton announces a parking ban during a snowstorm on any given Sunday, then the service will be canceled. Please stay warm and safe.

## ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 10:00am on Wednesdays on Zoom. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. Contact Rev. Mark at [mjtcaggiano@gmail.com](mailto:mjtcaggiano@gmail.com) to be included on the Zoom invitation list. All are welcome.

## DONATIONS

Collection has returned to its traditional format during the service. If you wish, you may also make your donation via Zelle or mail a check to the church, Attention: Treasurer, 26 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Attention flower donors: please contact Dana Flynn (617-680-0702) to coordinate the delivery of your flower donation. He will meet the florist (or you) at the church on the Saturday prior to your date. If you prefer, we also have tasteful silk arrangements which can easily be placed on the altar.

If you would like to donate flowers, multiple dates are still available for the year. Please contact Victor Strama if you are interested at [26suffolk@gmail.com](mailto:26suffolk@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS

If you would like to join the group of volunteer scripture readers, please contact Carol Lohe ([ctroyen@mfa.org](mailto:ctroyen@mfa.org).) This is a rewarding opportunity to be part of our Sunday services.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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**to** .....  
*grow spiritually*  
*foster community*  
*serve others*

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## FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

Please contact Rev. Mark at the church or via email  
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