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Sanctuary Arch

**Welcome to First Parish Dorchester,
our Unitarian Universalist religious community.**

We welcome you, whoever you are, whatever tradition, gender,
race, class, sexual identity, ability or age you represent.
May you grow in the ways of respect, service, and wholeness.
And through all your days may you know that you are loved.

**First Parish Dorchester is a spiritual home for all those who seek
theological and cultural diversity, fellowship, justice and service.**

Mission Statement

Rev. Tricia Brennan, Interim Minister
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Myles Crowley, Chair, Board of Trustees

Staff: Dr. Ana Sorina Popa, Music Director
Lucas Gonzalez Milliken: Director of Religious Education
Kit Binns, Office Admin; Horace James, Custodian

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Wedding Package Information

Welcome to First Parish Dorchester. We thank you for considering our beloved church as your wedding venue!

Our facilities are a welcoming resource for our congregation and the Boston community at large. Having your wedding at a Unitarian Universalist church gives you the flexibility to create your wedding ceremony with your own personal touches that will make your wedding day special for you.

First Parish Dorchester offers many advantages as a wedding venue that are difficult to find, especially in an urban area. In addition to attractive rates and amenities:

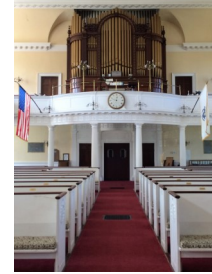
- Our church is a registered historic building in a picturesque location.
- We have a parking lot and plenty of on-street parking.
- Our first floor function spaces are fully accessible.
- The Sanctuary accessibly seats 400, plus approximately 200 more on the balcony level. It offers an antique Tracker pipe organ, a piano, and a public address system for basic amplification.
- The Parish Hall offers an 18' x 15' stage equipped with an Estonia grand piano and complimentary use of 22 tables and 140 chairs.
- The Allen Parlor, adjacent to the Parish Hall with sliding pocket doors, is included as a secondary space with rental of the Hall.
- A serving kitchen is available for food preparation. Dishes and a dishwasher are also available for rent.
- Second floor meeting rooms are available for pre-wedding preparations.
- Our interim minister, Rev. Tricia Brennan, is available to officiate your wedding, though other arrangements can be made as well. Contact Rev. Brennan at minister@firstparishdorchester.org for details.
- Our church organist, Dr. Ana Sorina Popa, may be available for an additional fee.
- We would happily recommend a caterer who has provided services here at First Parish on many occasions.
- Custodial services for set up and clean up after the event may be available for an additional fee.



Some Facts about Our Building

First Parish Dorchester, Boston's oldest congregation, was founded in March, 1630. The Meetinghouse has been a landmark on Meetinghouse Hill since the 1600's. Today's Meetinghouse was built in 1896. We have recently completed the renovation and restoration of our celebrated steeple.

First Parish Dorchester has been a center of the Dorchester community for centuries and continues this tradition today. Our doors are open to many community groups, civic associations, cultural and ethnic organizations, groups from other religious traditions, and educational organizations.



Requests

Requests may be directed to our parish Facilities Rental Coordinator at rentals@firstparishdorchester.org or by calling (617) 436-0527. Pricing for our wedding packages is listed below. Packages include use of building resources (e.g. public address system) as available. If any space or facilities not listed in the contract are requested, additional charges apply.

Rental Fees

A 50% down payment and separate refundable \$200 security deposit are due upon signing of the rental agreement. The balance is due two weeks before the event. In the case of cancellation more than two days before the event, the down payment is refunded. The down payment is not refunded if the event is cancelled two days or less before the event. Please make checks payable to *First Parish Dorchester*.

Wedding Packages (including time for set-up and break-down)	Rates (additional fees may apply)
Meetinghouse Sanctuary Only (hourly rate) - Includes access to facilities for set-up and decoration	\$300 for one hour; \$100 for each additional hour
Basic Package - Includes use of the Sanctuary, Parish Hall, kitchen and Allen Parlor for a total of 6 hours	\$800
Extended Package - Includes use of the Sanctuary, Parish Hall, kitchen and Allen Parlor for a total of 12 hours	\$1400
Ministerial Fee - One of our ordained Unitarian ministers will officiate; includes 1 hour rehearsal	\$300
Rehearsal Fee - Includes 1 hour of access to facilities prior to event	\$100
Security Deposit (refunded upon completion of event after satisfactory clean-up)	\$200
Custodial services (if available)	\$100
Organ Rental Fee	\$100