



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God.

We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

We welcome you this day and are glad you made the choice to join us for this worship service.

May it be a blessing to you.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

*God puts the wiggle in children
and calls it good... and so do we!*

At First Church, we believe the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, to the church, and to one another.

To welcome children as they are in worship, we have our **PrayGround**, located in the front right side of the Meetinghouse, where children and others of all ages can engage in worship through movement, sensory materials, and prayerful play.



The presence of all God's children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all. Scan the QR code for FAQ and tips about our PrayGround.



GET THE FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Using your smartphone camera, scan the QR code here to sign up for our weekly Family Ministry newsletter. You can read about Church School, Regional Youth Ministry, and more!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Church is a mask-friendly community of faith. Anyone who prefers to wear a mask should feel comfortable doing so.

PRELUDE

Largo (from Concerto In D Minor For Two Violins) BWV 1043
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Joseph Dermody & Paul Ghaffari, violins – Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row near the center aisle, then pass it back to the center aisle, noting the names of those worshipping near you so you may greet them at the end of worship.

If you are the person on the center aisle, please remove the completed sheet and place it in the plate during the offering.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Philip Wentworth

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

†HYMN

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past
1 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 5:2-5, 8:27-30, 41-43
New Revised Standard Version
Emmett Collins

Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, “You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until he put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

“Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when foreigners come and pray toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

ANTHEM

Let Us Not Become Weary
Benjamin Kornelis (b. 1963)
The Chancel Choir – Lauren Mickley, soprano

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Using your smartphone messaging app, text **FCCOG Donate** to **73256** or click [HERE](#) to access the online giving webpage or scan this QR code to donate.

Meg Dempsey

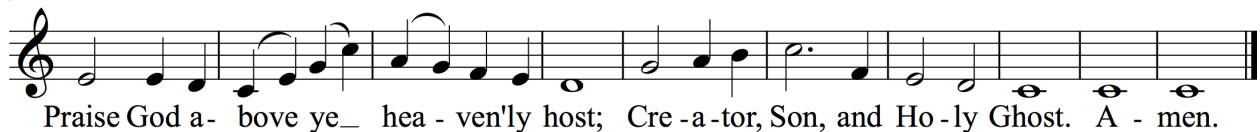


SOLO

O Praise Him, All Ye Nations (from the oratorio *Engedi*)
L. V Beethoven (1809-1847)
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy
1 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Vivace (from *Concerto In D Minor For Two Violins*) BWV 1043
J. S. Bach

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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TODAY!

VISIONING OUR FUTURE CREATIVELY IN WORSHIP –



Our Visioning Process requires imagination, communal participation, and deep faith. Get your creative juices flowing in worship today as we explore the “Past,” “Present,” and “Future” of First Church through an interactive, less-mess, and easy, all-ages art experience.

Pray on the questions below, and imagine your answers visually represented. The final product will be a beautiful mix-media collage made by all of our hands. (Think overlapping photos, print media clippings, drawings, music, stamps, etc.)

Questions:

What do you cherish about the past?

What brings you peace in the present?

What excites you about the future?

COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the back of the Meetinghouse where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for October are members of the Annual Giving Committee.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Oct 27 – All Ages Worship

Nov 3 – All Ages Worship

Nov 10 – All Ages Worship



WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at noon in the lounge. Using the Wired Word curriculum, each week we'll discuss a topic or headline from the week's news and ask ourselves how our faith applies through guided questions and discussion. Learn more at thewiredword.com. BYO lunch optional.



THE RUMMAGE ROOM

Shopping hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., with the same hours for donation drop off.

Needs this week are:

- Children's winter coats
- Toys for Christmas
- Cutlery



SOOTHING 2ND HOUR THIS WEEK: SOUND BATH THERAPY



With certifications as a sound healer, mindfulness meditation facilitator, health coach, and more, Lisa Cooper brings an integrative and holistic approach to helping people optimize their mental and physical health and well-being. From learning to let go of stress and worry to creating more balance and harmony in your day-to-day, Lisa uses her breadth of knowledge about how the mind and body work to offer a variety of tools and techniques to improve overall wellness.

Lisa says, "When we experience relaxation, the brain's wavelength is in the theta state – between conscious and unconscious, aka 'repair mode,' because our immune system is activated and endorphins are released, promoting healing. My hope is that through sharing the practices that have helped me on my journey, I can hold space for you as you navigate yours."

More on Sound Bath Meditation:

From Ancient Greece to Tibet, sound has been used for its therapeutic effects for thousands of years. Sound waves stimulate the vagus nerve, which connects to every major internal organ and is instrumental in regulating our parasympathetic nervous system. Circulation increases, and listeners often experience a sense of connectedness, contentment, optimism, and peace.

From Lisa, "My deeply restorative sound baths are designed to help reduce anxiety and stress, relieve pain, and support clients in manifesting positive change."



Soothing 2nd Hour Series

11AM in the Auditorium

Experience soothing spiritual practices to de-stress from the busyness of life, the election season, and your troubles.

FOUR sessions



OCT 27: Sound Bath Meditation with Lisa Cooper: an immersive, sensory experience of vibrational energy (sound) that elicits relaxation, shifting the state of the nervous system.



NOV 3: Taizé Singing Prayer with Craig Symons: short songs, repeated again and again, provide a meditative character aimed at praising God and drawing us deeper into relationship with the divine.



NOV 10: Tai Chi with Will Morrison: called "meditation in motion," gentle movement aimed to concentrate and balance the body's qi (vital energy), providing benefits to mental and physical health.



NOV 17: Guided Meditation with Derek Kolleeny: instructor's voice helps to focus on the present moment, producing stress relief, relaxation, improved focus and clarity, and enhanced emotional well-being.

Other Opportunities

Sung Compline Service Oct 27 & Nov 10, 5-5:30 PM Christ Church, Tomes-Higgins House	Tai Chi Drop-In Class Mondays, 9:30 AM First Church Auditorium	Yoga Class Wednesdays, 4 & 5:30 PM First Church Daniel Center
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a moment of inner peace awaits.

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congregation of greenwich founded 1689

VISIONING PROCESS CONTINUES WITH THE FUTURES LAB – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

Futures Lab
Saturday, Nov. 16
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
with Rev. Cameron Trimble
First Church Auditorium
 Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Working with Rev. Cameron Trimble,
 we will take a voyage to the year 2070 and consider:

- What might be our probable future should we continue on a predictable course?
- What is a desirable future?
- What is the difference we hope we will be making in the world in 2070?





CONVERGENCE

Join us on Saturday, November 16 for our Futures Lab with Rev. Cameron Trimble. The Futures Lab is an ideation workshop with the congregation to generate new ideas and explore potential futures. Our objective will be to surface underlying assumptions we may hold that are creating blind spots in imagining a creative future and consider something different than the present we know.

Lunch and childcare will be provided. Mark your calendar now for this important time together for everyone to contribute in shaping our congregation's future.



FIRST CHURCH

Invites You To A

**Historic
Landmark
Celebration**

November
 Saturday | **2nd** | 5 pm - 6 pm
2024

In The Meetinghouse,
 First Congregational Church
 Of Greenwich,
 108 Sound Beach Ave,
 Old Greenwich

Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 pm
 Enjoy Bubbly and Small Bites



Upcoming Dates 2024

Oct. 27, 11-12 pm	Soothing Second Hour 1
Nov. 2, 5-6 pm	Landmark Hist Celebration
Nov. 3, 11-12 pm	Soothing Second Hour 2
Nov. 10, 11-12 pm	Soothing Second Hour 3
Nov. 16, 10 - 2 pm	Futures Lab
Nov. 17, 11-12 pm	Soothing Second Hour 4
Nov. 23, 9 am-4 pm	H.O.M.E Craft Fair
Nov. 24, 10 am	Harvest Sunday, H.O.M.E.
Nov 30-December 8	Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
Dec. 8, 11-12 pm	Advent Craft Fair
Dec. 8, 5 -7:30 pm	Christmas Party
Dec. 14, 4 -5:30 pm	Messiah
Dec. 24, 10 am, 3 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm	Christmas Eve Worship

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