



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024  
HARVEST SUNDAY  
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

declares itself to be Open and Affirming (ONA); 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.



# Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you this day and are glad you are here! May worship be a blessing to you.

## First Church Welcomes *You.*

**With Worship.** A casual tone, stirring music, moving prayers, & a faith-invoking message. **Prayer Book requests** (in Narthex) are uplifted during the Prayers of the People.

**With Inclusion.** Open & Affirming (ONA). We make a point of meeting all and name tags worn.

**With Communion.** The first Sunday of each month, all ages share in the sacred meal together. We use juice & gluten-free bread!

**With Care.** We pass the Peace of Christ to one another. We are a mask-friendly, come-as-you-are, leave-as-a-friend community.



## First Church Welcomes *Children.*

**The PrayGround.** In the Chapel space, guiding kids in worship.

**Cherub Choir, Celebration Singers, & Genesis Choir.** Children of all ages are welcome to offer music in worship!

**Children's Message.** A moment for kids & the child in each of us.

**Church School.** Faith learnings for the day continue in the Undercroft classrooms after the Children's Message.

**Children's Take Home Library.** Located by the PrayGround. Check out what interests you & bring it back next week!



## First Church Welcomes *All.*

**Sensory Sanctuary & Rocking Chairs.** Focusing resources located in the back of the Meetinghouse.

**Visual Worship Aids & Live captioning.** Found on the monitors.

**Audio Hearing Aids.** To use, ask Greeters or Ushers.

**Spaces in Meetinghouse for Wheelchair Users**

**Exterior Ramp.** In the back of the Meetinghouse, driveway side.

**Liftavators.** Located inside, from Narthex to Auditorium Level & Outside in the Memory Garden.



Enjoy a cup of coffee, food, & fellowship at

*Community Hour*

after the service!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

We are grateful to Pam and Peter Grunow for decorating the Harvest Table on the altar.

## PRELUDE

*Lux Et Origo*  
Paul de Maleingreau (1887-1956)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

*Please take the Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row near the center aisle, sign it, and 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 ANNUAL GIVING

Donna Hascher

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*We Gather Together*  
The Cherub Choir  
Carol Woodman, director – Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele – Carolyn Paulus, piano

## †HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
367 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

God of love and justice, we gather together to worship you. To offer our thanks and praise and to proclaim your goodness and mercy. Meet us here. Breathe your word into our souls. Engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts. Teach us faithfulness and compassion so that our lives may reflect your love and justice to the world. Amen.

*\*Moment of silence for personal reflection\**

## †ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

*God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.*

One: May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## †RESPONSE (remain standing)

Lead Me, Guide Me

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will return to their seats.)

## RESPONSE

For Everyone Born (refrain)

*Refrain*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

jus-tice and joy!

## ANTHEM

Be Still, And Know That I Am God  
 Carol McClure (b. 1955)  
 The Celebration Singers  
 Vance Briceland, piano



## FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23*  
New Revised Standard Version  
Pat Mendelsohn

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. It may be that, when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah ordered Baruch son of Neriah, saying, “I am prevented from entering the house of the Lord, so you go, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the Lord’s house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. It may be that their plea will come before the Lord and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people.”

Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he read it in the hearing of the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, he would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

## ANTHEM

*For The Beauty Of The Earth*  
John Rutter (b. 1945)  
The Genesis Choir  
Daniel Young, director – Matt Stolfi, piano

## SECOND LESSON

*Jeremiah 36:27-28 & 31:31-34*  
New Revised Standard Version

Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah’s dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

## MESSAGE

*Written On Our Hearts*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## ANTHEM

*All That Hath Life And Breath*  
René Clausen (b. 1953)  
The Chancel Choir  
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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

Charles Stuckey

*At this time, you are invited to come forward with your offering and pledge cards, as well as your donations of food.*

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.



## HYMNS

*We Gather Together*  
21 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

*O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies*  
410 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
643 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

*This Is My Song*  
340 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### †BENEDICTION

### †CHORAL RESPONSE

### †POSTLUDE

*Postlude In G*  
Gustav Merkel (1827-1885)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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# COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the **Lounge** where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack and continue shopping at the H.O.M.E. Craft Fair in the Auditorium. Hosts for November are members of the Annual Giving Committee.

## YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE IN HARVEST SUNDAY!

### Donate Fresh Food for Neighbor to Neighbor



Use the online option to shop for fresh food donations from the comfort of your home. The fresh selections will be delivered for free to Neighbor to Neighbor. Scan the QR code to shop at GiveHealthy.org for fresh food donations requested by Neighbor to Neighbor. Donations accepted until December 7.

## H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR

Handmade quilts, Christmas decorations and gifts, pottery, wooden toys, weavings, homemade jams, maple syrup, and many more crafts from Maine will be for sale in the Auditorium **TODAY Sunday, November 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** All proceeds will benefit the H.O.M.E. community in Orland, Maine.



## THE 2025 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

As of Nov. 20, we have received 66 pledges (29% of potential giving units) for over \$317,931 (nearly 49%) toward our goal of \$650,000 for 2025. Click on the QR code on the right for instructions on how to pledge online.



## DID YOU KNOW?

If you wish to schedule your giving for 2025 in weekly, monthly, or other ways, First Church has the capability of auto-payments from your bank account or credit card! Please use the QR code on the right to access the church's ACS system and enter the necessary information. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Giralamo at the church office or Philip Wentworth at 203-992-9500.



## MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance ends December 7. The plan you have now may not be the most cost-effective plan next year. It is wise to review your options annually. Help deciphering the choices is available from your Parish Nurse here at First Church or through the Town of Greenwich. Personal counseling sessions include Internet navigation and comparison of plans. For an appointment with your parish nurse, call Sue Asselin at church extension 821 or email [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org). For an appointment with a Town of Greenwich counselor, call the Commission on Aging office at 203-862-6707 or sign up on line at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/1785/Medicare-Insurance-Counseling>





## PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy taking pictures? As we enter the holiday season, there are lots of opportunities to capture the events in the life of First Church for our publications/social media and historical archives. If you have a smartphone, that's all you need. The church has a regular camera to use if you prefer that. Let Craig Symons know if you're interested in helping out.



## WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES!

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](http://thewiredword.com). BYO lunch optional.

## THE GIVING TREE

All gifts should be returned to the stage in the auditorium before or after the 10 a.m. service TODAY, or to the Harvest Sunday drive-by drop off on Sunday November 24 between 11.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Thank you for making a holiday wish come true for a client of H.O.M.E in Orland, ME or a resident of Pilgrim Towers in Stamford, CT.



Three stylized Christmas trees are arranged horizontally. The leftmost tree is a simple line drawing with a star on top. The middle tree is a solid green silhouette with gold swirls. The rightmost tree is a solid green silhouette with gold stars.

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 8, 2024 • 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

MUSIC • FOOD • FUN

ALL ARE WELCOME

# WE NEED YOUR UNIQUE AND SPECIAL GIFTS!



Are you jolly?  
Are you strong?  
Are you welcoming?  
Are you a shopper?  
Are you community minded?  
Are you excited to share First Church?

**YES!**

**YES!**

Please join us as we put all our gifts together to make the  
58<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale a success!

Our 2024 Charity Partners

Greenwich Alliance for Education  
New Covenant Center, Kids in Crisis  
Mothers for Others, Call A Ride  
Pacific House, The Undies Project  
The United Way Youth Mental Health Initiative  
The YWCA Harmony Project



Scan here to sign up!

Invite family and friends to work together!



FREE CHURCH WIDE EVENT:



# Advent Craft Fair



Hosted by FCCOG Church School in Auditorium

## December 8th, 11 am

Cocoa and crafts for ALL, kids and adults alike!

## Photos with Santa!



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*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich  
presents the 59th annual*

# Messiah

**Saturday, December 14 - 4 p.m.**

**Ellen Sisson, soprano  
Eliana Barwinski, mezzo soprano  
Luke Rosenberg, tenor  
Thomas Woodman, bass  
First Church Festival Chorus and Orchestra  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, conductor**

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## Christmas Eve at First Church

**10 a.m. Children's Service**  
especially designed for younger children and families  
Music by The Cherub Choir.

**3 p.m. Family Service**  
"Once in Royal David's City" pageant  
Music by The Celebration Singers and  
Helena Brown, soprano from The Metropolitan Opera

**5 p.m. Community Candlelight Carol Sing**  
on the front lawn of the church.

**6 p.m. Festival Candlelight Carol Service**  
Music by a brass quintet, timpani,  
and The Chancel Choir.

**9 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion**  
Music by The Genesis/Alumni Choir, and harp.

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