



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
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.

Welcome to Worship!

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

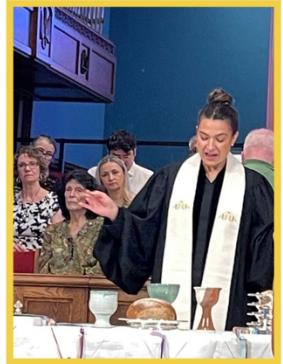
First Church Welcomes *You*.

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.

PRELUDE

Dialogue Sur La Voix Humaine
François Couperin (1688-1733)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

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 worshiping 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

Carolyn Paulus

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I'll Fly Away

The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Lynn Hawhurst, ukulele
Carolyn Paulus, piano

†HYMN

For All The Saints

306 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for those who have gone on before us, pioneers in faith and ministry, thought, word and deed. We thank you for their example of living a Christ-like life. We know that they were no more perfect than you and I, but we all are your children.

Help us to remember when we are running the race of life, that all these people stand by us, cheering us on, praying for us, and loving us.

In your compassion, comfort those who are grieving the loss of their saints. Comfort your people. 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)

Glory To God

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^{flat} F B^{flat} F B^{flat} F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, ' with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^{flat} E^{flat} B^{flat} Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, ' with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, ' with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

He's Got The Whole World

He's got the whole world in his hands, in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, in his hands.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:1-7
New Revised Standard Version
Fred Laffan

Now Elijah said to Ahab, “As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” The word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the wadi. But after a while the wadi dried up because there was no rain in the land.

ANTHEM

Goin' Home Up Yonder
Mary McDonald (b. 1956)
The Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16
New Revised Standard Version

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

MESSAGE

Nothing Left To Give
Reverend Patrick Collins

ALL SAINTS' PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HONORING THE SAINTS

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

Pat Mendelsohn

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



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

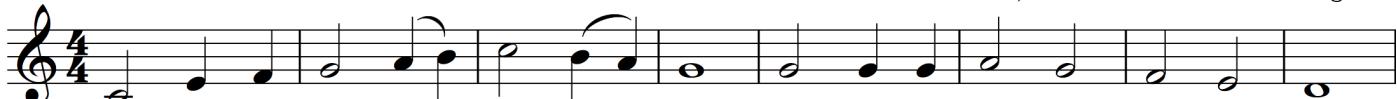
If We Ever Needed The Lord

Arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.



Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

O What Their Joy And Glory Must Be

310 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Premier Couplet du Gloria

Couperin

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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

CHURCH SCHOOL

Nov 3 - All Ages Worship

Nov 10 - Regular Church School

Nov 17 - Regular Church School



We remember those who have passed from this life since November 1, 2023

listed in chronological order

Joyce Carlson	Doris Marie Moss Davenport
Ruth White	Tom R. Ragland
Susan Graham Ferris	Joyce French
Cheryle Janelli	Anna Goetze Hartschorn
Donald "Skip" Walters	Vincent "Jeff" Cosmas Webb, Jr
Dorie Savage Moore	Regina Brunjes
Suzanne "Sue" Eaton	Linda Meredith Downing Knopf
Ann S. Lanman	Robert "Bob" Bodey
Geoffrey "Geoff" Peterson	Henry Martin Hull
Robert "Bob" Stafford	Maureen "Marnie" Rutherford
Joan S. Kadlec	Reef Baker
Mary Elizabeth Lane	Nancy Roos Hoffman
Dorothy Harrison Norris	Mary "Toddy" Donley
William "David" Wister, Sr	Elizabeth "Betty" Lord Bonsal
Carol Romersa Wright	Benito "Ben" Menegon
William Bausch	Nancy Jane Wolf
Wendy Mallory	Richard Lepoutre

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. She will be in her office, just to the right of the Auditorium stage. During the week she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.



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. 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.

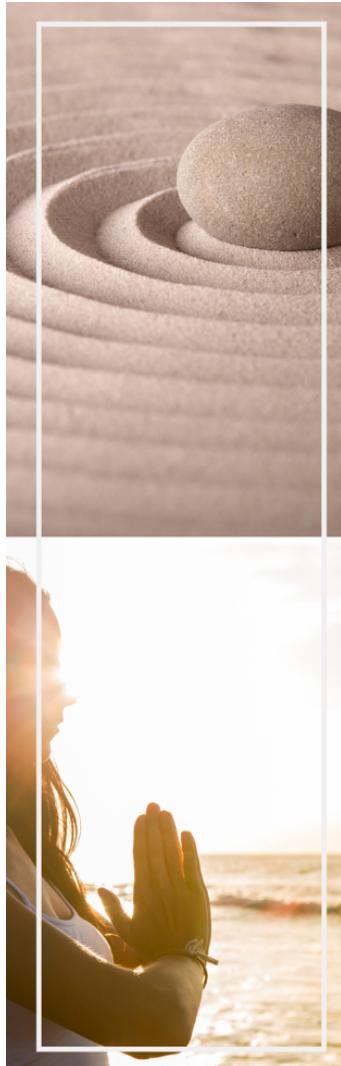
Needs this week are:

Vintage Christmas ornaments
Baby clothing - 0-12 months
Jewelry



TODAY - SOOTHING 2ND HOUR: TAIZÉ

Join our Minister of Music Craig Symons for a time of guided meditation through the sung/chanter practice of Taizé. Taizé prayer is a form of contemporary liturgical song, short scripture, and silence developed by the ecumenical Christian community at Taizé, France. The songs use repetitive structures, set to simple melodies and harmonies, that are easy to memorize and chant. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God.



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

A moment of inner peace awaits.



FUTURES LAB COMING UP ON 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

THE CHAMBER PLAYERS OF THE GREENWICH SYMPHONY

First Church is proud to be the new home of one of two concerts each series the coming season.

The next concert is Sunday, November 10, at 3 p.m. -

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) *String Quartet in B minor, Op. 33*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) *Piano Quartet No. 2 in F minor*

Anton Arensky (1861-1906) *Piano Trio No. 1 Op. 32 in D minor*



Tickets are Adult Season: \$100 - Student Season: \$15

Adult Admission (per concert): \$35 Student Admission (per concert) \$5

For full information, visit www.chamberplayersofthegso.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Can you knit a basic stitch? If so, please consider knitting a prayer shawl for our ministry. It will bless you and the recipient. The few stolen moments of knitting a few rows while saying a prayer to the future recipient is peaceful and uplifting, I promise.

Join us in creating these prayer shawls, knitting into them our prayers, love and support. These shawls are then distributed to those experiencing a crisis or loss – and truly are beloved. No expertise needed as we use very forgiving yarn, larger needles and one basic stitch. **We meet again on Wednesday November 20 at**

7pm in Rick's Room of First Church. We can supply the needles and yarn. Contact Angela Stevens for more information. angelamessinastevens@gmail.com Hope to see you soon!



Upcoming Dates 2024

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 9am-4pm 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

HARVEST SUNDAY

Sunday, November 24th

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ARE ACCEPTED

Suggested items include

SPAM, Tuna, Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta & Pasta Sauce,
Oatmeal, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetables, Tea, Coffee



Please Bring Donations To The
HARVEST SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10AM
OR

To The Drive-By Drop Off In The Parking Lot On
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11:15AM – 12:15PM

CAN'T ATTEND HARVEST SUNDAY? TRY THE ONLINE OPTION:

From November 1st to December 7th donate fresh food
requested by Neighbor to Neighbor – you buy now, and
they pick it up as they need it so it stays fresh! Purchase
by scanning the QR code below:



First Congregational Church of Greenwich Annual Food Drive
Benefiting Neighbor to Neighbor and H.O.M.E.



Upcoming Dates At First Congregational Church

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree for H.O.M.E. and Pilgrim Towers
tags available Sunday, November 10

H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 23 &
Sunday, November 24

HARVEST SUNDAY

Sunday, November 24 @ 10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

begins Saturday, November 30 @ 9 a.m.

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