



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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 Chapel (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!

## SUPPORTING FIRST CHURCH

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.



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

# *Faith First-Love Always*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Bist Du Bei Mir*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Joe Sabia, trumpet  
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 OF MINISTRY

Philip Wentworth

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*This Little Light Of Mine*

The Cherub Choir

Carol Woodman, director - Lynn Hawhurst, ukulele

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into the presence of our loving God,

All: **We are here, though so much tries to get in the way.**

One: We are so weary and worn down by the stresses of the world.

All: **We are sick and tired in body, mind, and spirit.**

One: Jesus comes among us, but we fear perhaps he is too busy for us.

All: **His mission is to save the world and spread the light of God. Is our need enough?**

One: Perhaps if we just reach out and touch the hem of his robe. We can hide in the crowd.

All: **But Jesus turns to us, and we are truly seen.**

One: His love surrounds us and enfolds us.

All: **We are beloved, and we are made whole.**

One: Jesus will always stop whatever he is doing to be with us in our grief and pain.

All: **Jesus will always see us, hold us, and heal us.**

One: Let us worship our comforter, healer, and light bearer.

All: **Let us share the light of God together.**

### †HYMN

*Come Into God's Presence*  
413 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## MOMENT OF MINISTRY

Paul and Diane Kretschmann

### †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

God of healing: High and low, rich and poor, healthy and ailing, joyous and sorrowful, we come to you, knowing that in you is rest and restoration. Quiet our spirits that we might be open to receive your blessings in word and song and deed, for our own good and for the good of all. Forgive us when we haven't reached out to our neighbors and kept your love for ourselves. Help us to share all we have, growing your garden of holy things, and glowing in your light. 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: God has received us, pardoned us, and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ with a hand to hand, eye to eye, and heart to heart greeting.

May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

### †RESPONSE (remain standing)

We Are The Church

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth- er! All who fol-low Je-sus  
all a-round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth- er. The church is not a build-ing, the  
church is not a stee - ple, the church is not a rest-ing place, the church is a peo - ple.

### ANTHEM

O, Give Thanks And Sing  
Arr. Harriet Willoughby (b. 1960)  
The Celebration Singers  
Vance Briceland, piano - Emma Marten, violin

† Please rise in body or in spirit

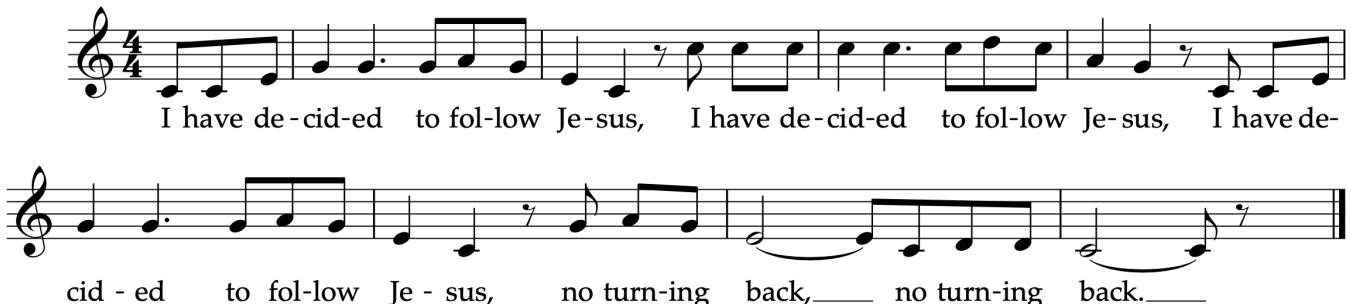
## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*During the singing of the response, children are released to "Classrooms" within the Meetinghouse.*

*Church School remains in the Meetinghouse for the rest of the service.*

## RESPONSE

*I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*



I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

## CHURCH SCHOOL AS WORSHIP

### CENTERING IN CHURCH SCHOOL

### REVIEW & SCRIPTURE READING

*Mark 5:21-43*

Common English Bible

"Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded with him, "My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.

A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be healed. Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed.

At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

His disciples said to him, "Don't you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus looked around carefully to see who had done it.

The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. He responded, "Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease."

While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader's house, saying to Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?"

But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." He didn't allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James' brother. They came to the synagogue leader's house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "What's all this commotion and crying about? The child isn't dead. She's only sleeping." They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child's parents and his disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was. Taking her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Young woman, get up." Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked! He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat."

### ACTING ON THE LESSON

Jesus shared his light to the woman through healing touch.  
What light do you have to "plant" and see grow in the world?

### CONNECTING THE STORY

### CLOSING PRAYER

#### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### CALL TO OFFERING

Tom White

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Psalm 96*

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)  
The Chancel Choir

### †DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
606 Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charles Stuckey

### †HYMN

*We Are Marching (Siyahamba)*  
853 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

### †BENEDICTION

## †CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Pass It On

I wish for you, my friend, this hap-pi-ness that I've found you can de-pend on God, it  
mat-ters not where you're bound I'll shout it from the moun-tain- top I want my  
world to know the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## †POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Auditorium following worship this morning where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for February are members of the Budget committee.

## TODAY - QUARTERLY MEETING

Plan to attend the quarterly meeting following the worship service. Hear important updates in the life of First Church from your Church Council, including:

- Vision Task Force Update
- Regional Youth Ministry Update
- Bell Tower Repairs
- Annual Giving Update
- Christmas Tree Sale Results

## CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Feb 4: All-Ages Worship

Feb 11: All-Ages Worship (w/communion)



## CHOIR REHEARSALS TODAY



As we begin a new year, this is the great time to join a choir! Even if you can only be part of the group for a few months until spring sports start, this is your chance to explore what it means to share your talent with a wonderful group of friends. Check us out today!!

Celebration Singers: 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade - Craig Symons, director - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Music Room 11:15-12:00  
Genesis Choir: 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade - Danny Young, director - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Choir Room 11:15-12:15

## Lenten Organ Recitals



**Wednesdays 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.**

**Free admission**

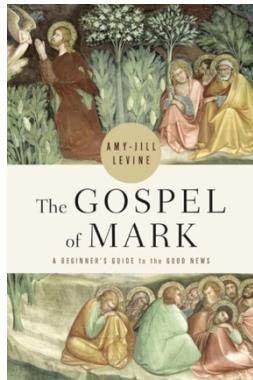
**February 21 - Marnus Lively-Greyling**  
*St. Barnabas Episcopal, Greenwich*

**February 28 - Nathan Lively-Greyling**  
*St. John's Lutheran, Stamford*

**March 6 - Victoria Shields**  
*Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal, Westport*

**March 13 - Terence Flanagan**  
*First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan*

**March 20 - Jamie Hitel**  
*Christ Church, Greenwich*



## FAITH FORMATION: BEGINNERS GUIDE TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Wednesdays through February 14

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge

All are welcome to join Pastors Patrick and Cydney for this group discussion about the Gospel of Mark. We will explore the historical context of this first account of Jesus' life and ministry and how it is still relevant to us today.

## WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY

Using the Wired Word's 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). Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at noon in the lounge. BYO lunch optional.

**The Wired WORD**  
An Adult Curriculum

## 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: Spring kids shoes - Spring handbags - Ladies spring blouses



## THE 2024 “SOUPER BOWL” SOUP & CHILI SALE



Calling all cooks! It's time to show-off your soup-making skills once again by volunteering to make and donate a quart (or quarts) of soup or chili to benefit the FCCOG Women's Fellowship! The sale will take place in the auditorium on Sunday, February 11, after worship. Quarts of homemade soup and chili will be sold for \$10 each.

Please sign up to donate after church in the auditorium. Restaurant-style food containers will be available when you sign up. You may also sign up in the church office. This annual event has proven to be easy, inexpensive and popular for both those who love to cook and those who love to eat! This is the only Women's Fellowship fundraiser for the year. Please contact Sue Wilder for more information at [swilder102@gmail.com](mailto:swilder102@gmail.com)



## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage.

During the week, she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.

## ASHES TO GO



On Ash Wednesday, February 14 from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., you're invited to drive through the First Church parking lot to receive ashes, to claim repentance, grace and deep relationship with God for the challenges of your daily life.

“Ashes to Go” is about bringing spirit, belief, and belonging out from behind church doors, and into the places where we go every day. It's a simple event with deep meaning, drawing on centuries of tradition and worship to provide a contemporary moment of grace.



First Congregational Church of Greenwich

**FEBRUARY  
FRIENDSGIVING**

*2024 Guest Sign Up*

**OPTIONS**

Friday February 16 Dinner at the Ekernas

Thursday February 22 Coffee at Juliet Primo's

Friday February 23 Cocktails at the Meyers

Friday February 23 Dinner at Edgehill

Saturday February 24 Cocktails at Gigi & Tom's

Sunday February 25 Afternoon Tea at Carolyn Samuel's

Wednesday February 28 Brunch at Collette Rogers'

**SIGN UP?**

Please sign up by scanning the QR code.

Further specific details will be sent to guests by email prior to each event. You can also sign up at Community Hour on Sundays' or by calling Carolyn Samuel at the Church Office 203 637 1791 x850,



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH IN 2024

# Spring Church School Schedule

JANUARY <b>28</b> CHURCH SCHOOL	FEBRUARY <b>4</b> CHURCH SCHOOL AS WORSHIP!	FEBRUARY <b>11</b> COMMUNION SUNDAY	FEBRUARY <b>18</b> CHURCH SCHOOL	FEBRUARY <b>25</b> CHURCH SCHOOL
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MARCH <b>3</b> COMMUNION SUNDAY	MARCH <b>10</b> CHURCH SCHOOL	MARCH <b>17</b> CHURCH SCHOOL	MARCH <b>24</b> PALM SUNDAY	MARCH <b>30</b> EASTER EGG DYING & HUNT <small>10AM-12 PM</small>
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<b>AT TOD'S POINT!</b> MARCH <b>31</b> 6:30 BEACH SERVICE	Easter Sunday MARCH <b>31</b> 9:00 CHURCH SERVICE	MARCH <b>31</b> 11:00 CHURCH SERVICE	APRIL <b>7</b> COMMUNION SUNDAY	APRIL <b>14</b> CHURCH SCHOOL
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APRIL <b>21</b> CHURCH SCHOOL	APRIL <b>28</b> RISE AGAINST HUNGER	MAY <b>5</b> MUSIC SUNDAY	MAY <b>18</b> TIME TBD PILGRIM TOWERS	MAY <b>12</b> CHURCH SCHOOL
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MAY <b>19</b> CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	MAY <b>26</b> CHURCH SCHOOL	JUNE <b>2</b> CELEBRATION SUNDAY
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## Key:

- ◆ EVERYONE IS IN THE MEETINGHOUSE FOR ALL-AGES WORSHIP
- ALL PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE IN A CLASS TOGETHER FOR A ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

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## Ministers - All Members Of The First Congregational Church Of Greenwich

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Music  
Director of FCCCOG Church School/Regional Youth Ministry  
Parish Nurse  
Church Office Coordinator  
Financial Administrator  
Administrative and Communications Colleague  
Livestream Director  
Audio Technician  
Database Administrative Assistant  
Facility Manager  
Sexton  
Director of First Church Preschool  
Assistant Director of First Church Preschool  
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Reverend Cydney Van Dyke  
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