



SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
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.
Please know our worshipping community gathers in-person and online via livestream
with multiple camera angles of the Meetinghouse and congregation.*

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Catherine G. Weigner and Arthur C. Weigner
by their sons Stephen A. and Ronald C. Weigner.

PRELUDE

Romance
Anton Rubenstein (1829-1894)
Joseph Dermody, violin
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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 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.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and find yourself in God's story.

All: Come and have your imagination expanded.

One: Come and meet the Living Word. Come and see what the Holy Spirit wants to show you.

All: We come at Christ's command, to be transformed.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

My Life Flows On
821 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

Verse 1: All	Verse 2: Upper Voices	Verse 3: Lower Voices	Verse 4: All
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†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

You, Lord, invite us to a new world, so different from what we know of the way things are. Open us today to hear your word afresh, to see what is possible in your eyes. And make us willing to try your way even when it contradicts the way of the world. We ask through the power of Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

Moment of silence for personal reflection

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†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.

†RESPONSE (remain standing)

Halle, Halle, Halle



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will depart for Church School or return to their seats.)

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

New Revised Standard Version

Pat Larrabee

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

†Please rise in body or in spirit

MESSAGE

What The Hell?
Reverend Patrick Collins

DUET

Domine Deus (from *Mass In B Minor*)
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Gileann Tan, soprano – Daniel Young, tenor – Joseph Dermody, violin

*Domine Deus, rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens, Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe altissime, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Lord God, heavenly king, God Father almighty, Lord only begotten Son,
Jesus Christ most high, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.*

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

Karen Yancey

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

From The End Of The Earth
Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Lord, When I Came Into This Life
691 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

I Will Sing My Makers Praise
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the Auditorium where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for March are members of the Personnel Committee.



CHURCH SCHOOL

Special Church School – March 30

2nd Gr. - Communion Class

3rd Gr. - Bible Class (taught by Cydney/Patrick)

ALL AGES WORSHIP (AAW)

AAW is a Sunday morning experience for the whole family of faith to sing, pray, hear stories and partake in communion together!

April 13 – Palm Sunday

May 18 – Music Sunday

Kids and Youth can
sign up to read. Scan QR code to
the right to volunteer



All Ages Worship



EASTER USHERS

It's nearly that time where we need extra ushers for Easter Sunday worship. We need 4 ushers for the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services, and you can head to Signup Genius and put your name in a slot for either or both services. As always, you can sign up for any Sunday at Signup Genius to help in this important ministry on Sunday mornings.

ACOLYTES



Would you like to be a person who helps signal the start of worship? We are looking to pull a group of young people together to light the candles on the altar each Sunday. It can be a single kid or youth, or it can be a pair. (they need to be old enough and strong enough to carry five pounds down the aisle, step on to the altar, light one or both candles, and exit by the PrayGround). A walk-through is available at any time! See Taira Atesman, Elmer Segura, or Craig Symons for more information or scan the QR code to sign up now.

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.



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.



WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY



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.



LENTEN STUDY GROUP

ENTERING THE PASSION of JESUS

DIVE INTO THE HISTORY OF THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS

What if we look at the "ordinary" people who witnessed the Passion events... the women around Jesus? Or the "bad" guys... Judas, Pilate, and Caiaphas?

Join us for this discussion led by videos from Amy-Jill Levine as she looks closely at the people who were part of Jesus' life during his last days.

SUNDAYS  **TIME** 

March 9 - April 13 **11AM - 12PM**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP QUILT RAFFLE



It's nearly April and that means the annual quilt raffle to benefit The Women's Fellowship is just around the corner. Tickets will be sold at community hour, the church front office, and The Rummage Room. Tickets are \$5 and the drawing will be held on May 3rd at The Women's Fellowship brunch. Get your tickets soon!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE EVENTS

The Friendsgiving gatherings were such a hit that members of the Welcoming Committee have been asked to continue the fun year-round! It's such a great way to get to know each other and build community. The idea is to have gatherings that are easy to execute; co-hosting and pot-luck parties are encouraged. Hosts choose what they want to do, the date & the number of guests they can handle.



A couple of FCCOG members have already offered to host spring events: a "s'mores-round-a-firepit-party" and an outing to Storm King Art Center. Details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Here are some additional ideas but feel free to suggest others:

- Build your own ice-cream sundae party
- Build your own taco (on a Tuesday of course!) party
- Potluck BBQ
- Movie and pizza (maybe even use FCCOG auditorium)
- Outing to a ball game
- Potluck dinner at the Susie Baker pavilion at Tod's Point
- Wine tasting
- A red party (everyone wears red)

Call/text Betsy (203) 832-8113 or Cynthia (203) 918-1523 if you have any questions or would like to host.

CALL-A-RIDE GREENWICH - FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND MORE



At **CALL-A-RIDE** we provide free transportation weekdays for seniors age 60 or over within the Town of Greenwich. Our volunteer drivers also serve to create an atmosphere of understanding and camaraderie aiding seniors toward a full enjoyment of life.

We currently have a roster of volunteer drivers who cover 24 shifts Monday through Friday each week. Morning shifts run from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and afternoon shifts run from 12:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Some drivers have regularly committed weekly shifts and others are available on a substitute basis. Drivers must be 25 years of age or older, possess a valid driver's license and be approved by C-A-R's automobile insurer. Many current drivers have volunteered with C-A-R for many years and derive a high degree of satisfaction from their service to others through C-A-R.

We are always looking for volunteer drivers – hopefully you will be so inclined and, in that event, kindly make initial contact with our office.

CONTACT US

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Dispatchers: Ron March, Hilary Gunn

E-mail: call-a-ride@optimum.net

<https://callaridegreenwich.org/our-service/>

INVITATION FOR SEDER MEAL AT TEMPLE SHOLOM



Saturday, April 12 at 6:30 pm,

Temple Sholom, 300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

Our friends at Temple Sholom have invited anyone from First Church to join Rabbi Mitch and artist-in-residence Sheldon Low for a musical, traditional Passover seder. The cost to participate is \$60 per person for Temple Members, \$90 per person for Non-Members and \$20 per child ages

12 and under (regardless of membership). To register: <https://www.templesholom.com/form/passover-seder-2025>



RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT - SUNDAY MAY 4 AT 10 A.M.



During our morning worship time, we will pack 20,000 meals to support Rise Against Hunger's vision of a world without hunger, which distributes meals in 38 countries to schools, health clinics and communities hit by disaster. The meals help keep children in school and aid communities in the short term as they develop long term food security.

The cost of underwriting The Rise Against Hunger meal packing and the meal packing event will be our 2025 Lenten Offering and Lenten Project. More details will follow soon. Please join us for a fun, energized, music-filled morning when we will experience the joy of working together to help the least among us! Bring friends to show them First Church in action!

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

10:00 AM

April 13 | Palm Sunday

6:00 PM

April 17 | Maundy Thursday
6 PM Dinner - 7 PM Worship

7:30 PM

April 18 | Good Friday

10:00 AM

April 19 | Egg Dyeing & Hunt

6:00 AM

April 20 | Easter Sunday
Greenwich Point

9:00 AM

April 20 | Easter Sunday
Meetinghouse

11:00 AM

April 20 | Easter Sunday
Meetinghouse

www.fccog.org

108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

EASTER FLOWERS AND BRASS

The Deacons invite contributions for flowers & brass in the Meetinghouse this Easter.
You may give to either one or both. Any amount is welcome.

Please deliver this completed form with your check to the Church Office
(payable to *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*)
on or before **Monday, April 14 at 12 noon** in order to be included in the bulletin listing.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Please accept my contribution to the (check one or both):

_____ Easter Flower Fund _____ Easter Brass

In MEMORY of:

In HONOR of:

By:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____

(Please print names legibly to minimize spelling errors.)

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