



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION
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 **FCCOG 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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's flowers are in memory of Rick Woodman and his dedication to teaching confirmation and serving as an advisor for our Senior Pilgrim Fellowship for over thirty years.
Given by Carolyn Paulus and their daughters, Gillian and Stephanie.

PRELUDE

Choral
Leon Boëllmann (1862-1897)
Jere Stuckey, organ

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: Through every age and in every place, the Christ in whose name we gather, calls disciples with a simple invitation, words of challenge: "Come follow me."

All: And where is it that we go with Christ?

One: Christ leads us among enemies and strangers, causing us to regard all persons as potential friends.

All: Christ leads us into uncharted places of spiritual wilderness where the word and will of God are the only reliable guides.

One: Christ leads us to love ourselves just so we might be found, just so grace might become real.

All: And Christ leads us to the apparent dead-end of a cross to reveal a highway to new life. We gather to worship the Christ who leads. May we gain the wisdom and courage to follow.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
280 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Spirit, Wind, Breath. Fill our lungs and lives with your energizing presence; refresh our stale minds; and stir our slowly-beating hearts; so that we may humbly and courageously be your breathing, gusting, good presence in the world. 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.

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)

Halle, Hallelujah



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

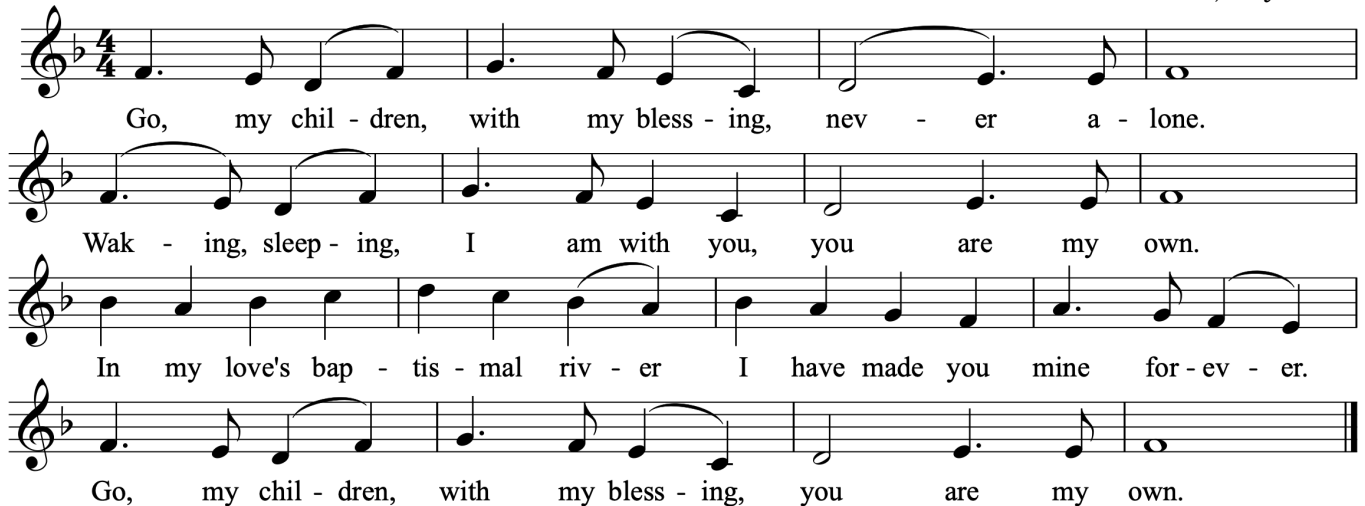
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

Go, My Children



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

DEDICATION OF THE TRUMPET STOP ON THE FIRST CHURCH ORGAN

One: Martin Luther said, “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits.” Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather in worship God and build up this community of faith. The purpose of sacred music is to give glory to God and engage our minds and voices in worship. This morning, we consecrate this new organ trumpet stop in memory of Dr. Charles E. Stuckey. We are grateful for this addition to the organ. May it serve as further inspiration in our music ministry.

All: For the gift of music: for melodies that echo the harmonies of heaven, for voices transcending time and space, united in the glory of your name; moved by the Holy Spirit, our guide in all truth and beauty, we dedicate this trumpet stop. As saints and angels sing throughout eternity, accept this stop, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise throughout the world. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-13
Common English Bible
Bill DeHaven

Brothers and sisters, I don’t want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can’t even speak. So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, “Jesus is cursed!” when speaking by God’s Spirit, and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

ANTHEM

Speak The Truth In Love
Stephanie Taylor
The Chancel Choir
Khaleigh Laicher, percussion

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2: 1-4
Common English Bible

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

MESSAGE

Confirmation Sunday
Reverend Patrick Collins
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

Let Us Build A House
301 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class of 2024

Christopher DiPreta
Tim Kurzcewski
Michael Muir
Rex Reeves
Tommy Sahrbeck
Addison Stuckey

PRAYER

QUESTIONS OF CONFIRMANDS

QUESTION OF THE CONGREGATION

One: Do you this congregation renew the promises made at baptism, to support these young people in their continued journey of faith? Do you promise to grow with them, to serve beside them, to pray with them, and nurture God's gifts within them? If so, please say We Do.

All: We Do!

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION

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.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CROSSES

The Jerusalem Cross is bronze and often is worn around the neck. It is one large cross in the center surrounded by four small crosses. The symbolism is that Jesus Christ is Lord over the four corners of the earth, or that the story of Jesus Christ is told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go Out With Joy
Hank Beebe (1926-2023)
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Every Time I Feel The Spirit
66 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing
Anthony Giamanco (b. 1958)

† 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 May are members of the Asset Management committee.

COMMUNITY HOUR



CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- May 19: Confirmation Sunday (All Ages Worship)
- May 26: One-Room Schoolhouse
- June 2: Celebration Sunday

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: Summer shoes for all, Summer handbags, Summer sweaters



FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

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 Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at noon in the lounge. BYO lunch optional.





KNIT & NOSH – CREATE BELOVED PRAYER SHAWLS

Did you knit many years ago? Or are you an avid knitter who'd like some company? Would you like to make new friends?

If you answered YES to any of the above, come to our next workshop on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 7 p.m.**

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 on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Rick's Room at First Church.

Contact Angela Stevens for more information. angelamessinastevens@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon!

2024 FCCOG QUILT RAFFLE



Join us for a chance to win a beautiful blue handmade quilt. Our Women's Fellowship Kettle Quilters have been hard at work this past year. The colors are tones of blue and white, and it measures 80" wide and 92" long.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each, and will be on sale every Sunday after Worship, during Community Hour. You can also purchase them [ONLINE](#) They are also available to purchase at The Rummage Room during opening hours Monday through Thursday (11 am to 3 pm). Tickets are available for purchase up until 12 pm May 23.

Our raffle drawing will take place on Thursday, May 23 at 1 pm, during the Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting. (Need not be present to win.) All proceeds go to charities benefitting women, children, and families.

BEACH SERVICES RETURN THIS SUMMER!

Our summer beach services at Greenwich Point Park (Tod's Point) start June 9 at 8 a.m. The services are held near Innis Arden Cottage, the main building on your left as you enter the park. All are welcome regardless if you have a beach pass or not – simply state you're here for First Congregational Church services and the guard will let you in. Bring your beach chair or blanket. There will also be activities for children.



Dates for beach services are:

June 9, 23, 30 – July 14, 21, 28 – August 4, 11, 18, 25

VISIONING TASK FORCE SURVEY UPDATE – FINAL WEEK!

Thanks to all who have responded to the Congregational Survey. To date, we have received 168 responses. Many long-term members (10 years or more) and women have responded. This means we encourage our newer families and people from younger generations to respond, not to mention the men out there who attend or participate with FCCOG in some manner. We intend to leave the Survey available until we feel we have more data collected. Please encourage your family members and those who you know are connected to FCCOG to respond to the Survey.



We want to know what you think, and to better understand our starting point!

- What should we continue doing?
- What should we do differently?
- What new activities and approaches would you like to see?

We want to hear from **YOU!** Every member of your family is invited to complete the survey. Take 10 minutes to complete the survey today!

REALM IS COMING: ARE YOU READY?



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY**
:A SHARED NETWORK FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

takes a Mission Trip with...

**INCREDIBLE
DAYS**

**INCREDIBLE FAITH MISSION:
PROVIDENCE**

**A WEEKEND TRIP WHERE
YOU WILL:**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Local Service Projects
- Learn about Urban Poverty in Providence RI
- Teambuilding & Reflective Discussions
- Stay in Irons Homestead's Lodge
- live among intentional community
- have powerful conversations
- learn about other people
- form connections through discussions & activities
- have tons of fun!

PRICE:
\$100
**SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE!**
For all questions:
KhaleighL@fccog.org

JUNE 7-9

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

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BEACH
EDITION**

NO BEACH PASS NEEDED

DURING FCCOG'S BEACH SERVICE
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**AGES 3-6TH GRADE
SHORT & FUN**

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
23&30	14, 21&28	4,11, 18&25

FOR ?S EMAIL KHALEIGHL@FCCOG.ORG



Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting Luncheon Thursday May 23 at 11:30 AM

Last chance to join the women of First Church for our Annual Meeting Luncheon on Thursday, May 23rd at 11:30 AM in the auditorium. (Note - All women of First Church are automatically members of the Women's Fellowship.)

We will elect officers for the coming year, vote on By-Law revisions, and approve \$141,750 in allocations to 46 charities for 2024. The \$20 ticket includes a catered lunch and speakers from two of the agencies that will receive grants from us this year. Advance registration and payment are REQUIRED. We will be at Community Hour this Sunday to accept cash/checks and registrations.

(Checks should be made out to: Women's Fellowship FCCOG.)

OR luncheon reservations can also be made and paid for online by

1) logging into the MyFirstChurch site, 2) selecting Giving/Give Online, 3) enter \$20 and 4) in the Select a Fund dropdown list, choose 'In Honor of....' with a Memo saying "Women's Fellowship Luncheon".

The deadline for registration and payment is Sunday, May 19th.

Questions? Email carwestbrook@optimum.net

We look forward to seeing you there!



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