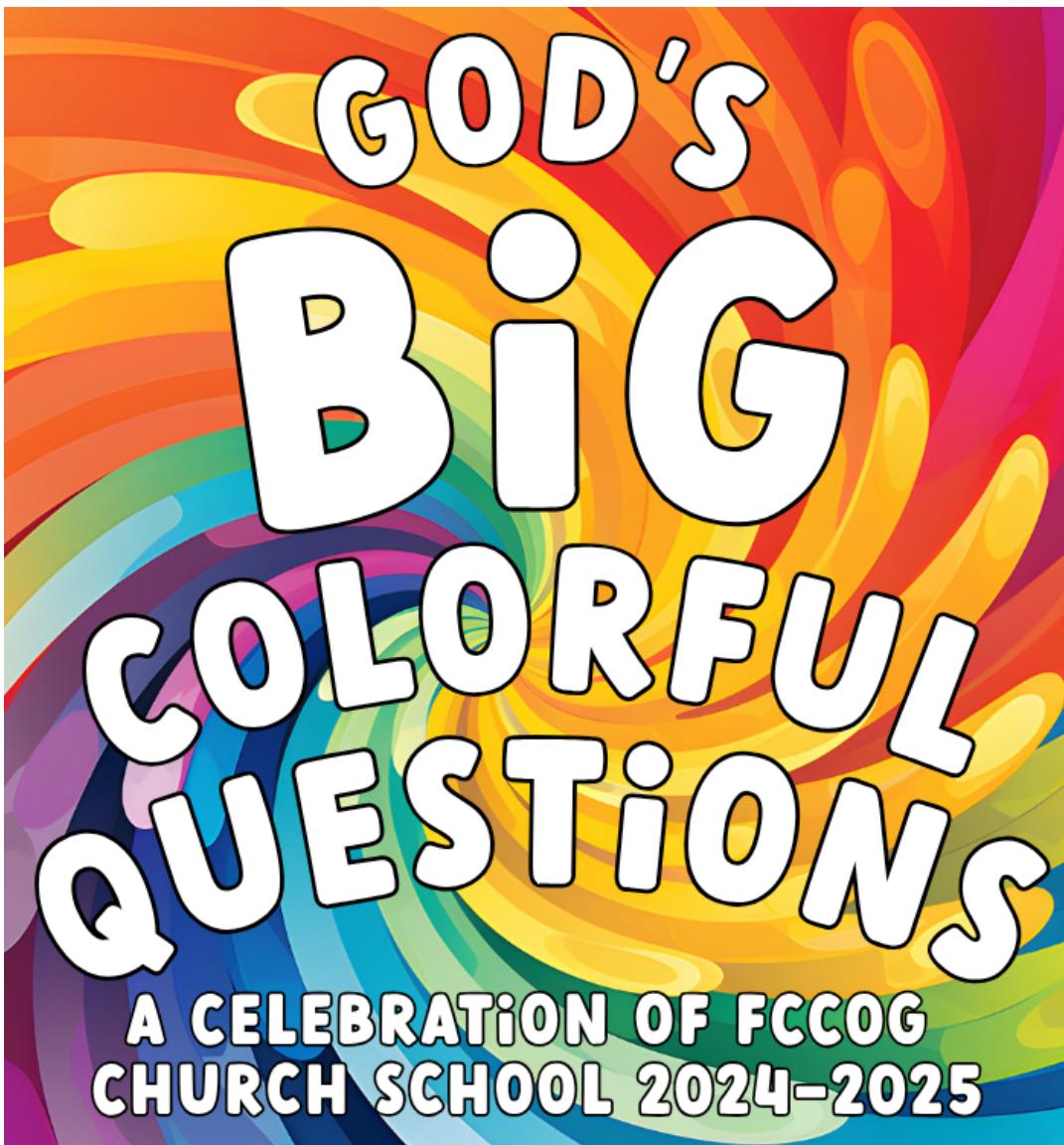




SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



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.



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.

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

Franklin Ashdown (b. 1942)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Emma & Aleah Segura

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk

THE WONDER OF QUESTIONS

Said our children: "Why did Jesus eat with everyone?"

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy

The Cherub Choir

Carol Woodman, director

Lynn Hawkhurst, ukulele

Carolyn Paulus, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jackson Atesman

One: It was Jesus who said,

All: **"Let the little children come unto me; do not hinder them."**

One: We give God thanks for the children we have here at First Church

All: **And for children all over the world,**

One: Who are filled with the wonder of faith

All: **And ask questions of all kinds;**

One: Who are finding the joy in learning about God

All: **Through scripture, song, prayer, art, service, and play;**

One: Who are impacted for life by this community and those they learn from,

All: **And who impact our faith lives in return exactly as they are now.**

One: Let us worship our God with celebration and thanksgiving

All: **For to children belong the kin-dom of God.**

†HYMN

All Things Bright And Beautiful

20 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Grace O'Brien

God of every color, each child, and all of creation, let us have the ears, minds, and hearts of little children, open to the amazing wonders of your love, trusting that all things are possible through you. May our questions about faith deepen our knowledge of you, and help us to see you in all places and people. May we choose to get closer to you through prayer and praise, and find joy in learning who you truly are. And may we be impacted by you so much that we have no choice but to impact the world through your love and care for others. 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.

†RESPONSE (remain standing)

Halle, Hallelujah



Halle, halle, hal - le - lu - jah! Halle, halle, hal - le - lu - jah!

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

THE JOY OF LEARNING

Said our children: "This year I learned how to pray!"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Common English Bible

Addie Stuckey

You must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

† Please rise in body or in spirit

ANTHEM

I Will Sing Praise
Joel Raney (b. 1956)
The Celebration Singers
Vance Briceland, piano

3rd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke
Khaleigh Laicher

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

3RD GRADE FAMILIES

We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

CONGREGATION

We as the congregation are pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages.

ALL

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

Sing Out, Earth And Skies
Marty Haugen (b. 1950)
Combined Cherub Choir and Celebration Singers

THE IMPACT OF TEACHING

Said our children: "Thank you for tying faith into our lives!"

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Khaleigh Laicher
Sarah Schneider, Faith Formation & Education co-chair

*We give our thanks to all who have helped our
Church School in various ways this year, especially our families!*

One: Today, we recognize and affirm all our Church School teachers and helpers with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.

All: We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

One: It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers, helpers, and volunteers.

All: **Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through this gift of presence.**

One: Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.

All: **As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers and helpers have given to our children. May their service be blessed, as it is a blessing to our community of faith.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

It is a tradition at First Church for second graders to learn about communion more deeply. To mark this special emphasis, those youth will help to lead the congregation through the Communion Liturgy and celebrate with their special Class Communion.

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (gluten-free) and the cup together, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity and unity within the Body of Christ.

Those receiving communion are asked to come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread and cup, then return to their seats by the side aisle.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy Jenkins

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

Grayson Atesman

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Arr. Joel Raney (b. 1956)
The Summer Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Take My Life
697 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

Olivia Atesman

†POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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With special thanks and recognition to all of today's participants and Church School volunteers throughout the year:

Greeters: Erin, Rob, and Stephanie O'Brien

Worship Participants: Grayson Atesmen, Jackson Atesmen, Olivia Atesmen, Jonah Collins, Amy Jenkins, Grace O'Brien, Aleah Segura, Emma Segura

2nd Graders/Communion Class: Jonah Collins, Katherine Knowles, Hudson Lee, Evelyn McGovern, Grace O'Brien, Daniel O'Brien, Peter O'Connor, Grace Platter, Aleah Segura, Remy Sippel

3rd Graders/Bible Recipients: Jackson Atesmen, Jonah Collins, Chloe Egas, Spencer Gartner, Amy Jenkins, Katherine Knowles, Lexington Worden

Teachers List: Kristen Bodenstein, Sarah Cleworth, Meaghan Gruppo, Mary Ann Hawley, Kristin Knowles, Karin Kovacic, Maggie Lange, Katherine Magovern, Erin O'Brien, Liz O'Connor, Cara Olmsted, Christina Russell, Charlie Stuckey, Sara Stuckey, Leslie VanDermeer, Abby Wentworth, Peg Wentworth

High school assistants: Chole Culver, Preston Culver, Charlotte DiPretta, Christopher DiPretta, Katie Muir, Micheal Muir, Addie Stuckey, Charlie Stuckey, Hannah Stubbs, Harper Roy, Quinn Roy

School age assistants: Ashley Kovacic, Alida Elliot Bocassi, Nico Elliot-Bocassi, Emma Noelle Marten, Ian Marten, Jack Schneider, Claire Wentworth

Faith Formation & Education Committee: Sarah Cleworth, Donna Hascher (co-chair), Diane Jenkins, Diane and Paul Kretschmann, Nanette Laffan, Khaleigh Laicher (Director of Church School), Cara Olmsted, Sarah Schneider (co-chair), Leslie VanDermeer, Peg Wentworth, and Pastor Cydney Van Dyke

Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) or the Auditorium where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for June are members of the Outreach Committee.

COMMUNITY

hour



CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

The 354th Annual Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for Sunday June 22, 2025 in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and Committee members and to fill other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025
- To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

Members are encouraged to attend in the Meetinghouse if possible and comfortable. However, if you join remotely via Zoom.us, please follow the instructions in the Friday emails. The meeting may be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

Carol Woodman,
Church Clerk

JOB POSTING



First Church is in search of a person for a part-time custodial position. This job is primarily for cleaning and maintenance work, weekday hours, 20 to 25 hours per week. Hourly wage commensurate with experience. Simple resumes should be sent to Greg Girolamo gregg@fccog.org or Julio Yika julioy@fccog.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL



Church School
All Ages Worship



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!

June 15 – Celebration Sunday

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





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.

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

All are welcome to join the Summer Choir on Sunday mornings throughout the summer at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that day. Head to the 3rd floor, outside the choir room, to pick up the anthem, bulletin, and a folder, then meet downstairs in the choir loft.

Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship. It also gives you a chance to experience worship from a different perspective in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome – no robes will be worn! If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 822).



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SOCIALS

The first of this year's three Women's Fellowship Summer Socials is Monday, June 23 from 5:30 p.m. on at the Sue Baker Pavilion at Greenwich Point. The rain date is the following evening. We bring our own food/drinks and meet for an informal gathering. Feel free to bring a friend/neighbor. If you don't have a current Greenwich beach pass, we can arrange a ride from the church parking lot if you let Car Westbrook know.

Future dates are: Monday, July 28 and Monday, August 25 with rain dates the following evenings.

Questions? Contact Car Westbrook at carwestbrook@optimum.net.



FCCOG CHURCH SCHOOL SUMMER BASH

29
JUNE
@ 5 PM



ALL CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES

15 Forestwood Drive, Stamford CT 06903

HOSTED BY THE GARTNER FAMILY

Play | Smores | Fun | Community

RSVP via email : KhaleighL@FCCOG.org



Upcoming Events

Beach Services begin - June 15

Our Summer Beach Services start today at 8 a.m. at Greenwich Point Park. No passes are necessary - simply tell the gatekeeper you're attending First Congregational service. Remaining dates are June 22, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17.

Celebration Sunday - June 15

This day features our youngest in the church as they conclude another exciting year of Church School activities.

Annual Meeting - Sunday June 22

Attend this important gathering following worship as we hear reports and watch a special video highlighting the activities of the past year.

Women's Fellowship Summer Social - Monday June 23

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Open And Affirming Sunday - June 29

Each year we celebrate our church's Open & Affirming designation achieved in 2003 and re-affirm and re-commit to the inclusion of all people as beloved children of God, regardless of matters like age, race, gender, and sexual orientation.

See the full Church Calendar for all upcoming events

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Beth Genovese

Melanie Garnett

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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

