



SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
CONFIRMATION 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.

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

Adagio

Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

## CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: The Spirit is here among us  
All: **within us, around us, between us.**  
One: The Spirit is here to strengthen us  
All: **bringing courage, bringing conviction.**  
One: The Spirit is here to move us,  
All: **making us sing and praise.**  
One: The Spirit is here.  
All: **May we feel the Spirit as we gather.**  
One: May we be fed by her fiery strength.  
All: **May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.**  
One: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.  
All: **And may our worship fill us with the Spirit as we go back out into our daily lives.**

## CHORAL INTROIT

## †HYMN

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

## †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Spirit of the living God, move, swirl, and dance among us. Remind us that you are always present: encouraging, luring, and inspiring us to be the loving people you created us to be. Stir us during this hour to walk humbly, embrace love, and do justice in our unjust and fragmented 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.*

One: May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

## †RESPONSE (remain standing)

*Halle, Hallelujah*



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

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## 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.

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

## FIRST LESSON

*Romans 8:14-17*

New Revised Standard Version  
Pat Mendelsohn

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## DUET

*In Christ Alone*

Joel Raney (b. 1956)

Carol Woodman, soprano – Thomas Woodman, baritone

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-15  
New Revised Standard Version

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

## MESSAGE

*Confirmation Sunday*  
Reverend Patrick Collins – Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

## HYMN

*We Are One In The Spirit*  
300 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class of 2025

EMMETT COLLINS  
CHLOE CULVER  
PRESTON CULVER  
HENRY DEHAVEN  
CHARLOTTE DIPRETA  
LARS GUSTAFSSON  
KATIE MUIR  
HARPER ROY  
QUINN ROY  
HANNAH STUBBS

## 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

Juliet Primo Lee

#### ANTHEM

Pentecost

Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

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

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

Go To The World  
295 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing  
Anthony Giamanco (1929-1988)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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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.



### 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](mailto:gregg@fccog.org) or Julio Yika [julioy@fccog.org](mailto: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](http://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).



Hosted by the Greenwich Fellowship of Clergy

# INTER FAITH PRIDE SERVICE

Tuesday  
**June 10th**  
2025  
**6:30**  
pm

📍 **Outdoor Meadow at St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church in Riverside**  
200 Riverside Ave, Riverside, CT

Bring a chair  
or blanket!  
Raining? Join  
us inside!

**Family Friendly  
Participation  
Affirmation  
Community  
Prayer  
Music  
& Rainbow  
Social**

## PICK-UP PRIDE CHOIR

Anyone (including youth) is invited to join us **day of** to learn a few songs and sing in the service!

**5:30 PM IN THE LIBRARY**

YOU CAN BRING AN INSTRUMENT!



## YOUTH ART SHOWCASE

Youth of **ALL** ages are invited to submit artwork on the theme **“Resistance, Resilience, Rejoicing.”** Email entries to khaleighl@fccog.org **by June 3rd.** **Community voting** the following week **to select cover art for the service!**



## SUNDAY BEACH SERVICES

START JUNE 15 @ 8 A.M.

8 A.M. AT GREENWICH POINT PARK  
ALL ARE WELCOME - SIMPLY SAY YOU'RE HERE  
FOR FIRST CHURCH SERVICE  
BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIR OR BLANKET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH  
[WWW.FCCOG.ORG](http://WWW.FCCOG.ORG)

## 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](mailto:KhaleighL@FCCOG.org)



# Upcoming Events

## **Interfaith Pride Service - June 10**

Gather at St. Paul's Church in Riverside for our 2nd Annual Interfaith Pride Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

## **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.

## **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**  
**[www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org)**

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See more about the stories of our  
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -  
People of Note

