



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026  
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
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 are 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.*

*Audio Hearing Aids are available for your use during the service. See an usher to request a device.  
Please silence all electronic devices.*

## PRELUDE

*Voluntary*

Lucien H. Southard (1827-1881)  
Steven Russell, guest organist/director

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In a world filled with noise and distraction,

**All: we come seeking what is true and life-giving.**

One: God invites us to dwell on what is good, beautiful, and just.

**All: Christ strengthens us in every season of life.**

One: Come with your worries, your gratitude, your weariness, and your hope.

**All: Let us worship the One who holds us together.**

## †CHORAL INTROIT

## †HYMN

*The Church Of Christ In Every Age  
320 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)*

## †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Gracious God, our minds are often crowded with worry, distraction, and fear. Re-center us in what is true, good, and life-giving. Teach us the quiet strength of trust, so that in seasons of both abundance and struggle, we may discover your presence holding us together. 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.**

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†RESPONSE (remain standing)

Halle, Hallelujah

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

### 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.

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 26:1-6  
New Revised Standard Version  
Bill DeHaven

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city;  
he sets up walls and bulwarks as a safeguard.  
Open the gates,  
so that the righteous nation that maintains faithfulness  
may enter in.  
Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace,  
in peace because they trust in you.  
Trust in the Lord forever,  
for in the Lord God  
you have an everlasting rock.  
For he has brought low  
the inhabitants of the height;  
the lofty city he lays low.  
He lays it low to the ground,  
casts it to the dust.  
The foot tramples it,  
the feet of the poor,  
the steps of the needy.

### ANTHEM

If Tongues Of Men And Angels  
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)  
The Summer Choir

†Please rise in body or in spirit

## SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 4:8-14*  
New Revised Standard Version

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

## MESSAGE

*Feed Your Soul*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## †HYMN

*Our Help Is In The Name Of God*  
330 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## 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

*Using your smartphone messaging app,  
text FCCOG Donate to 73256 or scan the QR code to donate.*

Bill DeHaven



## ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Voluntary*  
Thomas Loud (1762-1833)

## †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, alleluia!**

## †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## †HYMN

*God Is Calling Through The Whisper*  
410 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

†Please rise in body or in spirit

Voluntary  
Francis Linley (1771-1800)

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

# COMMUNITY HOUR



## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – TODAY

Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage, or in the Memory Garden weather permitting. During the week, Sue is available by appointment. Email [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org) or call 203-637-1791 extension 821.



Join the conversation about

## Women's Health

through all stages of life

Sunday, May 31st  
11-1 in the Auditorium  
*light snacks provided*



Please RSVP or scan

[Click HERE!](#)



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Discover community activities in 2026

All women of the church are welcome!

Scan the QR code for the **GroupMe** app or visit [www.GroupMe.com](http://www.GroupMe.com) from your desktop for Women's Fellowship activity updates

For questions, email **Sara Stuckey** ([sdstuckey@gmail.com](mailto:sdstuckey@gmail.com))



Scan here with your smartphone camera



## Summer beach outings

**Mondays @ 5:30**  
**June 22, July 27 & August 24,**  
rain dates the next day, respectively

We plan 3 monthly beach outings this summer! All women in our Church and your guests are invited to bring your own picnic and beverage.

For those who live outside Greenwich, we will meet to carpool in the Church parking lot at 5:15pm in the car of a Greenwich resident with a beach pass.

IF YOU NEED TO CARPOOL, please let Pat Larrabee know. Her email is in the Friday email blast.

**Location: The Sue H. Baker Pavilion at The Old Barn at Greenwich Point**

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# We Need Volunteers!

Be a leader in worship as a reader, usher, or greeter

## Worship Reading

read scripture on Sunday mornings

## Call to Offering

share your inspiration to introduce the offering

## Ushering

pass out bulletins and help pass offering plates

## Greeters

be a welcoming presence as people arrive for worship



scan to sign up




## Join the Summer Choir at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that day. Stop by 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 Minister of Music Craig Symons @craigs@fccog.org



### Caregivers Support Group – Weekly, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Lounge

This group is designed for those who find themselves the primary caregivers to aging parents, ailing spouses, or have otherwise had their lives impacted by the care needs of others.

The group is facilitated by Dedee Rigg, an experienced pastoral counselor and long-time caregiver to her husband Jerry. Dedee graduated from Union Theological Seminary and was ordained to pastoral counseling ministry here at First Church in 1981. After clinical training, she practiced psychotherapy & pastoral counseling in Greenwich for 40 years. Dedee initially worked with adults and couples suffering from both individual and marital issues and later, after the loss of a son, she specialized in grief counseling. For 19 years she was the primary caretaker for her husband Jerry who died of Alzheimer's disease. She offers her experience as a therapist and a caretaker in this support group.

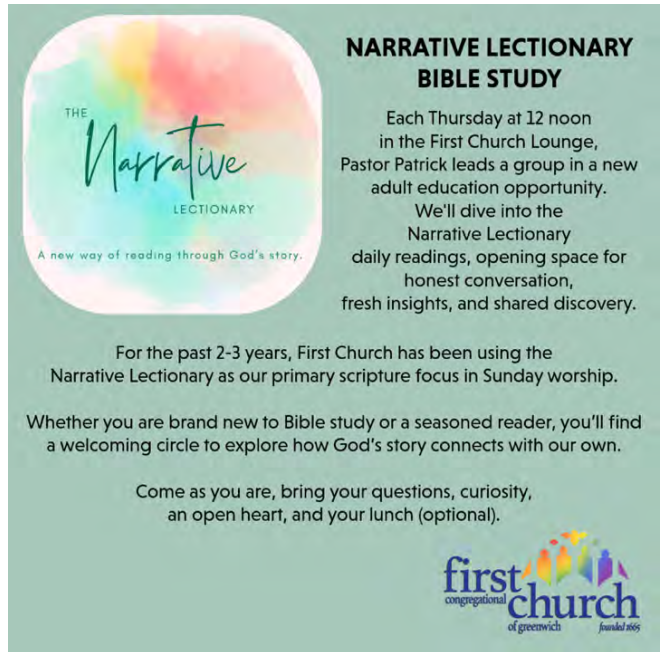
To learn more, contact Pastors Cydney or Patrick, or Parish Nurse Sue Asselin.



## Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

# SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tues. May 26, 2026 - Fri. September 4, 2026  
Please remember to make an appointment to meet with anyone in the offices.




## NARRATIVE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday at 12 noon in the First Church Lounge, Pastor Patrick leads a group in a new adult education opportunity. We'll dive into the Narrative Lectionary daily readings, opening space for honest conversation, fresh insights, and shared discovery.

For the past 2-3 years, First Church has been using the Narrative Lectionary as our primary scripture focus in Sunday worship.

Whether you are brand new to Bible study or a seasoned reader, you'll find a welcoming circle to explore how God's story connects with our own.

Come as you are, bring your questions, curiosity, an open heart, and your lunch (optional).



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People of Note

