



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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.*

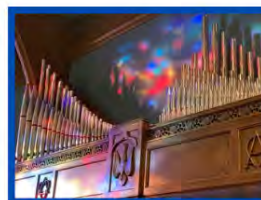
The PrayGround. In the Chapel space, guiding kids in worship.

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. Ask Ushers for help with bluetooth enabling or use of physical devices.

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

How Firm A Foundation

Arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

The Palmer Handbell Choir

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There's nothing too big or too small for God to handle

All: **And no one above or beneath God's notice.**

One: When we are paying attention and when we are not,

All: **God is with us.**

One: Whoever you are and whatever you have done, come.

All: **We come to seek God's way.**

†CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

God Of Great And God Of Small

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

The Celebration Singers

Vance Briceland, piano

†HYMN

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name!

263 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Generous God, you have given us every good gift and when we come to you, you hear us and respond. Make us ready to receive all you have for us today in your ancient story still overflowing with truth. 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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will return to their seats.)

RESPONSE

God's Got The Whole World In Their Hands



FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27
New Revised Standard Version
Pat Larrabee

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

ANTHEM

For All That Is
Taylor Davis (b. 1980)
The Genesis Choir
Daniel Young, director
Hanna Golodinskii, piano

†Please rise in body or in spirit

SECOND READING

2 Samuel 12:1-9
New Revised Standard Version

The Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

MESSAGE

Seeing Ourselves
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

God Of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us
436 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

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



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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ever With Me
Gwyneth Walker (1867-1951)
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

God Of Our Life
686 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Elmer Segura for Annual Giving

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Prelude In D Minor
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Auditorium where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Please sign up to help bring treats and clean up each week. Scan the QR code to volunteer!

**COMMUNITY
HOUR**

Annual Giving 2027



Our *Making Room* Annual Giving campaign is underway! You should have received the mailing (including your pledge card) highlighting how your generosity makes room for worship, connection, service, and care at First Church.

Where will you make room?



Caregivers Support Group
Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
in First Church 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following worship in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage. During the week, Sue is available by appointment. Email susana@fccog.org or call 203-637-1791 extension 821



Medicare Part D

Prescription Drug Insurance



- Open enrollment is Oct 15 to December 7.
- Evaluating every year is advised.
- Counseling, including navigating the Medicare.gov website, is available.
- For an appointment with Parish Nurse Sue Asselin call church ext 821.
- For an appointment with trained Town of Greenwich counselors call the Commission on Aging at 203-862-6707.

All are Welcome to Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry.



Come join us to knit, affix fringe or labels,
and visit with friends.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28
7-8:30 pm, in Rick's Room.

Just Drop In!
BIBLE
Study

Sip on coffee. Make meaningful connections.
Explore life-changing truths.

Every Sunday **9:00 AM**
FCCOG Lounge

**GET TO KNOW GOD
THROUGH GOD'S WORD**

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY DISCUSSION GROUP



Thursdays • Noon–1:00 p.m.

The Lounge at First Church

Join us as we explore and discuss
the upcoming passage for Sunday.



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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

