



SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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 devices.*

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Arr. Joel Raney (1910–2010)
The Palmer Handbell Quartet
Jennifer Gartner, Lynn Hawxhurst, Colette Rogers, Julie Laicher

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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: Grace upon grace
Two: glory is revealed
One: plenty beyond reason
Two: despite the questions
All: the kingdom of God arrives, unexpectedly!
One: The best of the best
Two: flowing freely
One: mysteriously abundant
Two: from his fullness we all receive
All: the kingdom of God arrives, unexpectedly!

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
7 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

You make miracles, O God, every day. You show us your glorious presence new every morning. Your Word fulfils your purpose, season by season and day by day. Open us to recognize you at work, in even the most ordinary of moments. Amen.

**Moment of silence for personal reflection **

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†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, Halle, Halle



ANTHEM

Sing Out, Earth And Skies

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

The Celebration Singers - Vance Briceland, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will 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 62:1-5

New Revised Standard Version

Carrie Marten

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,

† Please rise in body or in spirit

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married,
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

SOLO

Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above
Edwin T. Childs (b. 1945)
Julie Laicher, soprano

SECOND LESSON

John 2:1-11
New Revised Standard Version

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

MESSAGE

It's A Sign
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Lead, Kindly Light
216 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

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.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO OFFERING

Lynn Hawxhurst

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



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation
Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948)
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling
302 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Fugue In E 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. Hosts for January are members of the Caring Ministries.

COMMUNITY
hour
HOUR

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



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

A NEW YEAR - A NEW YOU!

Get involved. Make a Difference.
VOLUNTEER

Did you know that *anyone* can serve in a variety of roles on Sunday mornings? Each Sunday, many people serve as ushers, scripture readers, sharing the call to offering and providing treats during Community Hour following worship.



But, too often, the same people work week after week because there aren't enough people to sign up to fill the spots necessary. There is something for everyone to do. Head to SignUp Genius (link is at the bottom left corner of our website [www.fccog.org]) or scan the QR code and participate in the work of the church when you are available.

GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL - FOLSOM CARE CLOSET

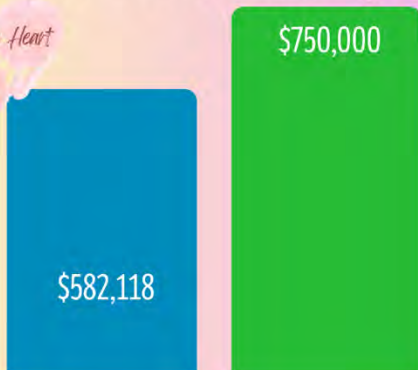
Students in our community, who receive free/reduced price meals at school during the week, are going without food and basic essentials each weekend. GHS teachers are addressing this need through creation of the Folsom House Care Closet, open on Friday afternoons at dismissal, where they're working to provide provisions weekly for around 45 students. Please consider donating non-perishable food and hygiene items in the bin at the back of the Meetinghouse. **This will be an ongoing drive.** Suggested items include dried 1lb bags of white rice, dried 1lb bags of red or black beans, canned tuna, pasta, tomato sauce, granola bars, shampoo, and soap/body wash.



Larger orders can be shipped directly to Folsom House Care Closet at Greenwich High School at 10 Hillside Rd, Greenwich, CT 06830. Financial donations can also be made to the GHS PTA - Folsom Care Closet Donations by clicking on the QR code with your smartphone. Questions or if you would like to help with drop-off, please reach out to Pam Speer pspeer22@gmail.com or Kristin Toretta ktoretta@gmail.com. Thank you!

First Church 2026 Annual Giving Stats

From The Heart



- Pledged To Date (582118)
- Annual Giving Goal (750000)

ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

We're well on our way for this year with 147 pledging units and over 77% of our goal! Thanks to all who have pledged. This figure is as of Jan 7.

It's not too late to make your pledge to First Church for the 2026 calendar year. You can scan the QR code below which will take you to the website and make your pledge online, or you can use the pledge card in the rack in front of your seat and place it in the offering plate as you come forward to present your food donations during the offering.

We are grateful for your generosity during this giving season to continue the ministry that First Church has in the greater Greenwich community and throughout the world.



THE 2026 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY SOUP & CHILI SALE



Do you have a favorite soup recipe, or a love of cooking? It's time to dust off your soup-making-skills by volunteering to make and donate a quart (or several quarts!) of soup or chili to the FCCOG Women's Fellowship Fundraiser. The sale will take place in the auditorium on Sunday February 8, 2026 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Quarts of homemade soup and chili will be sold for \$10 each.

Please sign up to donate after church in the auditorium beginning Sunday January 11 and continuing for the next several Sundays. Restaurant-style food containers will be available when you sign up.

This annual event is easy, inexpensive and popular for those who love to cook, and those who love to eat! This is the only Women's Fellowship fundraiser for the year. Please contact Sue Wilder for more information swilder102@gmail.com

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

JUST DROP-IN: A FIRST LOOK AT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

Sundays 9:00 a.m. in the First Church Lounge

Join Pastor Cydney for a drop-in time of conversation around Sunday's scripture. Together we'll explore the passage, gain context, and notice fresh insights before entering worship.

No need to prepare—just bring yourself. Come for the whole time, or even 15 minutes, and trust that God will give you something good to carry into worship and beyond.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 12 p.m. 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).

JOIN A CHOIR!

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The Cherub Choir is for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade. 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

The Celebration Singers is for youth in grades 3 to 6.
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Genesis Choir is for youth in grades 7 through 12.
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Palmer Handbells &
The Silverthorn Handchimes for 9th grade and up.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir, ages 18 and older.
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME


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of greenwich
founded 1665

Spring '26 CALENDAR MYRM

Did you know?

**WE
HAVE
TEXT
UPDATES!**

Type and text
"@myrym"
to 81010
& receive
messages
on events,
new locations,
and much more!

January

•11th at 1 pm

Grades: 3-12 @ FCCOG
Sidewalk Share

•24th at 1 pm

Grades: 6-12 @ RPM*
*RPM Raceway (Stamford)

February

•8th at 1 pm

Grades: 9-12 @ UCCN
Chopped Challenge

•21th at 10 am

Grades: 6-12 @ NTN
Neighbor to Neighbor

•27th at 6 pm

Grades: 3-8 @ 2CC
Olympics

March

•8th at 1 pm

Grades: 3-12 @ UCR
Craft for Good

•21st at 1 pm

Grades: 6-12 @ CTFS*
*CT Food Share (Wallingford)

April

•12th at 1 pm

Grades: 9-12 @ UCCN
Soda & Paint Class

•17th at 5:30pm

Grades: 6-12 @ PH*
*Pacific House (Stamford)

•24th at 6 pm

Grades: 3-8 @ NSCC
Movie Night

May

•10th at 1 pm

Grades: 9-12 @ UCR
Pod-Chat

•22th at 6 pm

Grades: 3-8 @ FCCOG
Bake for A Cause

May SLT

•29th - 31st

Grades: 6-12

**May Service
Learning Trip**

Back with Incredible Days
in New Haven, CT, our
youth will learn, play, and
serve the local
community while
exploring how to be good
neighbors to those
encountering
homelessness.
\$200 per youth

June

•14th at 6 pm

Grades: 3-12 @ 2CC
End of Year Carnival

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RYM Partners: First Congregational
Church of Greenwich, Second
Congregational Church of
Greenwich, United Congregational
Church of Norwalk, & North
Stamford Community Church

KEY:

2CC - 139 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich
FCCOG - 108 Sound Beach Ave, Greenwich
NSCC - 31 Cascade Road, Stamford
UCCN - 275 Richards Ave, Norwalk
UCR - 210 Rowayton Ave, Norwalk

WWW.MYRYM.ORG



Talk on the History of Old Greenwich

**Saturday, January 17, 3 p.m.
First Church Meetinghouse**

A Powerpoint talk by Pat Fulkerson Larrabee, Church Historian

Old Greenwich, the oldest neighborhood in town, has a colorful and varied history. In a fascinating talk by our church historian and webmaster, Pat Fulkerson Larrabee, you will journey through centuries of stories that shaped this vibrant community.

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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

