



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024  
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY  
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

declares itself to be open and affirming; 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.



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.*

## PRELUDE

*Dialogue Sur La Voix Humaine*  
François Couperin (1688-1733)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

## 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.*

## MOMENT FOR ANNUAL GIVING

Carolyn Paulus

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*I'll Fly Away*  
The Cherub Choir  
Carol Woodman, director  
Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele  
Carolyn Paulus, piano

## †HYMN

*For All The Saints*  
306 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

## †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for those who have gone on before us, pioneers in faith and ministry, thought, word and deed. We thank you for their example of living a Christ-like life. We know that they were no more perfect than you and I, but we all are your children.

Help us to remember when we are running the race of life, that all these people stand by us, cheering us on, praying for us, and loving us.

In your compassion, comfort those who are grieving the loss of their saints. Comfort your people.  
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)

Glory To God

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$  (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D) F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## RESPONSE

He's Got The Whole World

He's got the whole world\_\_ in his hands,\_\_ he's got the whole world\_\_ in his hands, he's got the

whole world\_\_\_\_ in his hands,\_\_ he's got the whole world in his hands.

† Please rise in body or in spirit



## FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:1-7  
New Revised Standard Version  
Fred Laffan

Now Elijah said to Ahab, "As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." The word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the wadi. But after a while the wadi dried up because there was no rain in the land.

## ANTHEM

*Goin' Home Up Yonder*  
Mary McDonald (b. 1956)  
The Chancel Choir

## SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16  
New Revised Standard Version

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

## MESSAGE

*Nothing Left To Give*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## ALL SAINTS' PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### HONORING THE SAINTS

#### 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.

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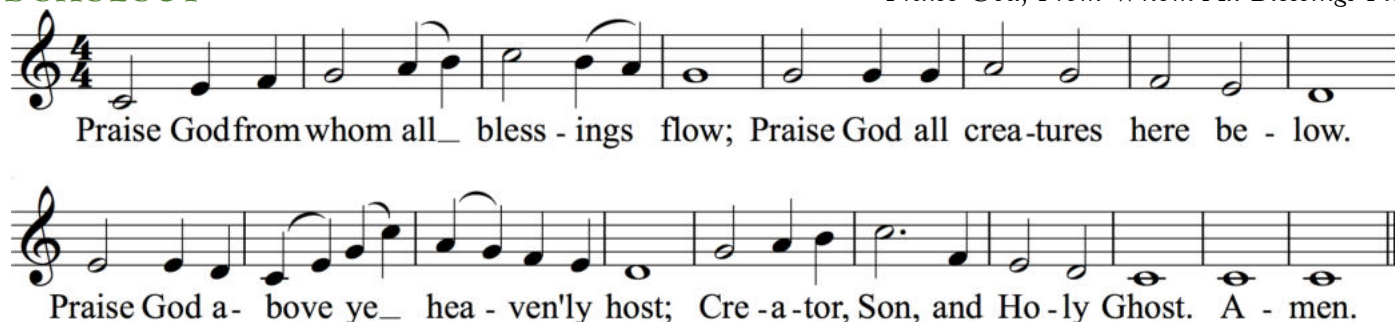


## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*If We Ever Needed The Lord*  
Arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)  
The Chancel Choir

## †DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*



## †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## †HYMN

*O What Their Joy And Glory Must Be*  
310 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

## †BENEDICTION

## †CHORAL RESPONSE

## †POSTLUDE

*Premier Couplet du Gloria*  
Couperin

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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## COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the Meetinghouse where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for November are members of the Annual Giving Committee.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Nov 3 – All Ages Worship

Nov 10 – Regular Church School

Nov 17 – Regular Church School



## We remember those who have passed from this life since November 1, 2023

*listed in chronological order*

Joyce Carlson  
Ruth White  
Susan Graham Ferris  
Cheryle Janelli  
Donald "Skip" Walters  
Dorie Savage Moore  
Suzanne "Sue" Eaton  
Ann S. Lanman  
Geoffrey "Geoff" Peterson  
Robert "Bob" Stafford  
Joan S. Kadlec  
Mary Elizabeth Lane  
Dorothy Harrison Norris  
William "David" Wister, Sr  
Carol Romersa Wright  
William Bausch  
Wendy Mallory

Doris Marie Moss Davenport  
Tom R. Ragland  
Joyce French  
Anna Goetze Hartschorn  
Vincent "Jeff" Cosmas Webb, Jr  
Regina Brunjes  
Linda Meredith Downing Knopf  
Robert "Bob" Bodey  
Henry Martin Hull  
Maureen "Marnie" Rutherford  
Reef Baker  
Nancy Roos Hoffman  
Mary "Toddy" Donley  
Elizabeth "Betty" Lord Bonsal  
Benito "Ben" Menegon  
Nancy Jane Wolf  
Richard Lepoutre

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. She will be in her office, just to the right of the Auditorium stage. During the week she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.



### WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES!

Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at noon in the lounge. Using the Wired Word 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). BYO lunch optional.

### THE RUMMAGE ROOM

Shopping hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., with the same hours for donation drop off.

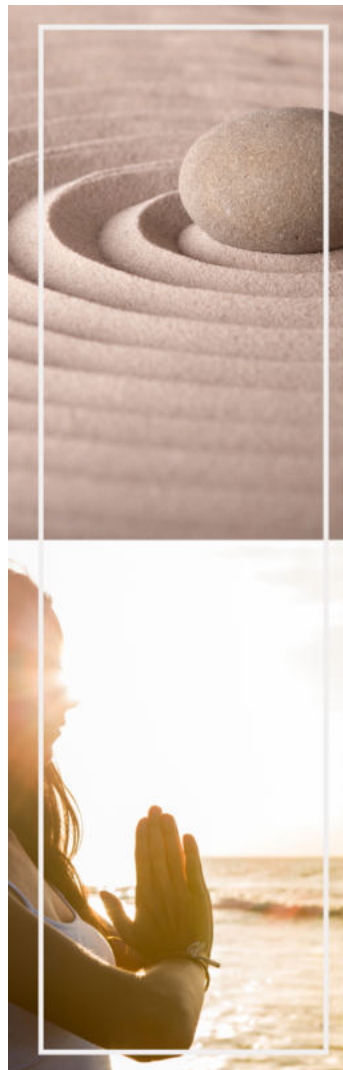
Needs this week are:

Vintage Christmas ornaments  
Baby clothing - 0-12 months  
Jewelry



## TODAY – SOOTHING 2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR: TAIZÉ

Join our Minister of Music Craig Symons for a time of guided meditation through the sung/chanted practice of Taizé. Taizé prayer is a form of contemporary liturgical song, short scripture, and silence developed by the ecumenical Christian community at Taizé, France. The songs use repetitive structures, set to simple melodies and harmonies, that are easy to memorize and chant. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God.



### Soothing 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Series

11AM in the Auditorium

Experience soothing spiritual practices to de-stress from the busyness of life, the election season, and your troubles.

Updated

#### FOUR sessions



**OCT 27: Sound Bath Meditation with Lisa Cooper:** an immersive, sensory experience of vibrational energy (sound) that elicits relaxation, shifting the state of the nervous system.



**NOV 3: Taizé Singing Prayer with Craig Symons:** short songs, repeated again and again, provide a meditative character aimed at praising God and drawing us deeper into relationship with the divine.



**NOV 10: Tai Chi with Will Morrison:** called "meditation in motion," gentle movement aimed to concentrate and balance the body's qi (vital energy), providing benefits to mental and physical health.



**NOV 17: Guided Meditation with Derek Kolleeny:** instructor's voice helps to focus on the present moment, producing stress relief, relaxation, improved focus and clarity, and enhanced emotional well-being.

#### Other Opportunities

Sung Compline Service  
Oct 27 & Nov 10, 5-5:30 PM  
Christ Church, Tomes-Higgins House

Tai Chi Drop-In Class  
Mondays, 9:30 AM  
First Church Auditorium

Yoga Class  
Wednesdays, 4 & 5:30 PM  
First Church Daniel Center

*A moment of inner peace awaits.*





## FUTURES LAB COMING UP ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Futures Lab  
Saturday, Nov. 16  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
with Rev. Cameron Trimble  
First Church Auditorium  
Lunch and childcare will be provided.



- Working with Rev. Cameron Trimble,  
we will take a voyage to the year 2070 and consider:
- What might be our probable future should we continue on a predictable course?
    - What is a desirable future?
  - What is the difference we hope we will be making in the world in 2070?

A person standing on a grassy mountain peak with their arms raised, looking out over a vast valley with mountains in the background.

CONVERGENCE

## THE CHAMBER PLAYERS OF THE GREENWICH SYMPHONY

First Church is proud to be the new home of one of two concerts each series the coming season.

**The next concert is Sunday, November 10, at 3 p.m. –**

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) *String Quartet in B minor, Op. 33*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) *Piano Quartet No. 2 in F minor*

Anton Arensky (1861-1906) *Piano Trio No. 1 Op. 32 in D minor*



Tickets are Adult Season: \$100 - Student Season: \$15

Adult Admission (per concert): \$35 Student Admission (per concert) \$5

For full information, visit [www.chamberplayersofthegso.org](http://www.chamberplayersofthegso.org)

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Can you knit a basic stitch? If so, please consider knitting a prayer shawl for our ministry. It will bless you and the recipient. The few stolen moments of knitting a few rows while saying a prayer to the future recipient is peaceful and uplifting, I promise.

Join us in creating these prayer shawls, knitting into them our prayers, love and support. These shawls are then distributed to those experiencing a crisis or loss – and truly are beloved. No expertise needed as we use very forgiving yarn, larger needles and one basic stitch. **We meet again on Wednesday November 20 at**

**7pm in Rick's Room of First Church.** We can supply the needles and yarn. Contact Angela Stevens for more information. [angelamessinastevens@gmail.com](mailto:angelamessinastevens@gmail.com) Hope to see you soon!



### Upcoming Dates 2024

Nov. 3, 11-12 pm Soothing Second Hour 2

Nov. 10, 11-12 pm Soothing Second Hour 3

Nov. 16, 10 - 2 pm Futures Lab

Nov. 17, 11-12 pm Soothing Second Hour 4

Nov. 23, 9 am-4 pm H.O.M.E Craft Fair

Nov. 24, 10 am Harvest Sunday, H.O.M.E.

Nov 30-December 8  
9am-4pm Christmas Tree &  
Wreath Sale

Dec. 8, 11-12 pm Advent Craft Fair

Dec. 8, 5 -7:30 pm Christmas Party

Dec. 14, 4 -5:30 pm Messiah

Dec. 24, 10 am, Christmas Eve Worship  
3 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm

# HARVEST SUNDAY

Sunday, November 24th

**ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS  
ARE ACCEPTED**

Suggested items include

SPAM, Tuna, Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta & Pasta Sauce,  
Oatmeal, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetables, Tea, Coffee

**Please Bring Donations To The  
HARVEST SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10AM**

OR

**To The Drive-By Drop Off In The Parking Lot On  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11:15AM - 12:15PM**

CAN'T ATTEND HARVEST SUNDAY? TRY THE ONLINE OPTION:

From November 1st to December 7th donate fresh food  
requested by Neighbor to Neighbor - you buy now, and  
they pick it up as they need it so it stays fresh! Purchase  
by scanning the QR code below:



**First Congregational Church of Greenwich Annual Food Drive  
Benefiting Neighbor to Neighbor and H.O.M.E.**

## *Upcoming Dates At First Congregational Church*

### **THE GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree for H.O.M.E. and Pilgrim Towers  
tags available Sunday, November 10

### **H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday, November 23 &  
Sunday, November 24

### **HARVEST SUNDAY**

Sunday, November 24 @ 10 a.m.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

begins Saturday, November 30 @ 9 a.m.



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