



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
FOURTH 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

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me  
Arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)  
Silverthorn Handchime Quartet  
Meg Dempsey, Rick Derr, Betsy Kreuter, Carol Woodman  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

### 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 worshiping 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.

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian  
The Cherub Choir  
Carol Woodman, director  
Carolyn Paulus, piano

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Whoever you are, whatever life has been for you:  
All: The One who knows us meets us here.  
One: Whatever your questions, whatever your need:  
All: The One who gives Living Water meets us here.  
One: However you heard, wherever you've come from:  
All: The One who is Savior of the world meets us here.

### †HYMN

Lift Every Voice And Sing  
339 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

### †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

You are a God who wants to be known, revealing yourself in so many ways. In the words of scripture, in the stories of friends, in silence and in song, in ancient prayers and in beauty beyond imagining, you show yourself and invite us into a life of spirit and truth. May today be an entry point, and a deepening, and a spring that bubbles up to share. We ask in the name of the One who knows us better than we know ourselves, Jesus the Christ. 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, Halle, Halle*

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

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

## 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.

## ANTHEM

*Laudamus Te*

Giovanni Paisiello (1740-1816)

The Genesis Choir

Daniel Young, director

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*John 4 (selected verses)*

New Revised Standard Version

Bonnie Young

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Reverend Patrick Collins

When Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard he was baptizing more disciples than John, he left Judea and started back toward Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. Tired from his journey, he sat beside Jacob's well at noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. Surprised, she said, "How can you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a Samaritan woman?" Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God, you would have asked me, and I would have given you living water." She said, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep." Jesus replied, "Those who drink this water will thirst again, but those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty. It will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said, "Sir, give me this water."

*†Please rise in body or in spirit*

Jesus said, "Go, call your husband, and come back." She answered, "I have no husband." Jesus said, "You are right. You have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband." The woman said, "Sir, you must be a prophet. Our people and yours have long disagreed about where God should be worshiped." Jesus said, "The hour is coming, and is here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming." Jesus said, "I am he."

The woman left her water jar, went back to the city, and said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" And the people began coming toward him. Meanwhile the disciples urged him to eat, but he said, "I have food you do not know about, doing the will of the One who sent me."

Many Samaritans believed in him because of the woman's testimony. When they came to him, they asked him to stay; and he stayed two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

## SOLO

*Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child*  
Traditional Spiritual  
Daniel Young, tenor

## MESSAGE

*Enough For The Next Thing To Happen*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## †HYMN

*Kum Ba Yah*  
472 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

*In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (gluten-free) and the cup together, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity and unity within the Body of Christ.*

*Those receiving communion are asked to come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread and cup, then return to their seats by the side aisle.*

## 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

Kit Mill

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



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I Dream A World*  
André Thomas (b. 1952)  
The Chancel Choir

## †DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures  
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

*We Shall Overcome*  
379 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## †BENEDICTION

## †CHORAL RESPONSE

## †POSTLUDE

*If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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 February are members of the Budget Committee.

## COMMUNITY HOUR

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - TODAY



High blood pressure is one major risk factor for stroke, which can lead to a multitude of disabilities, and affects nearly 800,000 people in the U.S. each year. Other common stroke risk factors are smoking, uncontrolled diabetes, and lack of regular physical exercise.

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

### ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

We're well on our way for this year with 171 pledging units and over 85% towards our goal! Thanks to all who have pledged. This figure is as of Jan 28.

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 during the offering.

We are grateful for your generosity to continue the ministry that First Church is 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 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Quarts of homemade soup and chili will be sold for \$10 each. Please sign up to donate after church in the auditorium. 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](mailto:swilder102@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALE GIFT PRESENTATION..... RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 22

Due to the storm last week, the presentation of tree sale gifts has been changed to February 22 David Rabin of Greenwich United Way will be speaking.



But, we don't want to hold onto the good news until then....The Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale reports record proceeds for the 2025 sale. We will be able to give gifts amounting to \$60,014 (+4.8% over 2024). Please join us on February 22 to hear the details and meet our agency partners.

## FEBRUARY FRIENDSGIVING



Our February Friendsgiving events are open to sign up! There are a limited number of spaces per event, so sign up soon so you're not disappointed and help the hosts can plan their get-together.

You can sign up at Community Hour, on Signup Genius, or call Betsy (203) 832-8113 or email [betsykreuter@hotmail.com](mailto:betsykreuter@hotmail.com) - Cynthia (203) 918-1523 or email [deriemer.cynthia@gmail.com](mailto:deriemer.cynthia@gmail.com). Scan the QR code to sign up today!



## February Friendsgiving



**Saturday, Feb 7 - 6 - 8 p.m. First Church Auditorium**  
Poetry, Piping & a Wee Dram : A Lively Night Celebrating  
Scottish Poet Robert Burns  
Hosts - Joe McBride & Patrick Collins



**Thursday, Feb 12 - 1 - 3 p.m. - Old Greenwich**  
Coffee drop-in: Hosts - Juliet Primo & Betsy Kreuter



**Friday, Feb 20 - 5 - 8 p.m. First Church Auditorium**  
Bingo: Hosts - Women's Fellowship



**Saturday, Feb 21 - 12 p.m. Edgehill**  
Lunch: Hosts - Prill Meyer & Bobbie Hopkins



**Saturday, Feb 21 - 6 p.m. Byram**  
Dinner: Hosts - Gordon & Mary-Ann Assing



**Friday, Feb 27 - 5 - 8 p.m. First Church Auditorium**  
Family Fun & Pizza - All Families Invited  
Hosts - Khaleigh & the Faith Formation Committee



**Saturday, Feb 28 - 6 - 8 p.m. Old Greenwich**  
Pizza Dinner: Hosts - Pat & Tad Larrabee



**Sunday, March 8 - 12 noon Old Greenwich**  
Brunch: Hosts - Donald & Ginny Breismeister



**Saturday, March 14 - 1 - 3 p.m. Old Greenwich**

Tea and Art Viewing: Hosts - Ernest & Candace Garthwaite



**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP**

# 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 LECTERNARY 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).

## ROYALTIES FOR SPIRITUALS IN FEBRUARY



First Church is proud to launch Royalties for Spirituals, an initiative to honor the legacy of Black spirituals and invest in the future of Black musicians. Rooted in our commitment to racial justice and the power of sacred music, this effort will provide ongoing financial support to organizations that educate and empower Black students in music.

The initiative was unanimously approved by our Church Council and emerges from thoughtful conversations held earlier this year. As a congregation that regularly sings and celebrates music from the Black church tradition, we recognize that these songs—many born from the suffering and resilience of enslaved people—were never compensated. It's time to pay that debt forward.

To donate to Royalties for Spirituals, click on the QR code and donate online, or go to [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org) and scroll to the bottom of the website and click the blue button.



We have secured an organization which matches our goals and dreams for partnering with our initiative. The Adam J. Lewis Academy (AJLA) in Bridgeport, CT is the perfect school that educates underserved children in the eastern end of Fairfield County.



February is Black History Month and we are using this time to highlight our Royalties For Spirituals initiative. We will be singing spirituals and gospel songs throughout the month.

Please consider giving generously to this program that supports the music program at Adam J. Lewis Academy in Bridgeport. Click on the QR code below to learn more about this initiative.



# GRIEF RECOVERY METHOD® SUPPORT GROUP

The Action Program for Healing From Death and Other Losses  
Led by Nancy Sadock, LMFT

**WHEN:** Wednesdays starting 1/28. The group will run for eight weeks.  
**Note:** there is no meeting on February 25.

**TIME:** 1:00pm to 2:30pm

**COST:** \$300  
Scholarship is available.

**LOCATION:**  
Greenwich Advanced Counseling  
237 Taconic Road, Greenwich, CT 06831



**CONTACT & REGISTRATION:**  
[nancy@greenwichadvanced.com](mailto:nancy@greenwichadvanced.com)

Loss can take many forms. It is not only death, but also a divorce or a breakup, a job termination, relationship ruptures that compromise trust and safety, a difficult diagnosis, the loss of a pregnancy. These and many more life events can cause deep and sometimes lasting grief.

People say you have to let go and move forward, but what that looks like can be different for everyone.

In this group, grief specialist and licensed therapist, Nancy Sadock will walk you and others like you through specific actions you can take to find healing.



[www.greenwichadvanced.com](http://www.greenwichadvanced.com)



## GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL PANTRY

We are collecting long-life food items & hygiene products to support local students.

<b>Food Products</b>	<b>Personal Hygiene</b>
-Shelf stable Milk (whole milk or 2 %)	-Lotion
-Pasta Sauce	-Shampoo
-Pancake Mix (add water only)	-Conditioner
-Pancake syrup	-Shaving cream (men and women)
-Cereal	-Body Wash
-Mac and Cheese	-Toothpaste
-Cup of Ramen	-Feminine Pads
-Red Beans	-Lip balm
-Condiments (salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard)	
-Snacks (Takis, Lays chips are favorites)	

 Scan QR Code for financial donations

For more information  
Maureen Harper  
[vp.programs.services@ghspta.org](mailto:vp.programs.services@ghspta.org)

# COME FORTH: A LENTEN STUDY

Wednesdays

February 25 - March 25

7:00 pm

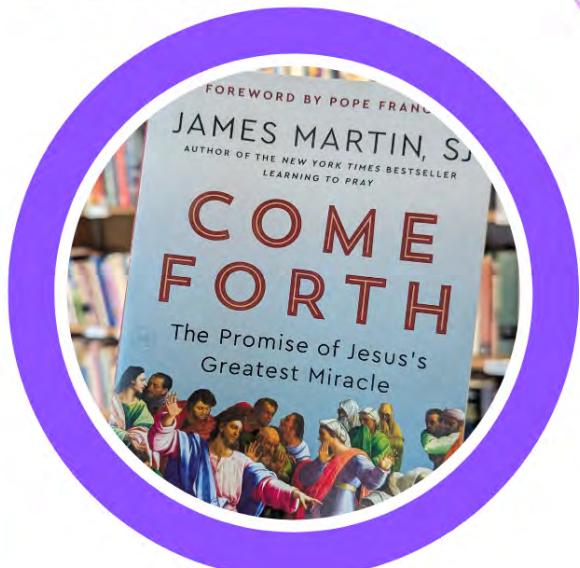
First Church Lounge

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See more about the stories of our  
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -  
People of Note

