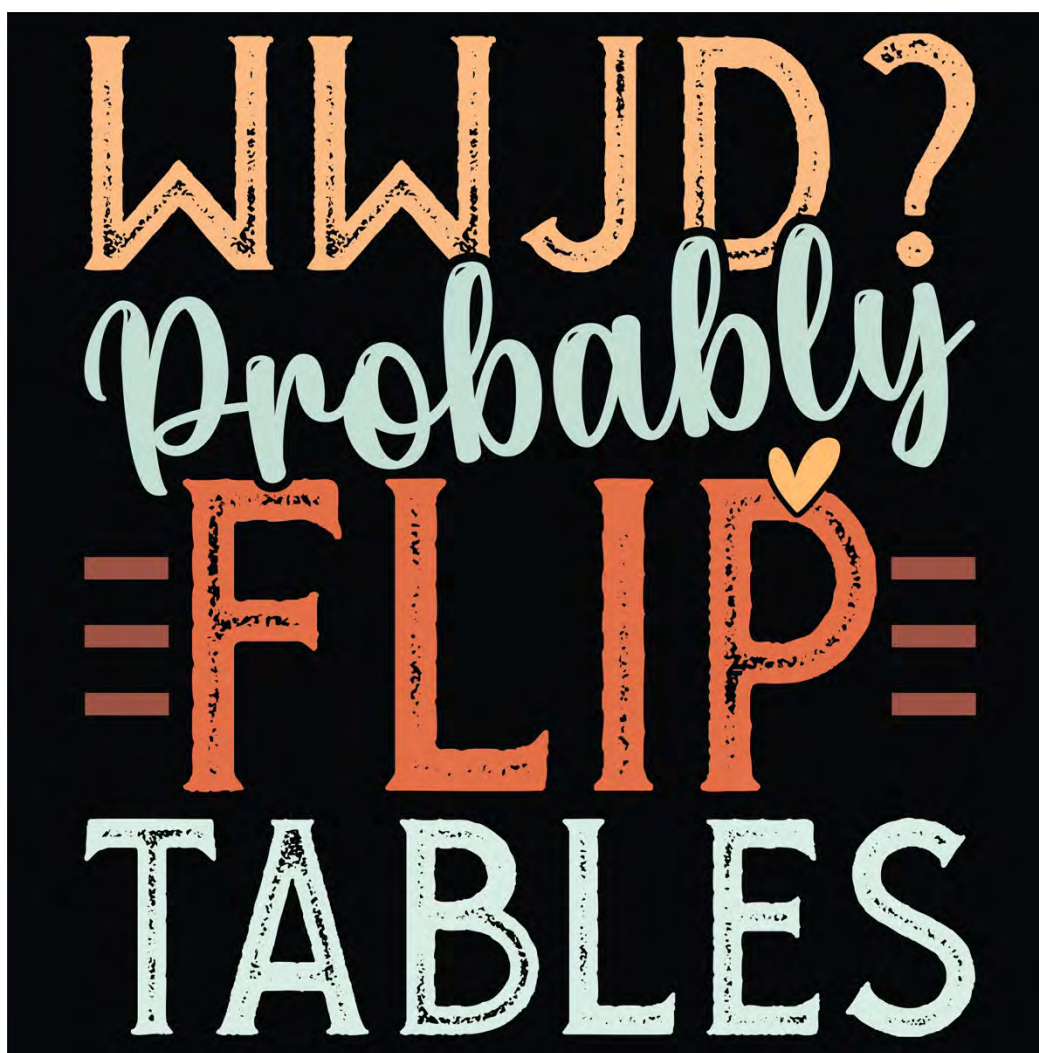




SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



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

*Prelude On "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist*

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: Wherever Jesus is,
All: there we can meet with God.
One: Wherever the Body of Christ is,
All: there we can meet with God.
One: With or without trappings and traditions:
All: wherever two or three are gathered, we can meet with God.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

*Make A Joyful Noise To God!
54 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)*

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Startle us out of our complacency, O God. Let your passion for worship in spirit and truth inspire us to look beyond our traditions and lead us to new faithfulness outside this place as well as in it. 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, Halle, Halle



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

Jeremiah 7:1-7

New Revised Standard Version
Pat Larrabee

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you who enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord."

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors forever and ever.

ANTHEM

O Ye That Love The Lord
Samuel Coleridge Taylor (1875-1912)
The Chancel Choir

† Please rise in body or in spirit

SECOND LESSON

John 2:13-25
New Revised Standard Version

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

MESSAGE

It's Flipping Grace
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

A Grateful Heart
652 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

DEDICATION OF THE 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

Pat Mendelsohn

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



ORGAN OFFERTORY

Psalm 23
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†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

I Need Thee Every Hour
735 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Fantasy On "How Firm A Foundation"
Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

† 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
HOPE
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 or call 203-637-1791 extension 821.

A NEW YEAR – A NEW YOU!



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.

ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

We're well on our way for this year with 159 pledging units and over 81% of our goal! Thanks to all who have pledged. This figure is as of Jan 14.

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.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you signed up for offering envelopes, be sure to pick them up during Community Hour in the Auditorium following worship today.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday, January 25 – Christmas Tree Sale gift presentation to our charity partners

Come to worship Sunday morning January 25 to welcome our guests and hear brief remarks from David Rabin, CEO of Greenwich United Way, one of the recipients from our Christmas tree sale.

All are Welcome to Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Come knit, affix fringe or tags, and visit with friends.

Next Meeting: January 28, 7-8:30 pm, in Rick's Room.



Contact Angela Stevens angelamessinastevens@gmail.com
or Sue Asselin susana@fccog.org for more information.

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



GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL PANTRY

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

Food Products	Personal Hygiene
-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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH IN 2026

Spring Church School Schedule

Children of ALL ages are welcome & celebrated at every event!

JANUARY 11 CHURCH SCHOOL	JANUARY 18 CHURCH SCHOOL	JANUARY 25 CHURCH SCHOOL	● FEBRUARY 1 ALL AGES WORSHIP	FEBRUARY 8 CHURCH SCHOOL	FEBRUARY 15 CHURCH SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 22 CHURCH SCHOOL	● MARCH 1 ALL AGES WORSHIP	MARCH 8 CHURCH SCHOOL	MARCH 15 CHURCH SCHOOL	MARCH 22 CHURCH SCHOOL	MARCH 29 CHURCH SCHOOL
APRIL 4 EASTER EGG DYING & HUNT	APRIL 5 6:15 EASTER-BEACH 9:00 EASTER-CHURCH 11:00 EASTER-CHURCH	● APRIL 12 CHURCH SCHOOL	APRIL 19 AAW - RISE AGAINST HUNGER	★ APRIL 26 CHURCH SCHOOL	★ MAY 3 ALL AGES WORSHIP
★ MAY 10 CHURCH SCHOOL	MAY 17 AAW - MUSIC SUNDAY	★ MAY 24 CHURCH SCHOOL	MAY 31 END OF CHURCH SCHOOL PARTY & SERVICE PROJECT!	JUNE 7 AAW - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	● JUNE 14 AAW - CELEBRATION SUNDAY

FAQ:

WHAT TIME IS CHURCH SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY? **10 AM**
DO YOU NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND EVENTS? **NO!**
WHAT AGES ARE CHURCH SCHOOL FOR? **3 Y/O - 5TH GR.**
CAN MY YOUTH COME HELP & EARN SERVICE HOURS? **YES!**
ARE ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF TRAINED? **YES!**
CAN I COME TO CHURCH SCHOOL WITH MY CHILD? **YES!**
Other ?'s: KhaleighL@fccog.org | www.FCCOG.org

key:

- COMMUNION SUNDAY
- ★ 2ND GRADE COMMUNION & 3RD GRADE BIBLE CLASS AT 9:00 AM BEFORE WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT
- AAW - ALL AGES WORSHIP WHEN CHILDREN STAY IN SERVICE

Spring '26 CALENDAR



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

@MYRYM.LFC



RYM Director: Khaleigh Laicher
KhaleighL@FCCOG.org
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

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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

