first congregational church of greenwich founded 1665

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
HARVEST SUNDAY
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.

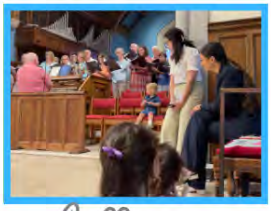
With Worship. A casual tone, stirring music, moving prayers, & a faith-invoking message. ***Prayer Book requests*** (in Narthex) are uplifted during the Prayers of the People.
With Inclusion. Open & Affirming (ONA). We make a point of meeting all and name tags are worn.
With Communion. The first Sunday 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.

We are grateful to Pam and Peter Grunow for decorating the Harvest Table.

PRELUDE

Prelude For Thanksgiving
William C. Steere (1879-1960)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Rosalini Moore
Executive Director, H.O.M.E. Inc.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come up to God's house
All: to learn God's ways.
One: Come up to God's house
All: to set aside ways of war.
One: Come up to God's house
All: to be taught by the One whose path is peace.

†HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
367 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Your word rings out, O God, your voice echoes in every land, for you are the One whose powerful love reigns in every place. When we are afraid, remind us that we are your people, you have called us by name. Set our voices to singing your goodness and our feet to walking your way. Amen.

Moment of silence for personal reflection

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

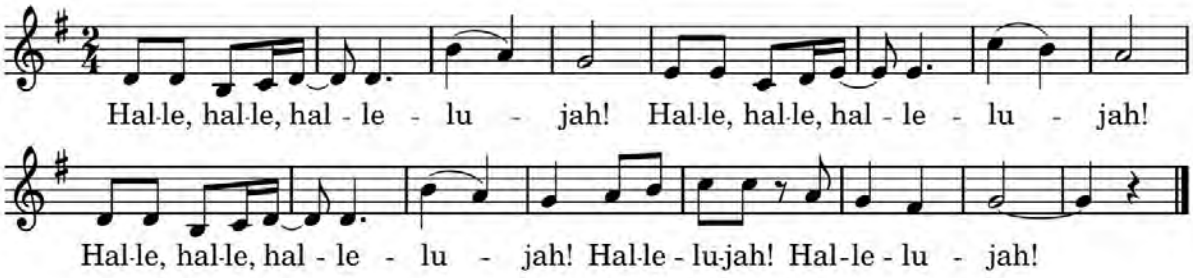
†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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*



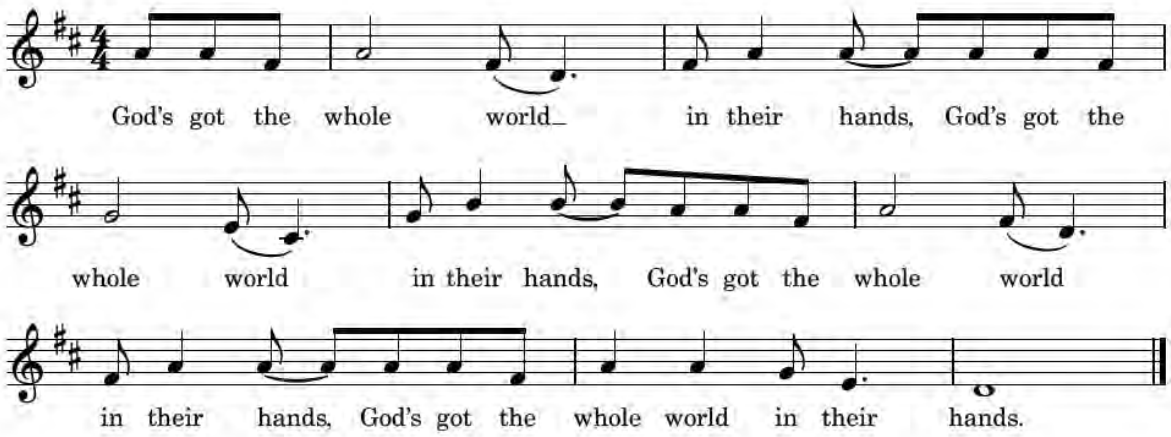
ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Carol McClure (b. 1955)
The Celebration Singers
Vance Briceland, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSE *God's Got The Whole World In Their Hands*

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



FIRST READING *Psalm 85:8-13*

New Revised Standard Version
Carol Woodman

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

ANTHEM

Feed My Sheep
Mary Shinholser arr. Joan Reppert
The Genesis Choir
Daniel Young, director

SECOND READING

Isaiah 2:1-5
New Revised Standard Version

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

MESSAGE

Learning the Ways of Peace
Reverend Patrick Collins

ANTHEM

Let Everything That Has Breath Praise The Lord
Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
The Chancel Choir
Vanessa Grano, piano

THE 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

Carolyn Paulus & Charles Stuckey

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

†Please rise in body or in spirit

HYMNS

We Gather Together
21 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies
440 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

Now Thank We All Our God
643 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

This Is My Song
340 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Festival March
Norman Warren (b. 1934)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Lounge where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack, and visit the craft fair in the auditorium for last-minute gift ideas! Please sign up to help bring treats and clean up each week. Scan the QR code to volunteer!

COMMUNITY HOUR

GIVING TREES FOR H.O.M.E. & PILGRIM TOWERS

All gifts should be returned to the stage in the auditorium after the 10 a.m. service TODAY! Thank you for making a holiday wish come true for a client of H.O.M.E in Orland, ME or a resident of Pilgrim Towers in Stamford, CT.

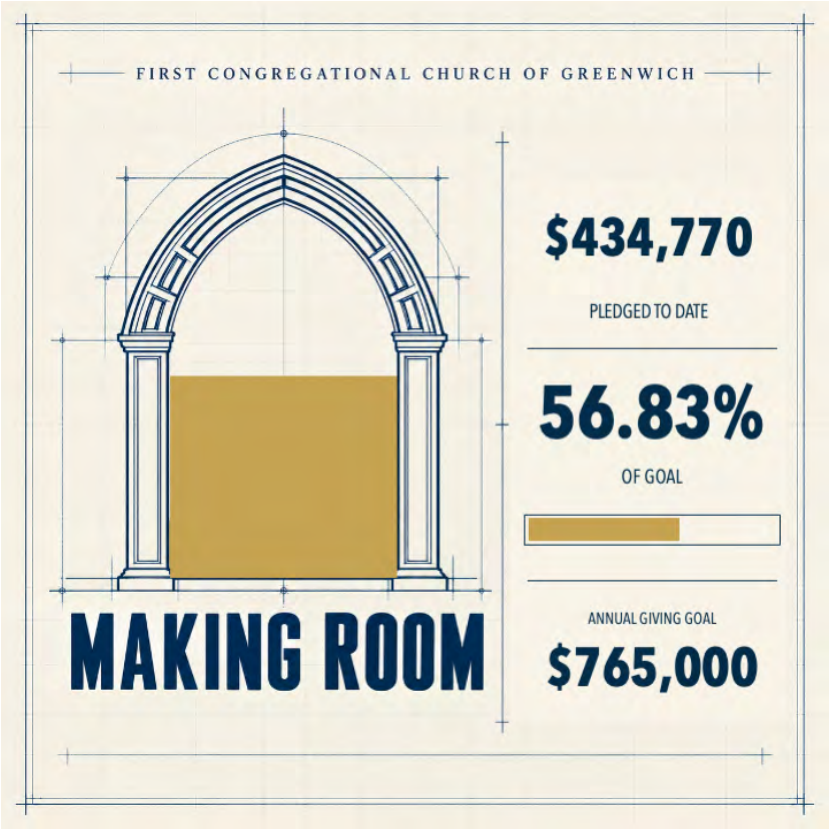
DONATE FRESH FOOD FOR NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Use the online option to shop for fresh food donations from the comfort of your home. The fresh selections will be delivered to Neighbor to Neighbor as they need so nothing spoils!
Scan the QR to shop online at #GIVEHEALTHY for fresh food donations requested by Neighbor to Neighbor.

Medicare Part D
Prescription Drug Insurance

Part D

- 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.



60TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE – TREE SALE VOLUNTEERS - SIGN UPS NOW OPEN



The 2026 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale begins this year on **FRIDAY, November 27 and runs through Sunday, November 29**. Volunteers are the KEY to the success of the sale, which raised over $60,000 for local charities last year. It is also a wonderful introduction to First Church for new residents in the community. There are jobs for ALL volunteers - welcoming greeters, cashiers, and salespeople. Scan the QR code to sign up. Help us help those in need and make First Church shine!

TRAVELING FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND? YOU CAN PRE-ORDER A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE.

For church members who will be traveling and will miss the 60th Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale, we have set up an online option for tree purchases.

The tree sale staff will select your tree and direct it to delivery, or hold it for you to pick up. All orders must be pre-paid. If you do not select delivery, pick up will be self-service after the sale closes. Any questions? Please email laurenghaffari@gmail.com

Scan the QR code - Order before noon on Monday, November 23.


The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
presents the 61st annual
Messiah
Saturday, December 12 - 4 p.m.
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano
Cidalia Kettles, mezzo soprano
Austin Turner, tenor
Edward Pleasant, bass
First Church Festival Chorus and Orchestra
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, conductor
No tickets required - Freewill offering received
108 Sound Beach Avenue Old Greenwich, CT
www.fccog.org


YOU ARE INVITED!
The First Church
Christmas Party
SUNDAY
DEC 13
5:00-7:30 PM
In the Meetinghouse
Hors d'oeuvres & beverages -
and a carol sing-a-long!
Adults only

FREE CHURCH WIDE EVENT:

Advent Craft Fair

Hosted by FCCOG Church School in Auditorium

December 6th at 11 am

Cocoa and crafts for ALL, kids and adults alike!

Photos with Santa!

REGISTER TO ENSURE SUPPLIES

fccog.org/events





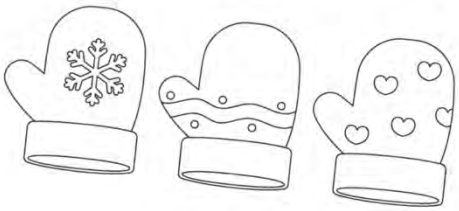


REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

R Y M

Donate to our 2026 coat drive!

November 15th - December 19th





GENTLY USED, CLEAN, COATS, HATS, GLOVES, AND SCARVES ACCEPTED

Sponspored by RYM

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COMING EVENTS

60th Annual Tree & Wreath Sale	**Friday, Nov. 27, Saturday Nov. 28, Sunday, Nov. 29 ONLY** Front Lawn All proceeds go towards local charities
Advent Craft Fair	**Sunday, Dec. 6 – 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Crafts for all ages! Auditorium
Women's Fellowship Holiday Lunch	**Wednesday, Dec 9 – 12 noon** Bosco's Old Greenwich – RSVP by Dec. 2
Gingerbread House Decorating	**Friday, Dec. 11 – 6-8 p.m.** Fully assembled gingerbread house $35 Lounge (adults only) RSVP by Dec. 3
61st Annual Messiah	**Saturday, Dec. 12 – 4 p.m.** First Church Festival Chorus & Orchestra Meetinghouse
Christmas Party	**Sunday, Dec. 13 – 5-7:30 p.m.** Meetinghouse (adults only)
FCCOG & Pilgrim Towers Christmas Party	**Sunday, Dec. 13 – 12 noon** 25 Washington Ct. Stamford
Family Worship	**Sunday, Dec. 20 40 minutes at 4 pm** Music, Interactive, All-Ages St. Paul's, Riverside
Christmas Eve Worship	**Thursday, Dec. 24** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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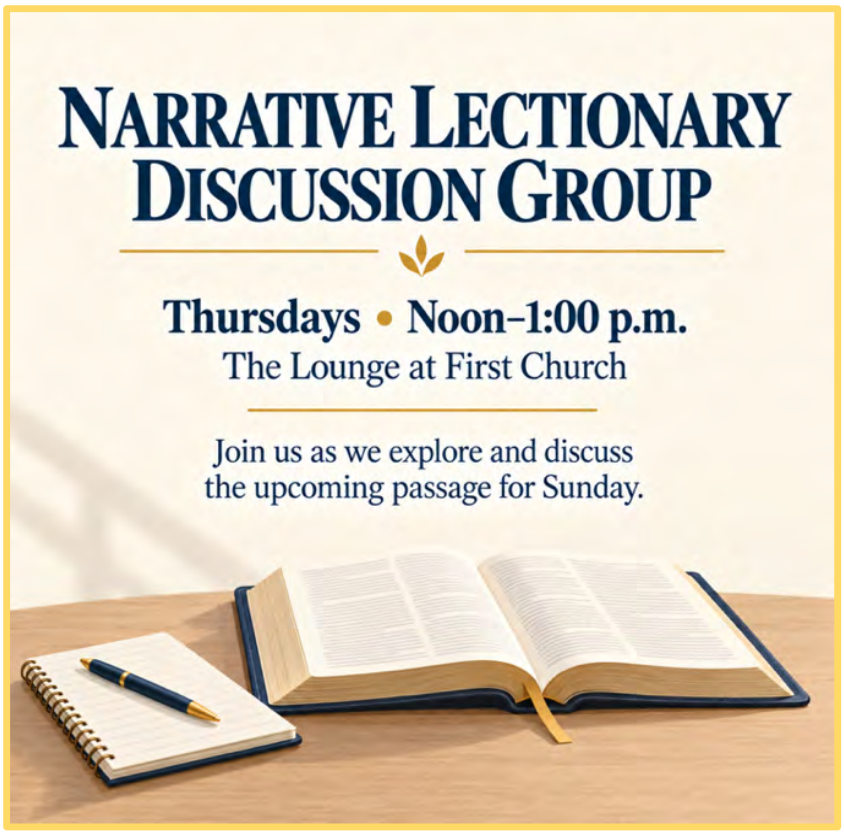
HOLY BIBLE
Just Drop In!
BIBLE
Study
Sip on coffee. Make meaningful connections.
Explore life-changing truths.
Every Sunday
9:00 AM
FCCOG Lounge
GET TO KNOW GOD
THROUGH GOD'S WORD


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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Ministers - All Members Of The First Congregational Church Of Greenwich

Senior Pastor	Reverend Patrick Collins
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Parish Nurse	Susan Asselin, RN
Director of Operations	Wendy Spezzano
Director of Finance & Administration	Greg Girolamo
Livestream Director	Daniel Lepoutre
Audio Technician	Bob Small
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Sexton	Curtis Gay
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Pastor Emerita	Reverend Sally Colegrove

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