first congregational church of greenwich founded 1665

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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.

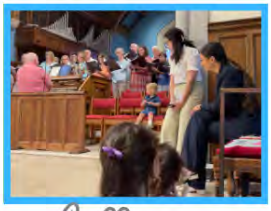
With Worship. A casual tone, stirring music, moving prayers, & a faith-invoking message. ***Prayer Book requests*** (in Narthex) are uplifted during the Prayers of the People.
With Inclusion. Open & Affirming (ONA). We make a point of meeting all and name tags are worn.
With Communion. The first Sunday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

PRELUDE *Prelude*
Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†CALL TO WORSHIP
One: God comes out into the world striding down with power and purpose
All: and all creation responds.
One: From the smallest town to the largest city, from the heights of joy to the darkest valley
All: God calls us to faithfulness.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies*
43 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)
You have told us, O God, again and again, your word echoes down through the ages. You called us your people, you taught us to be a blessing, you promised to take care of the rest. You give yourself to us and ask us to live your way in return. Yet we pray you will teach us again today, remind us of your commandment: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

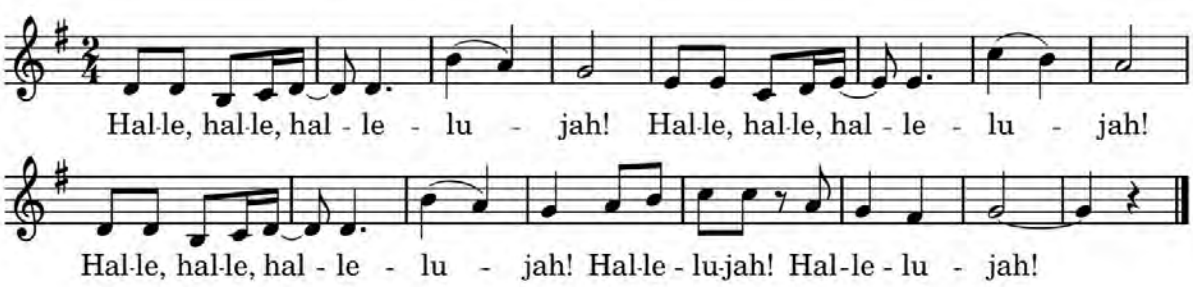
Moment of silence for personal reflection

†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.

†RESPONSE (remain standing) *Halle, Hallelujah*



†Please rise in body or in spirit

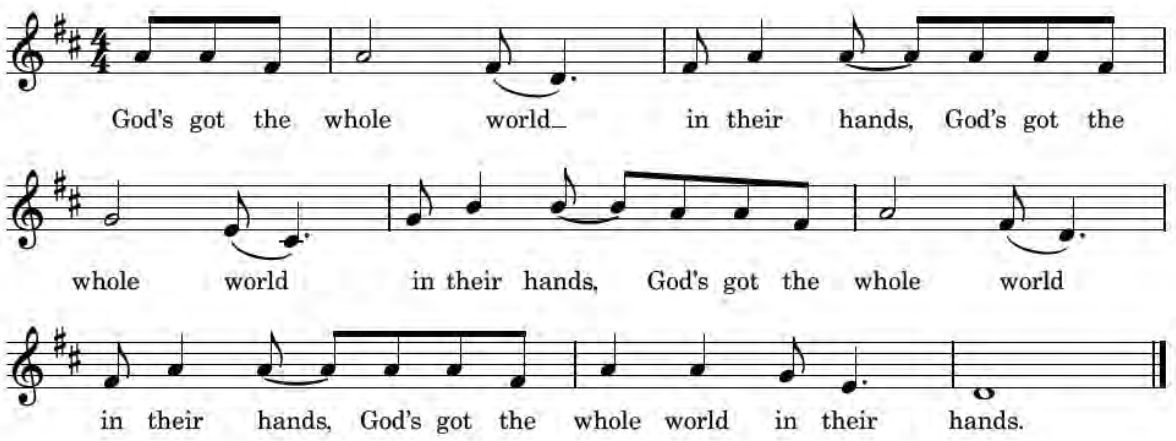
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Wyatt Anderson
Son of Amanda and Jay Anderson

RESPONSE

God's Got The Whole World In Their Hands

(During the response, the children will depart for the Auditorium for Church School or return to their seats.)



FIRST READING

Micah 1:1-5
New Revised Standard Version
Charles Stuckey

The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Kings Jotham,
Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.
Hear, you peoples, all of you;
    listen, O earth, and all that is in it,
and let the Lord God be a witness against you,
    the Lord from his holy temple.
For the Lord is coming out of his place
    and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.
Then the mountains will melt under him,
    and the valleys will burst open
like wax near the fire,
    like waters poured down a slope.
All this is for the transgression of Jacob
    and for the sins of the house of Israel.
What is the transgression of Jacob?
    Is it not Samaria?
And what is the high place of Judah?
    Is it not Jerusalem?

ANTHEM

The Offering
Craig Courtney (b. 1954)
The Chancel Choir

†Please rise in body or in spirit

SECOND READING

Micah 5:2-5a & 6:6-8
New Revised Standard Version

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth,
and he shall be the one of peace.

"With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

MESSAGE

The Change We Seek
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

All Beautiful The March Of Days
456 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

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

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

†Please rise in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY SOLO

A Covenant Prayer
Allen Pote (b. 1945)
Thomas Woodman, baritone

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Jay Anderson for Annual Giving

†HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
247 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

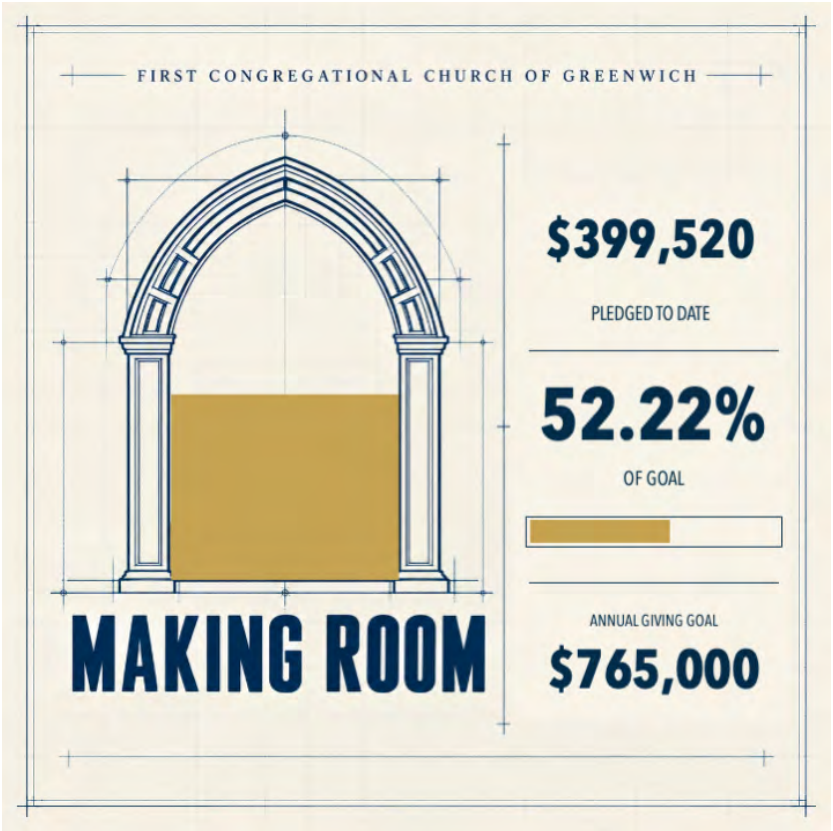
Psalm 76
Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

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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. Please sign up to help bring treats and clean up each week. Scan the QR code to volunteer!

COMMUNITY HOUR





BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, 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, Sue is available by appointment. Email susana@fccog.org or call 203-637-1791 extension 821.

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!



Medicare Part D

Prescription Drug Insurance



- 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.

Giving Tree 2026

The Giving Tree for H.O.M.E. and Pilgrim Towers is underway. In the back of the Meetinghouse the trees will displayed with Christmas gift tags on Sunday November 8 and 15. You may also make your selections online via SignUp Genius by scanning the OR code below.

All gifts should be returned to the stage in the auditorium before or after the 10 a.m. Sunday worship on November 15 or 22. They can also be dropped off at the church office hours during the week or in the big bin outside the office entrance.

Thank you in advance 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.



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Harvest Sunday

Shelf Stable Food for Neighbor to Neighbor and H.O.M.E.

We will hold our traditional collection of shelf-stable food during the 10 a.m. service on Harvest Sunday, November 22.

Shopping bags will be available in the Meetinghouse on Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, November 15. No bag? No problem. Use any paper or reusable bag.

Suggested food:

Canned Meats, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pasta and Sauce, Oatmeal, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetables, Coffee, Tea

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 code to shop at #GIVEHEALTHY for fresh food donations requested by Neighbor to Neighbor.

You're invited to the

H.O.M.E CRAFT FAIR

Pre-Sale Party For Members

Nibbles and Beverages



Friday, November 20
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

First Church Auditorium

First Congregational Church Auditorium
108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich

H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR

Gifts, Toys, Homewares, Food Preserves, & more!

SATURDAY NOV 21: 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
SUNDAY NOV 22: 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Benefitting H.O.M.E. in Orland, Maine offering support for housing, food, clothing, hygiene, and more for their local community.

More Info:

First Church: 203-637-1791
www.homemmausa.org



GHS Community Pantry

Help Us Get Ahead for the Holidays

Did you know?

- **20% of GHS students** (about 600 kids) qualify for free or reduced lunch. That is one out of every five GHS students.
- Our GHS Community Pantry now serves **nearly 150 students**, averaging **about 100 visits a week.**
- **SNAP benefits can't be used** for essentials like laundry detergent, shampoo, or feminine products.
- The GHS Community Pantry is **the only pantry specifically helping our GHS students and their families.**

As the need keeps growing, we've expanded to three days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Now we need your help to make sure our shelves stay fully stocked.

We are kicking off a pre-holiday drive to carry us through the busy holiday season. **Our goal is to raise $2,000 and clear our Amazon wish list!**

Thank you for taking care of our GHS community!

Greenwich High School PTA
10 Hillside Road
Greenwich, CT 06878
ghspta@ghspta.org

Donate to GHS Fund

Donate to Amazon Wishlist

There is a collection box at the entrance to the Meetinghouse from the cemetery side of the building.



Come for the coffee.
Stay for the conversation.

Twice a month, join the **Women's Fellowship** for a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation & connection

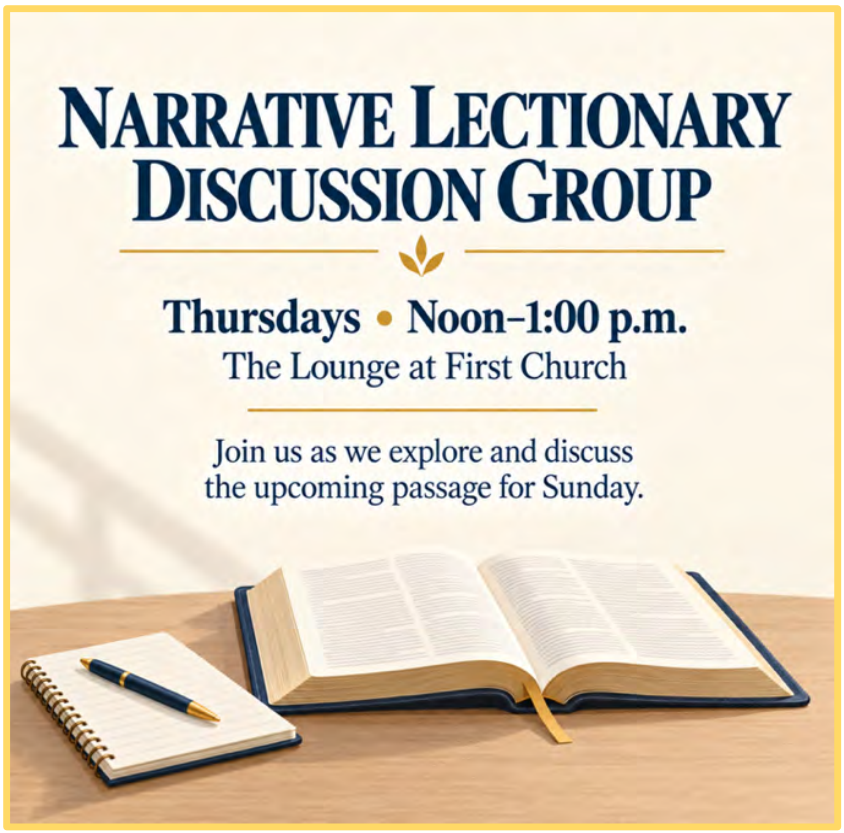
No agenda, no program — just time to catch up, meet someone new, and enjoy being together

Wednesday, November 4 • 10 AM
Coffee for Good • Greenwich
48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich 06870

Friday, November 20 • 10 AM
Birch Bakehouse • Old Greenwich
214 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich 06870

Bring a friend or simply bring yourself.
There's always a seat for you.


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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