



SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026  
CELEBRATION 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.** 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 electronic devices.*

## PRELUDE

*Flourish*

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

## CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Lead With Love*

Melanie DeMore

The Cherub Choir

Carol Woodman, director

Lynn Woodman Hawxhurst, ukulele

Carolyn Paulus, piano

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew Golodinskii

One: We gather today to celebrate the faithfulness of God across every season of life – from the very first breath to the stepping out into new beginnings.

**All: We come with grateful hearts, for God has been faithful in every milestone.**

One: Before we were formed, God knew us. Before we drew our first breath, we were wonderfully made – knit together by hands that never forget and eyes that never look away.

**All: We praise You, O Lord, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

One: We have received a sacred charge to tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord – God's power, God's wonders, and the story of God's love that never ends.

**All: We will not hide these things from our children. We will pass on what we have been given.**

One: We have been taught the Holy Scriptures since we were young – words that make us wise for freedom through faith in Christ Jesus, words that equip us for every good work.

**All: Your Word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path, and the bread that sustains our souls.**

One: From the waters of baptism to the opening of God's Word, from the tables of communion to the threshold of new futures –

**All: This is the God we worship. This is the faith we celebrate. This is the story we carry together – from generation to generation, from milestone to milestone, to the glory of God. Let us worship God together!**

## †HYMN

*Let Us Build A House*

301 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

### †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Gracious God of all, we praise you for every milestone experienced. May we know your presence in our every thought, word, and deed, telling each new generation of what you have done. Forgive us when we don't recognize your goodness at work. Feed us today at this table where you offer yourself as bread for the hungry, restoring in us what striving and worry have worn away. And let your living word do its deep work in every heart—correcting, training, and equipping us for faithful living. 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*

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

### MILESTONE OF OUR FAITH: BAPTISM

*“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.*

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”*

Psalm 139:13-14 (Common English Bible)

Nico E-B.

### BAPTISM

Jack McCandless

Son of Emily and William McCandless

### ANTHEM

*With One Voice*

Terri Sinclair

The Celebration Singers

Vance Briceland, piano

### MILESTONE OF OUR FAITH: TEACHING

*“Listen, my people, to my teaching; tilt your ears toward the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a proverb.*

*I’ll declare riddles from days long gone – ones that we’ve heard and learned about, ones that our ancestors told us.*

*We won’t hide them from their descendants; we’ll tell the next generation all about the praise due to the Lord and his strength—the wondrous works God has done.”*

Psalm 78:1-4 (Common English Bible)

Luke S.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

## TEACHER RECOGNITION

Khaleigh Laicher  
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

*We give our thanks to all who have helped our Church School in various ways this year, especially our families!*

**One:** Today, we recognize and affirm all our Church School teachers and helpers with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.

**All:** We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

**One:** It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers, helpers, and volunteers.

**All:** Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through this gift of presence.

**One:** Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.

**All:** As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers and helpers have given to our children. May their service be blessed, as it is a blessing to our community of faith.

## MILESTONE OF OUR FAITH: READING SCRIPTURE

*"But you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good."*

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (Common English Bible)

Nico E-B.

## 3rd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke  
Khaleigh Laicher  
Church School Teachers

## CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

## 3rd GRADE FAMILIES

We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

## CONGREGATION

We as the congregation are pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

## ANTHEM

*Sing, Sing A Song*  
Joe Raposo  
The Cherub Choir  
The Celebration Singers

## MILESTONE OF OUR FAITH: COMMUNION

*Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life.*

*Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

John 6:35 (Common English Bible)

Luke S.

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*It is a tradition at First Church for our Church School students to learn about communion each year.*

*To mark this special emphasis, those youth will help to lead the congregation through the Communion Liturgy and celebrate with their special Class 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

Charlie S. and Grayson A.

## 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.**

## MILESTONE OF OUR FAITH: CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.*

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."*

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (Common English Bible)

Nico E-B.

One: We recognize today those who have grown among us.

All: **We see you, we celebrate you, we are proud of you.**

One: Some of you took your first steps of faith right here in this community.

All: **We remember, and we treasure every moment.**

One: You came to us as children, and now you step forward as young adults.

All: **We have watched you become, and it has been a gift.**

One: The road ahead may be unknown, but you do not walk it alone.

All: **We go with you in spirit, in prayer, and in love.**

One: Go forth with courage, with curiosity, and with an open heart.

All: **And know that you will always have a home here.**

One: We bless you on your way.

All: **Amen.**

## CALL TO OFFERING

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

The O'Brien Family



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Prayers I Make*  
Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)  
The Summer Choir

## †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

### †HYMN

*O God, Who Teaches Us To Live*

O God, who teaches us to live  
and guides us on our way  
For all the teachers in our midst,  
we give you thanks and praise.

For wisdom, skills, and confidence  
Where wonder leads to faith,  
For those who ask and those who hear  
we give you thanks and praise.

For love that welcomes children in  
And hold them when they stray,  
For knowledge hearts and souls receive  
we give you thanks and praise.

For words and numbers, hopes and dreams  
That grow from day to day,  
For inspiration's messengers,  
we give you thanks and praise.

For all who follow teaching's call  
With courage and with grace  
To build a future for us all,  
we give you thanks and praise.

## †BENEDICTION

## †CHORAL RESPONSE

## †POSTLUDE

*Plein Jeu*  
Gordon Young

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for June are members of the Outreach Committee.

**COMMUNITY**  
*~~~~~*  
**HOUR**



# *Annual Meeting*

## NOTICE OF THE 355TH ANNUAL MEETING


The 355th Annual Meeting of the members of  
The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby  
called for Sunday, June 28, 2026 in the Meetinghouse immediately  
following the 10 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and members of the Church Council and to fill other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.
  - To vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws.
  - To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.
  - To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees.
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The meeting may be recorded for the purpose of taking of minutes.

We encourage you to attend in the Meetinghouse if possible and comfortable.  
However, if you join remotely via Zoom.us, the instructions are printed in the  
Friday email blast.

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk





## **RUMMAGE ROOM NEEDS**

**Ladies handbags**

**Jewelry**

**Summer scarves**

**Knitting supplies, yarn, needles,  
crochet hooks**





Discover community activities in 2026

All women of the church are welcome!

Scan the QR code for the **GroupMe** app or visit **www.GroupMe.com** from your desktop for Women's Fellowship activity updates

For questions, email  
**Sara Stuckey**  
(sdstuckey@gmail.com)



Scan here with your smartphone camera!



## Summer beach outings

**Mondays @ 5:30**

**June 22, July 27 & August 24,**  
rain dates the next day, respectively

We plan 3 monthly beach outings this summer! All women in our Church and your guests are invited to bring your own picnic and beverage.

For those who live outside Greenwich, we will meet to carpool in the Church parking lot at 5:15pm in the car of a Greenwich resident with a beach pass.

IF YOU NEED TO CARPOOL, please let Pat Larrabee know. Her email is in the Friday email blast.

**Location: The Sue H. Baker Pavilion at The Old Barn at Greenwich Point**

### Caregivers Support Group – Weekly, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Lounge

This group is designed for those who find themselves the primary caregivers to aging parents, ailing spouses, or have otherwise had their lives impacted by the care needs of others.

The group is facilitated by Dedee Rigg, an experienced pastoral counselor and long-time caregiver to her husband Jerry. Dedee graduated from Union Theological Seminary and was ordained to pastoral counseling ministry here at First Church in 1981. After clinical training, she practiced psychotherapy & pastoral counseling in Greenwich for 40 years. Dedee initially worked with adults and couples suffering from both individual and marital issues and later, after the loss of a son, she specialized in grief counseling. For 19 years she was the primary caretaker for her husband Jerry who died of Alzheimer's disease. She offers her experience as a therapist and a caretaker in this support group.

To learn more, contact Pastors Cydney or Patrick, or Parish Nurse Sue Asselin.

# Beach Services – Summer 2026

June 28

July 12, 19, 26

August 2, 23, 30

All-Church Beach Services are  
August 9 & 16  
(No Meetinghouse Service)

8 A.M. AT GREENWICH POINT PARK

ALL ARE WELCOME - SIMPLY SAY YOU'RE THERE FOR FIRST CHURCH SERVICE  
BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIR OR BLANKET

You're invited to a film  
screening of  
**My Friend Kim**  
a documentary  
addressing the subject of  
**End-of-Life Choices**

Thursday  
June 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
in the Lounge  
at First Church



**My Friend Kim** follows Glastonbury resident **Kim Hoffman** as she confronts terminal illness and fights for Connecticut's **Medical Aid in Dying** legislation. Directed by local filmmaker Maribeth Abrams, this 30-minute documentary captures Kim's strength and the unwavering support of her wife Joy Cipollo. **Includes a panel discussion with director: Maribeth Adams, end-of-life doula: Susan Stout, and other proponents of End-of Life choices like Medical Aid in Dying legislation.**

FAITH IS A JOURNEY WE STEP INTO.  
MEMBERSHIP IS SIMPLY ONE WAY  
OF SAYING:

“I WANT TO KEEP WALKING THIS  
ROAD TOGETHER.”

IF YOU HAVE BEEN WORSHIPING,  
WONDERING, GROWING, SERVING,  
OR SEARCHING ALONGSIDE US,  
PERHAPS THIS IS YOUR NEXT STEP.

AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH,  
BECOMING A MEMBER IS SIMPLE:

HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH ONE  
OF OUR PASTORS ABOUT YOUR  
FAITH JOURNEY AND DESIRE TO BE  
PART OF THIS COMMUNITY.



## JOIN THE JOURNEY

TAKE THE NEXT STEP  
AND BECOME A MEMBER  
OF FIRST CHURCH



### NARRATIVE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday at 12 noon  
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).



# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Thank you to those who bring donations to the back of the Meetinghouse each week for Neighbor to Neighbor! When school lets out for the summer, those families whose students receive free/reduced price lunches at school along with those who access the Greenwich High School Community Pantry will be in need of additional supplemental food, so our donations are more critical than ever. Neighbor is currently serving 795 Greenwich families. Items most needed include: canned meat/fish, pasta, cereal, dried beans. Huge gratitude to Ginny Cheney for bringing our weekly donations to Neighbor! Questions? Please reach out to Pam at [pspeer22@gmail.com](mailto:pspeer22@gmail.com).



## Join the Summer Choir at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that day. Stop by the 3rd floor, outside the choir room, to pick up the anthem, bulletin, and a folder, then meet downstairs in the choir loft.

Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship. It also gives you a chance to experience worship from a different perspective in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome – no robes will be worn!

If you have any questions, please contact Minister of Music  
Craig Symons @craigs@fccog.org



**Monday-Friday**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

**Tues. May 26, 2026 - Fri. September 4, 2026**  
**Please remember to make an appointment to  
meet with anyone in the offices.**

# SUMMER

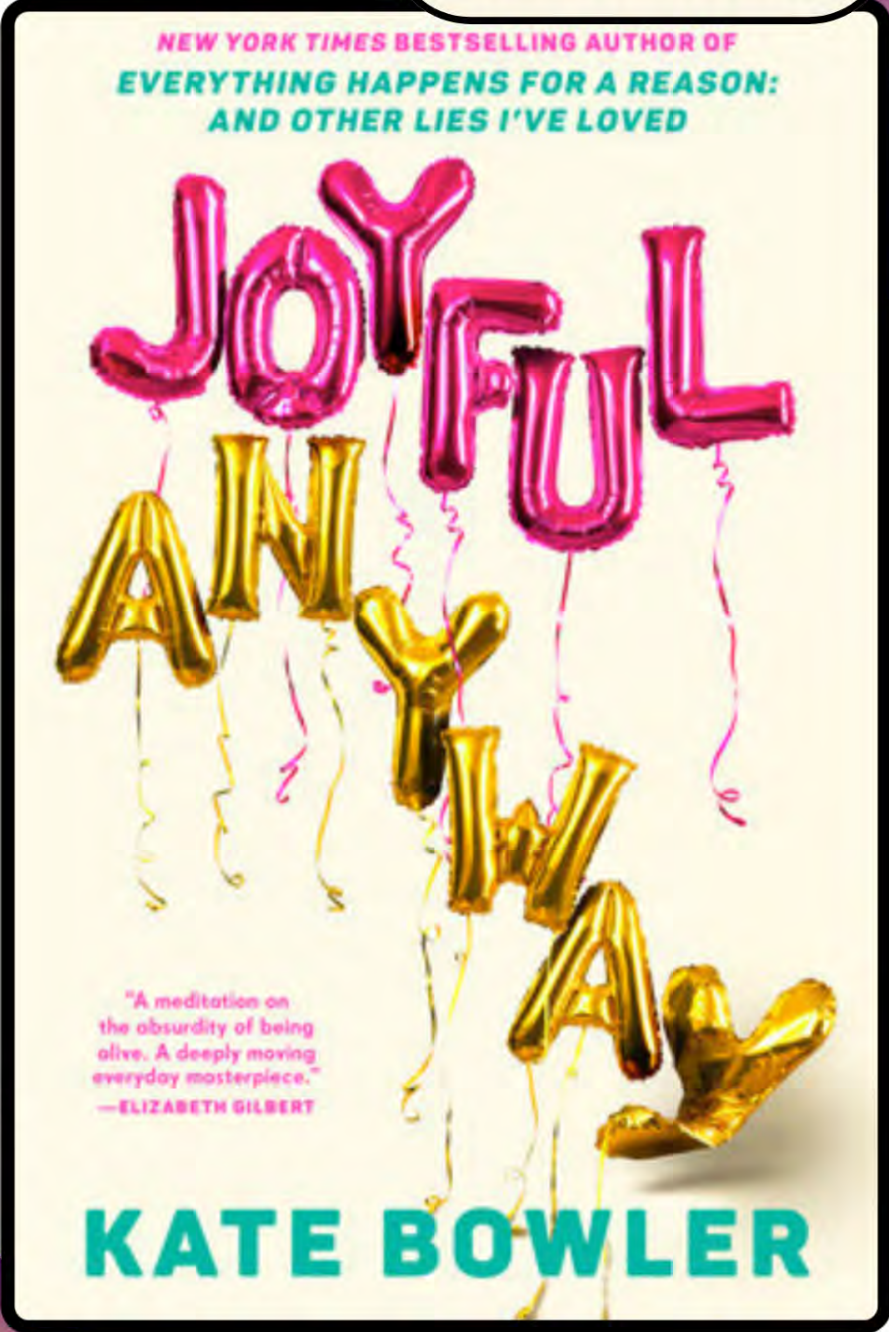
# BOOK READ

Grab your copy  
wherever you get  
books/audio books.

3 months to read  
at your leisure.

We'll talk about it in  
small groups at the  
end of summer.(TBD)

What to know  
about this book:  
**Profound. Humorous.  
Deeply human.**



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