



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' DAY
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.*

PRELUDE

Before The Image Of A Saint
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Kristin Toretta Lee

CALL TO ANNUAL GIVING

Art Jenkins

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh When The Saints
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele

†HYMN

For All The Saints
326 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Your voice reverberates through us, O God, not only through the whole world, but through us, our bodies and minds and hearts and spirits. Your word echoes calling to mind your faithful people through the ages calling to mind your faithfulness to us through our lives calling to mind whispers of grace that take our breath away. So, speak again today, Lord, for your servants are listening. 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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Khaleigh Laicher

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

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

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

1 Kings 19:1-9

New Revised Standard Version

Carrie Marten

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

SOLO

It Is Enough

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Thomas Woodman, baritone

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 19:10-18

New Revised Standard Version

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying "What are you doing here, Elijah? He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

†Please rise in body or in spirit

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

MESSAGE

The Sound Of Silence
Reverend Patrick Collins

ANTHEM

In Remembrance
Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)
The Chancel Choir

*Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep
I am the thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight-ripened grain, I am the gentle morning rain.*

*And when you wake in the morning's hush, I am the sweet uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die.*

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HONORING THE SAINTS

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

Charles Stuckey

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or scan this QR code to donate.



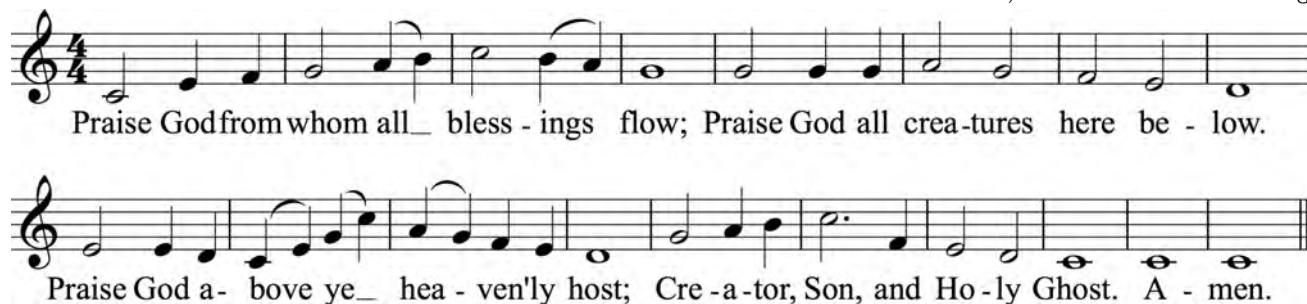
OFFERTORY SOLO

Pie Jesu (from Requiem)
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Shall We Gather At The River
375 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Fugue
Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

†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 November are members of the Deacon Committee.

**COMMUNITY
HOUR**

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



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

SECOND HOUR PRESENTATION – TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Spine Time with Dr. Arthur Jenkins Neurosurgeon Speaks about Protecting Your Back



Sunday, November 2 11:15 am -12:15 pm in the **Lounge**

We remember those who have passed from this life since November 1, 2024

listed in chronological order

Reverend Dr. Avery Manchester
Nancy Jane McLarnan
Lynne Purscher Pennell
Katherine "Bunny" Sortor Prokop
Beverly Ann MacPhedran Podwall
Francis "Butch" Pataky
Jack Sweger
Stacey Rutherford
Barbara Manley
Rosemary Lamie
Cate Elliott-Bocassi
George Antony Friend
Kenneth "Ken" Olson
Charlee Tufts
Gerald B Rigg
Patricia Geismar
Richard "Dick" Lewis
M. Patricia Puistonen
Patricia Schmitt
Elizabeth Maywood Urquhart

Robert E. McGinnis
Mary Mitchell Durland
Lynn Mitchell Carlton
Gerald "Jerry" Anderson
Lynne W. Lehman
Barbara Norrgard
Darleyne H. Sandreuter
John Allen Young
Nancy Fairchild
Margaret Burger Robben
Dwight Gifford "Giff" Reed
Richard "Dick" Peebles
Debra Silverthorn
Helen Brooks Daniels
Catherine R. Lepoutre
Barbara Wood
Sandra Plickert
Irene Savage
Rita Ellen Horan
Harold Frost

GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL - FOLSOM CARE CLOSET

Students in our community, who receive free/reduced price meals at school during the week, are going without food and basic essentials each weekend. GHS teachers are addressing this need through creation of the Folsom House Care Closet, open on Friday afternoons at dismissal, where they're working to provide provisions weekly for around 45 students. Please consider donating non-perishable food and hygiene items in the bin at the back of the Meetinghouse. **This will be an ongoing drive.** Suggested items include dried 1lb bags of white rice, dried 1lb bags of red or black beans, canned tuna, pasta, tomato sauce, granola bars, shampoo, and soap/body wash.

Larger orders can be shipped directly to Folsom House Care Closet at Greenwich High School at 10 Hillside Rd, Greenwich, CT 06830. Financial donations can also be made to the GHS PTA - Folsom Care Closet Donations by clicking on the QR code with your smartphone.



Questions or if you would like to help with drop-off, please reach out to Pam Speer pspeer22@gmail.com or Kristin Toretta ktoretta@gmail.com . Thank you!

SECOND HOUR PRESENTATION – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 FOLLOWING WORSHIP



LOCAL AUTHOR TALK

EXTRAORDINARY REVELATIONS TO ORDINARY PEOPLE

2nd Hour
Nov 9, 2025
11:00 AM
LOUNGE

LOCAL AUTHOR LEE PAINE
Moments of revelation happen all the time.
What do they mean for us? Join Lee Paine for
a discussion on her book that seeks to de-
mystify and destigmatize these faith moments.

CPR TRAINING – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15



CPR Training
November 15
Choose one session:
10:00 am to 12:30 pm
or 1:00 to 3:30pm



- American Heart CPR course offered at a reduced cost to individuals who frequently attend First Church programs.
- Class is appropriate for beginners or repeat attendees.
- Class meets in the Lounge at First Church.
- Participants are asked to contribute \$25 toward the cost of the class.
- To inquire or register, contact Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse.
Susana@fccog.org

HURRICANE MELISSA DISASTER RELIEF



After the devastation that Melissa left behind in the Caribbean, you can help those most in need. Our denomination has a Disaster Ministry fund that sends aid directly to areas affected by natural and human-caused disasters and 100% of your donation goes toward these efforts. Scan the QR code to go to the UCC website and make a secure donation.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

First Look Bible Study



Just Drop-In: A First Look at Sunday's Scripture
9:00-9:45 a.m. in The Lounge

Each Sunday morning, join Pastor Cydney on Sunday mornings for a drop-in time of conversation around the day'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



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).



ROYALTIES FOR SPIRITUALS



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 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.

Adam J. Lewis Academy was established in 2011 as Adam J. Lewis Preschool, a not-for-profit early childhood center in the West End of Bridgeport. The Preschool's founders, longtime educators Patty Lewis and Julie Mombello, recognized both the profound life impact of a high-quality preschool experience and the staggering disparities in access and opportunity across Fairfield County. They were determined to build a more hopeful, equitable future.

- Weekly Choral classes for all students in Elementary and Middle School
- Creation of the Select Girls Choir at AJLA in partnership with The United Girls' Choir of New Haven. This elite choir program rehearses right at AJLA and admission will be by invitation or audition only and is open to all girls attending Elementary and Middle School at AJLA as well as girls in the Bridgeport community.
- In the early childhood program (PreK-K), music occurs twice a week and builds musical literacy through nursery rhymes, fine and gross motor practice, and simple melodies.

Next Sunday, November 9, Patty Lewis from Adam J. Lewis Academy will be here to receive their first check from our Royalties For Spirituals initiative. She will speak a bit about the educational work of the academy and will be around during Community Hour to answer your questions and give you an opportunity to connect with the membership of First Church.

You can always contribute to this initiative by using the QR code on the graphic or through the church website, selecting "Royalties For Spirituals" in the pulldown menu.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUN
NOV 9**

GIVING TREES WILL BE READY

Help those in need by giving a gift to brighten their holidays

**SUN
NOV 9**

ROYALTIES FOR SPIRITUALS SUNDAY

Patty Lewis from Adam J. Lewis Academy in Bridgeport will receive their first donation from our initiative

**SAT & SUN
NOV 22 & 23**

H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR

Auditorium - Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sunday following worship

**SUN
NOV 23**

HARVEST SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our annual celebration of filling the Meetinghouse with food donations for H.O.M.E. & Neighbor to Neighbor

**SAT
NOV 29**

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Hundreds of trees and wreaths go on sale around 9 a.m.
Sale is Sat & Sun 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. through December 7

**SUN
DEC 7**

ADVENT CRAFT FAIR

Happening during Community Hour
after worship until 12:30 p.m.



Christmas SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

**DECEMBER
12-14, 2025**

(mini mission-trip-like weekend for 6th-12th graders!)

WHERE ARE WE GOING & WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Youth are invited to **48 hours** in Providence, RI learning about our local unhoused neighbors & putting our faith in action by serving others!

**6TH-
12TH
GR.**

**FRI
12TH**

LEAVE FOR RHODE ISLAND & ARRIVAL

Seekonk Congregational Church in Seekonk, MA

SERVICE WORK & FUN IN PROVIDENCE

Working with the Incredible Days organization!

**SAT
13TH**

**SUN
14TH**

CLOSING CIRCLE & HEAD HOME

Pick-up and Drop-off at 2CC Greenwich

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\$200

WITH MANY
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE!

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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

