



SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
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

Andante

Paul de Maleingreau (1887-1956)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Juliet Primo Lee

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Women's Fellowship

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again we say, rejoice.

All: We gather with gratitude, hope, and open hearts.

One: Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world.

All: Renew our minds and shape us by your Spirit.

One: The peace of God is near to us in this place.

All: We come to worship the God who transforms and restores.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong To Save

8 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Carol Woodman

God of peace and renewal, in a world that pulls us in so many directions, gather our hearts again around your presence. Quiet our anxious minds, shape us by your grace rather than the noise around us, and help us become people who reflect the love of Christ in the world. Open us now to your Spirit through worship, word, and song. 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

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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Khaleigh Laicher

(During the response, the children will depart for Church School or 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

Romans 12:1-2

New Revised Standard Version

Yvonne Tran

Therefore you are without excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others, for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. We know that God's judgment on those who do such things is in accordance with truth.

SOLO

Lord God Of Abraham

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Thomas Woodman, baritone

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

New Revised Standard Version

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

MESSAGE

Guard Your Mind

Morenike Oyebo

†HYMN

To Bless The Earth

38 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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

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

Lynn Woodman



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Know My Faith Is Founded
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)
The Summer Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

O Beautiful For Spacious Skies
338 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Wonderful King
Max Reger (1873-1916)

†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 today are members Asset Management Committee.

COMMUNITY
hour
HOUR



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - TODAY

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, or in the Memory Garden weather permitting. During the week, Sue is available by appointment. Email susana@fccog.org or call 203-637-1791 extension 821.

All are Welcome to Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Come knit, affix fringe or labels, and visit with friends.
Next Meeting: Wednesday May 27, 7-8:30 pm, in Rick's Room.



Join the conversation
about
Women's Health
through all stages of life

Sunday, May 31st
11-1 in the Auditorium
light snacks provided



Please RSVP or scan

[Click HERE!](#)



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First Congregational Church of Greenwich

We Need Volunteers!

Be a leader in worship as a reader, usher, or greeter

Worship Reading

read scripture on
Sunday mornings

Call to Offering

share your inspiration
to introduce the offering

Ushering

pass out bulletins
and help pass offering plates

Greeters

be a welcoming presence
as people arrive for worship



scan to sign up



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!



May

Friday, 5/8 @ 11am
OG Village Walk
(meet at FCCOG)

Saturday, 5/16 @ 11-1
Women's Fellowship
Annual Luncheon
FCCOG Auditorium

Wednesday, 5/20 @ 5pm
Happy Hour at Bosco's
(148 Sound Beach Ave,
Old Greenwich)

Thursday, 5/28 @ 10am
Coffee for Good
(48 Maple Ave, Greenwich)

Sunday, 5/31 @ 11am
Women's Health Day
FCCOG Auditorium

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 Larabee know. Her email is in the Friday email blast.

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

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).

MEMORIAL DAY

parade

● **MAY 25 / 10 AM** ●

Sound Beach Ave - ending at
First Church/Binney Park
Treats given out on our front lawn

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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

