



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
EIGHTEENTH 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.*

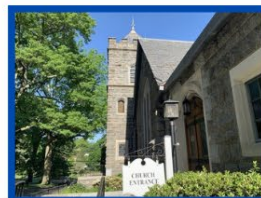
The PrayGround. In the Chapel space, guiding kids in worship.

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 on "Sweet Hour"

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Lynn Hawxhurst

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In every place,

All: God is present.

One: In every circumstance,

All: God is with us.

One: In the best and worst of times,

All: God is making us a blessing right where we are.

†HYMN

Come, Worship God

386 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

God of every blessing, forgive us when we confuse your blessing with comfort, privilege, or prosperity. You promise not an easy life, but your steadfast presence, calling us to use what we have to care for the vulnerable and make life easier for others. Liberate us from wrong thinking and wrongdoing, that we may carry your goodness wherever we find ourselves. 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

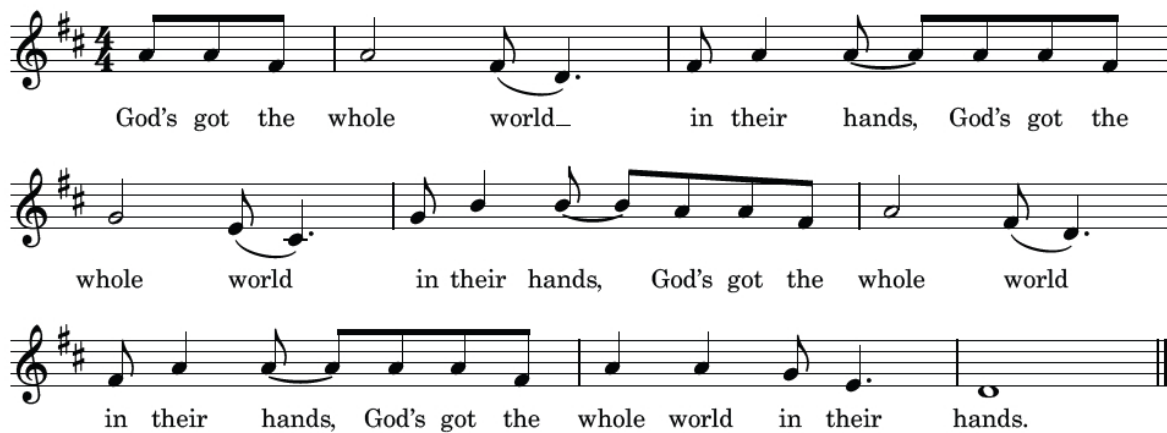


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

God's Got The Whole World In Their Hands



FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-2. 4-7

New Revised Standard Version

Fred Laffan

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after the king and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.

It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

HYMN (remain seated)

Thy Word Is A Lamp

458 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 39:1-6, 19-23
New Revised Standard Version

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

MESSAGE

Trusted With Everything
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See
451 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

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

Jenny Gartner
Using your smartphone messaging app, text FCCOG Donate to 73256.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art/Majesty
Arr. Joel Raney (b. 1956)
The Chancel 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

To God Be The Glory
634 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Ebenezer”
Gordon Young

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

COMMUNITY HOUR

CALL TO SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

CALL TO A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY SEPT. 27 - FOLLOWING WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

*A Special Congregation Meeting of the members of
The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT
is hereby called for Sunday, September 27, 2026 in the Meetinghouse
immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:*

- To hear the report of the Budget Committee
on the Fiscal Year 2026 financials.
- To hear and act upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to
elect Gordon Assing as a Community Ministry Representative to the Church
Council
and
- 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.*

Lynn Hawxhurst, Church Clerk

BULLETIN NOTE

As we continue to be good stewards of our resources and the planet, we are reducing the number of bulletins being printed. Since virtually everything is on our monitors in the Meetinghouse, particularly announcements, we are asking that families take just one (1) bulletin per family to help us keep printing costs down. Thank you.

10th Anniversary Celebration

**JOIN US SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 AT 10 A.M.
TO HONOR PASTOR PATRICK COLLINS
FOR HIS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
AS A PASTOR AT FIRST CHURCH**

first
congregational
church
of greenwich
founded 1805



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**

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

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.



INTEMPO Presents

Under the Same Moon

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
with music from Argentina, Chile,
Cuba, Mexico, Spain, and Venezuela.



Featuring
Artist-in-Residence
Ashley Yoon
and the
Chamber Players



Saturday, October 3 | 3PM

St. Francis Episcopal Church
2810 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford, CT

Saturday, October 10 | 3PM

First Congregational Church of Greenwich
108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich, CT



\$15 General Admission
Free for Kids
Get tickets at intempo.org/

INTEMPO

JOIN A CHOIR!

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The Cherub Choir is for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade. 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

The Celebration Singers is for youth in grades 3 to 6. 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Genesis Choir is for youth in grades 7 through 12. 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Palmer Handbells &
The Silverthorn Handchimes for 9th grade and up.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir, ages 18 and older.
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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of greenwich
founded 1665

BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10 AM TO 12 PM

Bring your pet to the First Church front lawn for a
blessing with Pastor Patrick and Pastor Cydney
Pets of all kinds are welcome!



Oktoberfest

Join us for an evening of community festivity!



Saturday October 3
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
First Church Lounge



Beer Tasting - Bring An Appetizer To Share - Great Fun

Bring non-perishable cans of food
that will be donated to
Neighbor to Neighbor





ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RIVERSIDE

200 RIVERSIDE AVE,
RIVERSIDE



108 SOUND BEACH AVE,
OLD GREENWICH

A NEW COLLABORATIVE

40 MINUTES
@ 4PM



FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

Third Sundays @ 4pm:

Oct. 18 @ St. Paul's

Nov. 15 @ First Congregational

Dec. 20 @ St. Paul's

Jan. 17 @ First Congregational

Feb. 21 @ St. Paul's

March 21 @ First Congregational

April 18 @ St. Paul's

May 16 @ First Congregational

FAMILY-CENTERED
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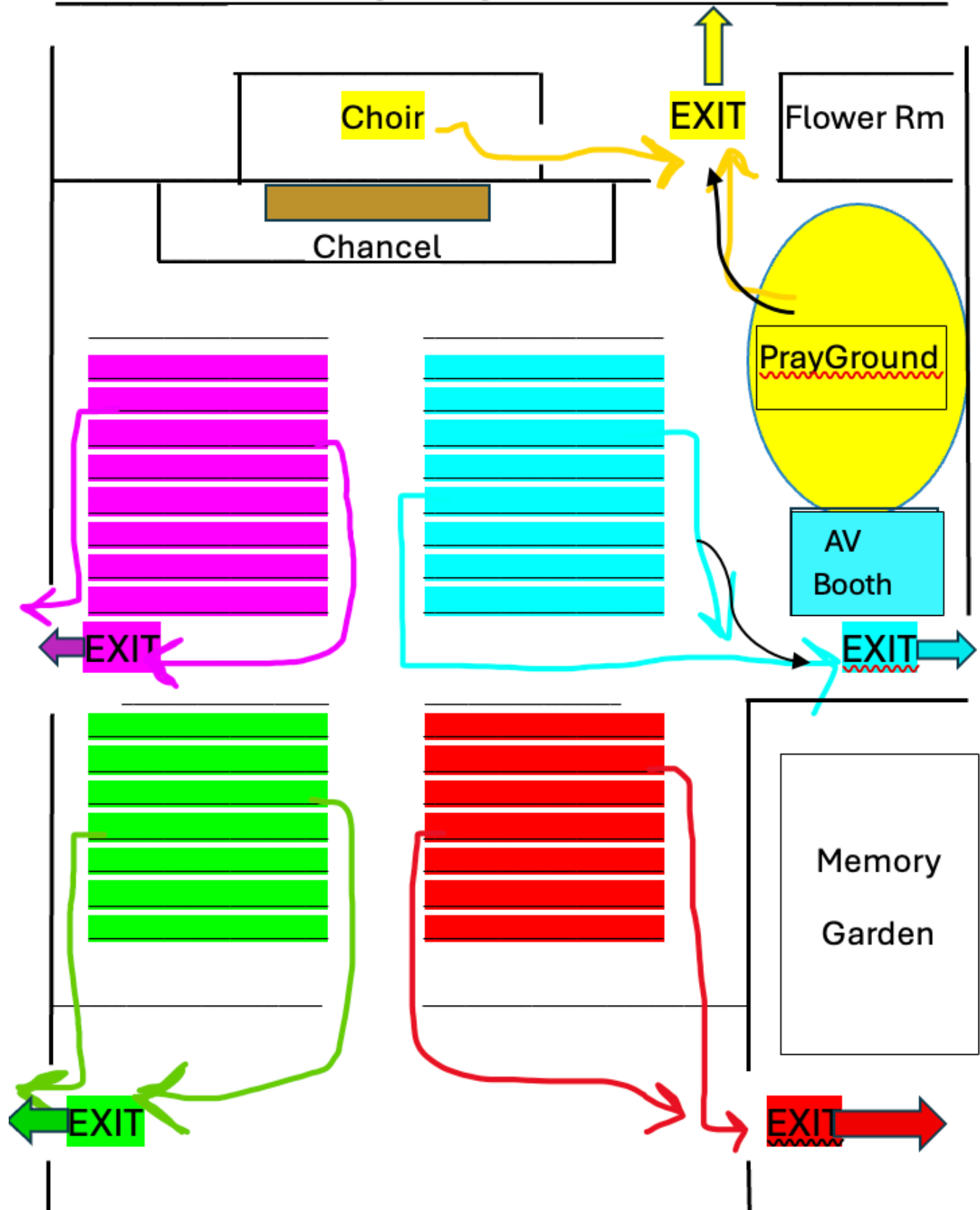
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SERVICE FOR A
SIMPLE, KID-
FRIENDLY MEAL!



ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!

FIRST CHURCH

EMERGENCY EXIT PLAN



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Ministers - All Members Of The First Congregational Church Of Greenwich

Senior Pastor

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Director of Church School/Regional Youth Ministry

Parish Nurse

Director of Operations

Director of Finance & Administration

Livestream Director

Audio Technician

Database Administrative Assistant

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

Facility Supervisor and Sunday Sexton

Sexton

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First Church Preschool Director

First Church Preschool Assistant Director

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Reverend Patrick Collins

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

