



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
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

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row near the center aisle, then pass it back to the center aisle, noting the names of those worshipping near you so you may greet them at the end of worship.

If you are the person on the center aisle, please remove the completed sheet and place it in the plate during the offering.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Standin' In The Need Of Prayer
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele
Carolyn Paulus, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The One who turns things upside down is among us

All: **and we pray we will see the new thing he is doing.**

One: The One who loves first, so that we too may love, is among us

All: **and we open ourselves to receive as well as give.**

One: The One who is Sovereign of all is among us

All: **and we will follow his lead.**

†HYMN

Lord, Speak To Me
722 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Ground us in your truth today, O God: the truth of your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, the truth of community and mutuality, the truth of humility and power. Set our feet firmly on the earth, and prepare us to walk your way even when it surprises us. 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, Halle, Halle

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

(During the response, the children will 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

The Cure For It All
Julia Fehrenbacher
Bill DeHaven

Go gently today, don't hurry
or think about the next thing. Walk
with the quiet trees, can you believe
how brave they are—how kind? Model your life
after theirs. Blow kisses
at yourself in the mirror
especially when
you think you've messed up. Forgive
yourself for not meeting your unreasonable
expectations. You are human, not
God—don't be so arrogant.
Praise fresh air
clean water, good dogs. Spin
something from joy. Open
a window, even if
it's cold outside. Sit. Close
your eyes. Breathe. Allow
the river
of it all to pulse
through eyelashes
fingertips, bare toes. Breathe in
breathe out. Breathe until
you feel
your bigness, until the sun
rises in your veins. Breathe
until you stop needing
anything
to be different.

ANTHEM

Savior, Teach Me Day By Day
Raymond Weidner (b. 1949)
The Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 13:1-17 (selected verses)
New Revised Standard Version

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

MESSAGE

Living Into A New Way
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us
187 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

THE SACRAMENT OF 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

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.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO OFFERING

Karen Yancey

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



ORGAN OFFERTORY

Today God's Son Has Come To Us
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Give To The Winds Thy Fears
815 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Salvation Now Has Come To Earth
J. S. Bach

†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 March are members of the Personnel Committee.

COMMUNITY
hour
HOUR

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – TODAY



High blood pressure is one major risk factor for stroke, which can lead to a multitude of disabilities, and affects nearly 800,000 people in the U.S. each year. Other common stroke risk factors are smoking, uncontrolled diabetes, and lack of regular physical exercise.

Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations 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.

INTERRELIGIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECT – SACRED SITE VISIT HERE AT FIRST CHURCH

We will host First Church Round Hill and the wider Greenwich community on Tuesday, March 3rd from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Scan the blue QR code on the right to RSVP by Feb 22 for FCCOG attendance.



FEBRUARY FRIENDSGIVING

Our final 3 February Friendsgiving events are upon us and 2 of those events are at capacity! The Robert Burns Night that was previously offered has been rescheduled for Saturday March 14. You can sign up at Community Hour, on Signup Genius, or call Betsy (203) 832-8113 or email betsykreuter@hotmail.com – Cynthia (203) 918-1523 or email deriemer.cynthia@gmail.com.

February Friendsgiving

 	Sunday, March 8 - 12 noon Old Greenwich Brunch: Hosts Donald & Ginny Breismeister	 
Filled	Saturday, March 14 - 1 - 3 p.m. Old Greenwich Tea and Art Viewing: Hosts Ernest & Candace Garthwaite	
	Saturday, March 14 - 6 - 8 p.m. First Church Auditorium Poetry, Piping & a Wee Dram : A Lively Night Celebrating Scottish Poet Robert Burns Hosts - Joe McBride & Patrick Collins	

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



UPCOMING SECOND HOURS

TODAY - MAR 1 - MUSIC AND MEMORY: THE ACCIDENTAL CREATION OF A 92-YEAR-OLD SOCIAL MEDIA SENSATION

Elaine Lebar began playing piano at the age of 3. She graduated from the High School of Music and Art in NYC, received a BA in music from Brooklyn College and an MFA in music education from the University of Missouri.

Randi Lebar graduated from Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences in 1978 with a BA in Chemistry and went on to receive an MD in 1982 from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She then served for 11 years in the US Navy, completing her Orthopaedic Surgery residency at the Naval Hospital Oakland.

Finding the Piano
Music
in Dementia

**SECOND HOUR
SUNDAY, MARCH 1
11:15 A.M.**

Dr. Randi Lebar will present an inspirational talk about the wild ride she took with her mother, pianist Elaine Lebar (born in 1928) who went viral on TikTok in 2020 while living in a memory care unit. Specifically focusing on the magic and power of music in dementia, the talk features many videos of Elaine, and also includes lessons Randi learned along the way about connecting to her mother and finding meaning and joy in their relationship, in spite of her mother's mental decline. The presentation is sure to entertain a wide audience, and it will be especially educational and hopeful for those dealing with a loved one in any stage of cognitive decline.



NEW DATE - MARCH 8

A Second Hour Event



**THE
LONELINESS
EPIDEMIC:**
AND WHAT THE CHURCH CAN DO ABOUT IT

NEW DATE: March 8th, 11:15am in the Lounge
Guest Presenter: Joe O'Callaghan
Clinical Director, Greenwich Advanced Counselling

MARCH 15

MARCH 15 SECOND HOUR - 11:00 in the Lounge **A CONVERSATION ABOUT END-OF-LIFE CHOICES**

We are honored to welcome Susan Stout from Graceful Bridge for a thoughtful and compassionate conversation about end-of-life planning and education.

We will explore topics such as:

- ❖ Advance care planning
- ❖ Advanced directive documents
- ❖ Medical decision-making
- ❖ Medical aid in dying
- ❖ Hospice & palliative care
- ❖ End-of-life doulas
- ❖ Approaching end-of-life with clarity, dignity & peace.



*Whether you are thinking about your own wishes, caring for aging parents, or simply wanting to be prepared, this conversation offers practical guidance and space for honest questions.
All are welcome.*

**2026 LENTEN OFFERING –
RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

Our Lenten Offering this year will once again support one of First Church’s most meaningful hands-on ministries, our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event.

On **Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.**, we will gather to pack 20,000 meals for communities around the world facing food insecurity. But before we pack, we give. Throughout Lent, we invite you to make a special Lenten gift to help underwrite the cost of these meals.



Each meal costs just \$0.40 and every donation makes a real, tangible difference.

“Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness...” (Isaiah 58:10)



Discover community activities in 2026

All women of the church are welcome!

Scan the QR code for the **GroupMe** app or go to **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!



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March

Tuesday, 3/3 @ 12pm
walk at Tod's Point**

Saturday, 3/14 10a-12p
Women's Health Day
FCCOG Auditorium

Friday, 3/20 @ 10am
Coffee at Coffee for Good
(48 Maple Ave, Greenwich)

Wednesday, 3/25 5pm
Happy Hour at Bosco's
(148 Sound Beach Ave,
Old Greenwich)

**Greenwich residency not required

April

Monday, 4/6 @ 12pm
walk at Tod's Point**

Friday, 4/17 time TBD
NY Botanical Garden
Save the date!

Tuesday, 4/21 @ 5pm
Happy Hour at Bosco's
(148 Sound Beach Ave,
Old Greenwich)

Wednesday, 4/29 @ 10am
Coffee at Coffee for Good
(48 Maple Ave, Greenwich)

COME FORTH: A LENTEN STUDY

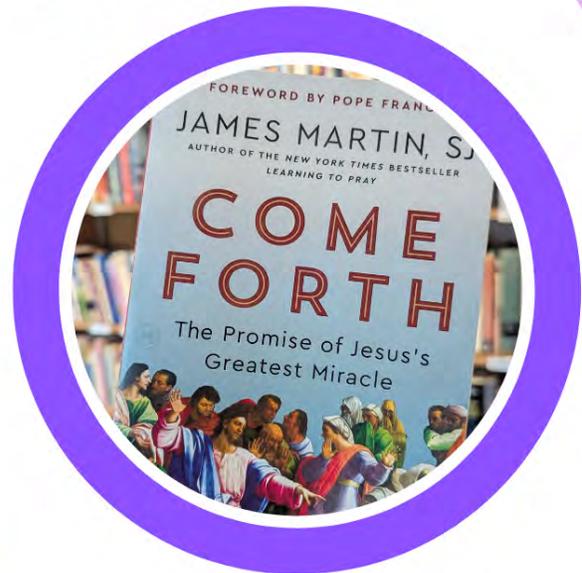
Wednesdays
February 25 - March 25
7:00 pm
First Church Lounge

COME FORTH
BY JAMES MARTIN, SJ

An engaging exploration
of John's Gospel that
brings the story of Jesus
to life today.

GET YOUR BOOK

Limited number of books
are available in the church
office or purchase online.



Hosted at RYM Partner Organization: First Congregational Church Greenwich
108 Sound Beach Avenue in Old Greenwich

RYM Baked Ziti Fundraiser Dinner & Bake Sale

March 22nd, 2026 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Raise \$3,000 for our Service Trip!

ALL
VEGETARIAN
MEALS,
GLUTEN
& DAIRY
FREE
OPTIONS
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

