



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
TWENTIETH 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.*

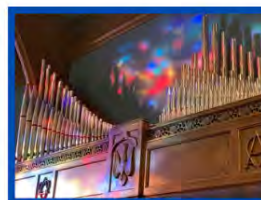
The PrayGround. In the Chapel space, guiding kids in worship.

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 In Eb Major

Felix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Carolyn Paulus

Annual Giving Committee

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The One who gives life calls to us

All: and we come up to hear and respond.

One: The One who names us treasured and holy calls to us

All: and we come up to hear and respond.

One: The One who teaches us how to live calls to us

All: and we come up to hear and respond.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Ye Holy Angels Bright

23 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

One: God is our God, our only God

All: And we are God's people.

One: We will honor God's holy name.

All: We will remember to rest in God.

One: We will honor our elders in all we do.

All: We will not hurt others with words or actions.

One: We will remain faithful in our relationships.

All: We will not take what is not ours.

One: We will not lie or harm another's reputation.

All: We will not envy what belongs to others.

One: We will not do any of this perfectly, O God.

All: Forgive us when we fail,

One: And inspire us to do better,

All: Because you are our God, our only God.

One: And we are your people.

All: Let us return to you in love, and try again.

Moment of silence for personal reflection

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†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, Hallehujah



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

God's Got The Whole World In Their Hands



FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19:3-7

New International Version

Pat Mendelsohn

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Charles Callahan (1951-2023)
The Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17
New International Version

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

MESSAGE

Covenant & Commandments
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

God Is My Strong Salvation
373 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†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

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

The Lord Is My Light
Kevin A. Memley (b. 1971)
Daniel Young, tenor

†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, Above The Drifting Years
297 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†BENEDICTION

†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
HOURL



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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service in the Auditorium. During the week, Sue is available by appointment. Email susana@fccog.org or call 203-637-1791 extension 821



Let's get connected.

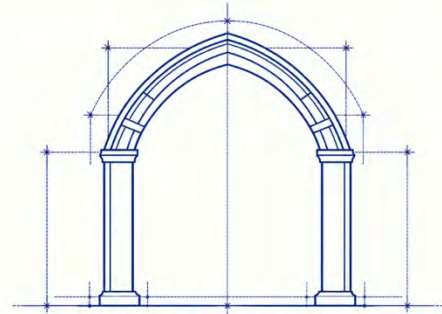
First Church is updating our church record keeping solution and online community by moving to a technology solution called Realm®.

- We're updating the administrative tools our staff uses to run the daily operations of our church.
- We're adding more ways to communicate and connect as a church, all while leaving current methods in place.
- You determine how much you want to make this part of your experience with our church, but we encourage you to participate.

In the coming weeks, you will receive an email invitation to create an online account in Realm®. After you create your online account, you can also download the free **Realm Connect – For Our Church** app for iPhone and Android devices. In either the online account through a browser or using the **Realm Connect – For Our Church** app, you can check and update your personal information and how it is shared, make gifts and pledges online, and check your giving history, and connect with other members of our church community.

We will be sending out the invitation emails gradually over the coming weeks, so please be patient if you don't receive yours right away.

Annual Giving 2026



MAKING ROOM

Our Making Room Annual Giving campaign is getting underway! Watch your mailbox in the coming week for materials highlighting how your generosity makes room for worship, connection, service, and care at First Church.

Then join us on Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m., following worship, for a special campaign kickoff reception. We'll celebrate the ministry we share and look ahead to all we can make possible together.



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

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.





We need your decorated vehicle to make Trunk or Treat a success!! Sign up by scanning the QR code on the left. Last year we had 21 cars/spots – let's hit 30 this year! We have 200+ goblins come through to visit cars and there are some delicious food truck options. This is one of our biggest community connection points that First Church offers. Spread the word and invite your family and friends!

First Congregational Church of Greenwich

TRUNK OR TREAT

🕒 Saturday, Oct 24
6 - 7:30 p.m.

📍 First Church Parking Lot
108 Sound Beach Avenue

\$20 PER FAMILY

All proceeds go to local charities

CANDY MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS FUN



Come for the coffee.
Stay for the conversation.

Twice a month, join the **Women's Fellowship**
for a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation
& connection

No agenda, no program — just time to catch up,
meet someone new, and enjoy being together

Wednesday, October 7 • 10 AM
Friday, October 23 • 10 AM

Bring a friend or simply bring yourself.
There's always a seat for you.

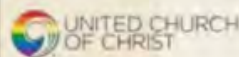
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48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich 06870



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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

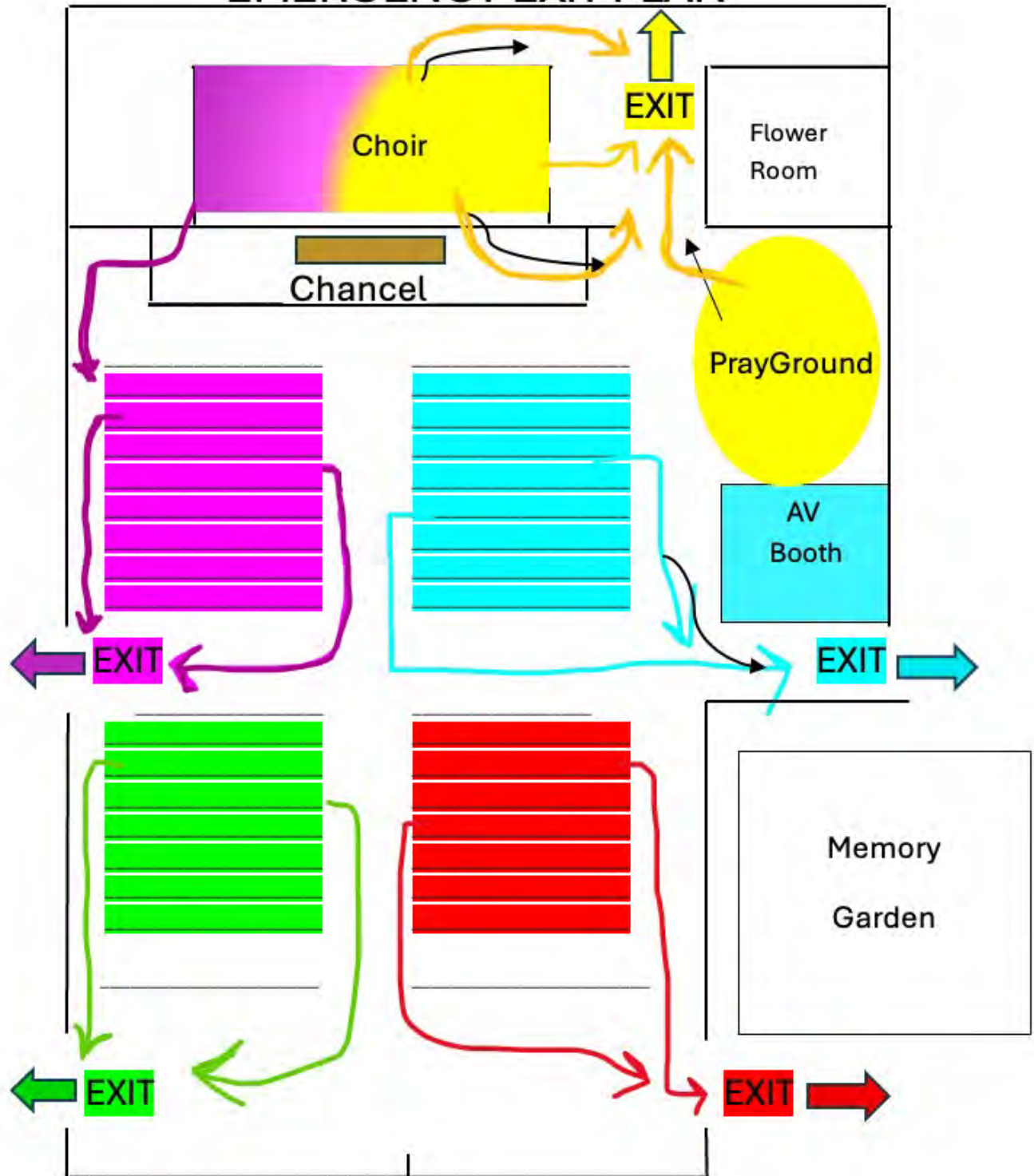
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STAY AFTER THE
SERVICE FOR A
SIMPLE, KID-
FRIENDLY MEAL!



ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!

FIRST CHURCH EMERGENCY EXIT PLAN



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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

