SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
TWENTY-THIRD 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.

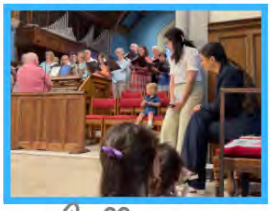
With Worship. A casual tone, stirring music, moving prayers, & a faith-invoking message. ***Prayer Book requests*** (in Narthex) are uplifted during the Prayers of the People.
With Inclusion. Open & Affirming (ONA). We make a point of meeting all and name tags are worn.
With Communion. The first Sunday 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. 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

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

CALL TO COMMUNITY Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather with gratitude for the people whose lives have touched our own.
All: We give thanks for the love we have received.
One: We bring the sorrow of their absence and the memories we hold dear.
All: God, receive us as we are.
One: In this community, there is room for every name and every grief.
All: Open our hearts to one another and to you.
One: Held in the love of God, let us worship.

CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

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

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

God of tender mercy, meet us in the places that still hurt. Forgive us when we hurry past another's sorrow. Give us the patience to listen and the courage to stay close. As we remember those who have died, hold us together in your love. 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 return to their seats.)

RESPONSE *God's Got The Whole World In Their Hands*



FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:4-9
New Revised Standard Version
Grayson A.

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

ANTHEM

Lay Me Low
Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)
The Chancel Choir

†Please rise in body or in spirit

SECOND READING *1 Kings 3:16-28*
New Revised Standard Version

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,' while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.' " So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other." But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." Then the king responded, "Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

MESSAGE *A Heart That Hears*
Reverend Patrick Collins

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 Lynn Hawxhurst

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Goin' Home Up Yonder*
Arr. Mary McDonald (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

†Please rise in body or in spirit

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Joseph McBride for Annual Giving

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

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE *Festival March In D*
Paul C. van Dyke (1685-1750)

†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

We remember those who have passed from this life since November 1, 2025

listed in chronological order
* denotes First Church member

William Michael Schmitt *
Harry S. Culpen
Jara Nemcova Burnett
Curtis Wayne Carlson *
Barbara Bruning Richardson
Robert Goodchild *
Sally Steinmetz
Rose Girolamo
Jeffrey Craig Freeman
Mary Mooney Webster
Mary Whiteman Maxson
Robert A. Janelli *
William Oliver Wilder Sr
Molly Dye
Carolyn Ruth Hunt Anderson *
Lucille Cervasio Baldwin *
Gary Berner *
Daniel J. Mackell Jr *
Barbara Littlefield *
Susan Kenney Purcell
Robert Symons
Edward George Gentile
Mary Starkweather *
Captain Jonathan C. Henry *
Ernest Fossum Jr *
Anne York Wachsman *
James Bartlett Littlefield
Nofal Shamoun Barbar *
Margaret L. Maxson Farmer
Andrea Emerson Putnam
Johann Friedrich Ernst Thalheim IV *
Robert Edmund Luce *
Gary Broman Pedersen
Jane Traphagen Yates *
Nancy Anne Fraser
Paul Alexei Olmsted *
David R. Dye
Pamela Armstrong Manchester *
Faith Hutchinson Taylor
Steven James Beaumont Jr
William Joseph Madden
Caralliene Westbook *
George Albert Mathes
Alfred J. DiMarco Jr.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

MAKING ROOM

$215,870

PLEDGED TO DATE

28.22%

OF GOAL

ANNUAL GIVING GOAL

$765,000

GHS Community Pantry

Help Us Get Ahead for the Holidays

Did you know?

- **20% of GHS students** (about 600 kids) qualify for free or reduced lunch. That is one out of every five GHS students.
- Our GHS Community Pantry now serves **nearly 150 students**, averaging **about 100 visits a week.**
- **SNAP benefits can't be used** for essentials like laundry detergent, shampoo, or feminine products.
- The GHS Community Pantry is **the only pantry specifically helping our GHS students and their families.**

As the need keeps growing, we've expanded to three days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Now we need your help to make sure our shelves stay fully stocked.

We are kicking off a pre-holiday drive to carry us through the busy holiday season. **Our goal is to raise $2,000 and clear our Amazon wish list!**

Donate to GHS Fund

Donate to Amazon Wishlist

Thank you for taking care of our GHS community!

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Greenwich, CT 06878
ghspta@ghspta.org



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, November 4 • 10 AM
Coffee for Good • Greenwich
48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich 06870

Friday, November 20 • 10 AM
Birch Bakehouse • Old Greenwich
214 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich 06870

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

Harvest Sunday

Shelf Stable Food for Neighbor to Neighbor and H.O.M.E.

We will hold our traditional collection of shelf-stable food during the 10 a.m. service on Harvest Sunday, November 22.

Shopping bags will be available in the Meetinghouse on Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, November 15. No bag? No problem. Use any paper or reusable bag.

Suggested food:
Canned Meats, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pasta and Sauce, Oatmeal, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetables, Coffee, Tea

Donate Fresh Food for Neighbor to Neighbor
Use the online option to shop for fresh food donations from the comfort of your home. The fresh selections will be delivered to Neighbor to Neighbor as they need so nothing spoils!

Scan the QR code to shop at #GIVEHEALTHY for fresh food donations requested by Neighbor to Neighbor.

Medicare Part D

Prescription Drug Insurance

Part D

- Open enrollment is Oct 15 to December 7.
- Evaluating every year is advised.
- Counseling, including navigating the Medicare.gov website, is available.
- For an appointment with Parish Nurse Sue Asselin call church ext 821.
- For an appointment with trained Town of Greenwich counselors call the Commission on Aging at 203-862-6707.

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