



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
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.

Today's flowers are in memory of Rick Woodman and his dedication to teaching confirmation and serving as an advisor for our Senior Pilgrim Fellowship for over thirty years.

Given by Carolyn Paulus and their daughters, Gillian and Stephanie.

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue In E Minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit is here among us.

All: **Within us, around us, between us.**

One: The Spirit breathes life into our hearts.

All: **Awakening courage, hope, and joy.**

One: We gather in the Spirit's embrace.

All: **And go forth renewed for the work of love.**

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
280 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Gracious God, too often we cling to what is familiar and resist the new things your Spirit is doing among us. We choose comfort over courage, certainty over curiosity, and fear over faith. Open our hearts once more. Breathe your Spirit into our lives. Help us listen deeply, love generously, and trust that your presence is at work among us. Renew us, inspire us, and make us ready to follow where you lead. 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

(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

*Genesis 11 (selected verses)
New Revised Standard Version
Rebecca Toohey*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

†HYMN

*Come Down, O Love Divine
282 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)*

SECOND LESSON

*Acts 2 (selected verses)
New Revised Standard Version*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

MESSAGE

Confirmation Sunday

Reverend Patrick Collins & Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class of 2026

NICO ELLIOTT-BOCASSI

DUKE PERUCCI

LUKE SAYERS

JACK SCHNEIDER

JACKSON TOOHEY

LIAM WESTHOVEN

CLAIRE WENTWORTH

PRAYER

QUESTIONS OF CONFIRMANDS

QUESTION OF THE CONGREGATION

One: Do you this congregation renew the promises made at baptism, to support these young people in their continued journey of faith? Do you promise to grow with them, to serve beside them, to pray with them, and nurture God's gifts within them? If so, please say We Do.

All: We Do!

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION

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.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CROSSES

*The Jerusalem Cross is bronze and often is worn around the neck.
It is one large cross in the center surrounded by four small crosses.
The symbolism is that Jesus Christ is Lord over the four corners of the earth.
Or that the story of Jesus Christ is told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*

PRAYER AND DECLARATION

CALL TO OFFERING

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

Charles Stuckey



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Dixit Dominus
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
The Summer Choir
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano – Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano
Daniel Young, tenor – Thomas Woodman, bass

†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

Every Time I Feel The Spirit
66 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing
Anthony Giamanco (b. 1958)

†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 June are members of the Outreach Committee.

COMMUNITY
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HOUR



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!



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 Larrabee 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).





GHS PANTRY

GHS COMMUNITY CLOSET COLLECTIONS ON SUMMER HIATUS

A huge THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who supported the GHS Community Closet through donations in the back of the Meetinghouse. I am so proud that we were among the early supporters of this program to get food and essentials into the hands of GHS students in need, and we truly made an impact.

Over 100 students were registered to access the closet, with around 60 visiting each week. Our donations of food and household essentials made a huge difference in the health and well-being of the students and their families.

A special shout-out to Nancy and Peter Strohmeier and Sara Stuckey for helping transport our donations to the high school - we are grateful! With the school year winding down, this Sunday, June 7th will be our last collection until the fall.

Any questions, please reach out to Pam Speer - pspeer22@gmail.com.



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.

The meals you packaged at First Church are headed to Philippines!



RISE AGAINST HUNGER
EXPERIENCE



The Philippines consists of over 7,000 islands in the Ring of Fire in the Pacific Ocean. One of the most environmentally disaster prone countries in the world, it faces near constant threats of natural disasters like earthquakes, typhoons and volcanic eruptions. These disasters cause displacement and major loss of livelihoods and infrastructure, and disproportionately affect poor communities in rural areas, where people rely on agriculture and fishing.

The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and under-nutrition, categorizes the Philippines as having a "moderate" level of hunger overall. Rise Against Hunger serves the regions of the Philippines where hunger is most urgent.

Join the Summer Choir at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that day. Stop by the 3rd floor, outside the choir room, to pick up the anthem, bulletin, and a folder, then meet downstairs in the choir loft.

Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship. It also gives you a chance to experience worship from a different perspective in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome – no robes will be worn!

If you have any questions, please contact Minister of Music
Craig Symons @craigs@fccog.org



Beach Services – Summer 2026

June 28

July 12, 19, 26

August 2, 23

All-Church Beach Services are
August 9 & 16
(No Meetinghouse Service)

8 A.M. AT GREENWICH POINT PARK

ALL ARE WELCOME - SIMPLY SAY YOU'RE THERE FOR FIRST CHURCH SERVICE
BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIR OR BLANKET

You're invited to a film
screening of
My Friend Kim
a documentary
addressing the subject of
End-of-Life Choices

Thursday
June 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
in the Lounge
at First Church



My Friend Kim follows Glastonbury resident **Kim Hoffman** as she confronts terminal illness and fights for Connecticut's **Medical Aid in Dying** legislation. Directed by local filmmaker Maribeth Abrams, this 30-minute documentary captures Kim's strength and the unwavering support of her wife Joy Cipollo. **Includes a panel discussion with director: Maribeth Adams, end-of-life doula: Susan Stout, and other proponents of End-of Life choices like Medical Aid in Dying legislation.**

Monday-Friday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tues. May 26, 2026 - Fri. September 4, 2026

Please remember to make an appointment to
meet with anyone in the offices.

FAITH IS A JOURNEY WE STEP INTO.
MEMBERSHIP IS SIMPLY ONE WAY
OF SAYING:

“I WANT TO KEEP WALKING THIS
ROAD TOGETHER.”

IF YOU HAVE BEEN WORSHIPING,
WONDERING, GROWING, SERVING,
OR SEARCHING ALONGSIDE US,
PERHAPS THIS IS YOUR NEXT STEP.

AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH,
BECOMING A MEMBER IS SIMPLE:

HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH ONE
OF OUR PASTORS ABOUT YOUR
FAITH JOURNEY AND DESIRE TO BE
PART OF THIS COMMUNITY.



JOIN THE JOURNEY

TAKE THE NEXT STEP
AND BECOME A MEMBER
OF FIRST CHURCH

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Thank you to those who bring donations to the back of the Meetinghouse each week for Neighbor to Neighbor! When school lets out for the summer, those families whose students receive free/reduced price lunches at school along with those who access the Greenwich High School Community Pantry will be in need of additional supplemental food, so our donations are more critical than ever. Neighbor is currently serving 795 Greenwich families. Items most needed include: canned meat/fish, pasta, cereal, dried beans. Huge gratitude to Ginny Cheney for bringing our weekly donations to Neighbor! Questions? Please reach out to Pam at pspeer22@gmail.com.



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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

