

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*  
*Founded in 1665*

**23 October 2016**

10 o'clock in the morning





The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; 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.



Welcome to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this beautiful Sunday morning! Please join us after the service for refreshments and conversation during Community Hour in the Auditorium.

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**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

**PRELUDE**  
Trumpet Tune

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist  
David Johnson (1922-1987)

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

(Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your pew.)

**PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rosemary Lamie

**Leader:** Blessed be the name of God  
from this time on and forevermore.

**People:** From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of God is to be praised.

**Leader:** It is good to give thanks to God,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**People:** To declare your steadfast love in the morning  
and your faithfulness by night.

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\* HYMN**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 35

**GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)** Rev. Avery C. Manchester

**Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**ROLL CALL OF CANDIDATES**

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(Candidates will come forward as their names are called)

**COMMITMENT  
OF CANDIDATES**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

**Clergy:** We are called of God to be disciples through Christ Jesus. Today we welcome each of you to join us in the joy of God's service through the work of First Congregational Church of Greenwich.

**Senior Deacon:** Friends in Christ, we bid you welcome. We greet you as fellow disciples of Christ. Our purpose is to promote the increase of the love of God and neighbor. Will you now unite yourself with The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, accepting its responsibilities, praying and working for its usefulness, sustaining its worship, supporting its wider mission, and living with us in the joys of Christian fellowship?

**Candidates:** I will.

**Clergy:** We believe in the freedom and responsibility of the individual soul and the right of private judgment. We join in

fellowship with other congregations of the United Church of Christ in declaring our steadfast allegiance to the faith which our forebears confessed, which from age to age has found its expression in the historic creeds of the Church Universal and of our Communion, and in affirming our loyalty to the basic principles of our representative democracy. We hereby set forth the things we most surely believe.

**\* THE COVENANT** (All who are able, please stand)

**We believe in God, infinite in wisdom and love, in Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit, who renews, comforts and inspires us. We are united in seeking to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures and to walk in the ways of Christ. As Jesus accepted, welcomed and embraced all people without exception, so do we accept all who join with us in our journey to be a people of faith. We accept the mission of this church to proclaim the gospel, to worship God and to work for the dream of a compassionate world. Trusting in God's Spirit, we promise to support each other in love, that through our faith, the world might be made new. We ask this in Jesus' name, as we pray together as he taught us,**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and  
our cares.**

## ANTHEM

The Children's Choir  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, Director  
Vance Briceland, Piano  
Earnest Sands (1949-2016)

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,  
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain:

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all. (Refrain)

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,  
splendor of the living God. (Refrain)

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet  
praise God with the lute and harp;  
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days. (Refrain)

(Following the anthem, the children and their teachers will go to their  
respective areas as follows: K and 1st, 2nd Grade, and 4th & 5th  
grades to the Auditorium; 3rd Grade to the Rainbow Door (104), and  
678 to Binney.)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Helen Ingraham

#### Psalm 84: 1-7

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.  
Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.  
Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.  
They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

--New Revised Standard Version

### SECOND LESSON

#### Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying,

‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

--New Revised Standard Version

**SERMON**

What’s Your Mood?

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

**SOLO**

Make a Joyful Noise

Carolyn Paulus, Soprano  
James MacDermid (1875-1960)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Ken Conover

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Old 100th Psalm Tune

The Chancel Choir  
Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk; he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

**\* All who are able, please stand and join in singing the  
Doxology as our offering is presented:**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**\* HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 8

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Promenade

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the  
Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

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We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in the  
Preschool classrooms. Your children are always welcome in child care  
for the entire worship service or for a respite time if needed. We also  
now have two rows in the back of the chapel reserved for parents  
with infants or little ones who are not ready for the Nursery where  
the parents can be comfortable and still be part of worship. Please  
see an usher if you need help finding either of these locations.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490  
AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's

website. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Child care remains available at the 10:00 am service every Sunday for babies through 4 years old.

## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### TODAY

#### Church School

Today we begin a new series of Rotation Workshops on Jesus' Baptism. Children in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th grades will gather in the Auditorium for a brief introduction and then go to their assigned rooms. 3rd grade will go to the Rainbow Door Room 104. "678" will meet in the Binney Conference Room with Patrick. Reminder: our Halloween party at Pilgrim Towers has been rescheduled for next Sunday, October 30th.

#### New Members Joining Today

**Nicole (Nikki) Anderson**, 36 Meyer Place, Riverside, CT 06878, 617-308-9434. Nikki comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Nikki is Co-CEO of Blue Virgo Capital. She enjoys reading, gardening and real estate. Nikki and her husband, Ali Rahimtula, are the parents of Sara (turning 7) and twin sons, Aiden and David (2).

**Matthew (Matt) and Lauren Burke**, 51 Forest Ave., #14, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 516-532-3829 (Matt's cell) 732-492-8990 (Lauren's cell). Matthew comes to First Congregational Church by Confession of Faith and Lauren comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Lauren and Matt moved with their son, Harrison (18 months), to the community of Old Greenwich in June from NYC. Lauren is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology with a focus on new media technologies and the impact on adolescent girl's self-esteem, and Matt works as a principal at Greenbriar Equity Group in Rye, NY.

**William (Bill) DeHaven**, 57 Long Meadow Road, Riverside, CT 06878, 203-990-3000. Bill comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Bill is Headmaster at the Winston Preparatory School in Manhattan. He and his wife, Elizabeth Mendelsohn DeHaven and three boys Jack (20), Will (19) and Henry (5) moved from Brooklyn to Riverside this summer. When not in the kitchen cooking for his family and friends, you can find Bill enjoying the outdoors.

**Chris and Catherine (Cathy) Gallup**, 39 Nash Place, Norwalk, CT 06854, 917-969-1649 (Chris' cell), 917-692-0536 (Cathy's cell). Chris and Cathy come to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Chris has attended FCCOG for many years when visiting with family here, and they now have recently moved to CT. He works in Security Management at Dell. Cathy enjoys meeting new people and hanging out with old friends. She cherishes life and all the challenges that comes with it. They are the parents of Liliana (19 months).

**Joseph (Joe) and Christie Narvaez**, 48 Coachlamp Lane, Stamford, CT 06902, 203-856-4687. Joe and Christie come to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Joe is a Sales Executive for Oasis and Christie is a stay-at-home Mom to 2 month old William. They both enjoy comedy and cooking.

**Joseph (Joe) Saba**, 44-B Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830, 203-489-3329. Joe comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Joe is in production planning for Conair. He was born and raised in Greenwich. Joe enjoys reading comparative mythology and sports. He and his wife Jen are the proud parents of Gianni (4) and they are happy to have found a church community in which to raise their son.

### **Today's Choir Rehearsal Schedule**

There is no Cherub Choir (There will be a rehearsal next Sunday)

Children's Choir: 3rd floor 11:15–12:00

Youth Choir: Meetinghouse 11:15-12:15

### **Parish Nurse**

Sue Asselin, RN will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations during Community Hour, following today's worship service. During the week she is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 21.

## **UPCOMING**

### **Special Meeting of the Women's Fellowship Following Church on Sunday, October 30th**

All women members of the church are invited to stay for a very short meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, October 30th. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a change in the Women's Fellowship By-Laws to bring the fiscal year in line with the church's new fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this short meeting.

--Car Westbrook, Women's Fellowship Secretary

### **First Church Preschool Open Enrollment**

Open Enrollment for the Preschool's 2017 – 2018 school year will be held during the month of October 2016. Active members of FCCOG receive priority placement for their children within the Preschool's programming, and children or grandchildren of FCCOG members receive a 10% discount off tuition fees. To be put on the Preschool's mailing list to receive more information about programming, learn how to apply, and/or schedule a tour of the Preschool, Contact Darla Steiner, Director, at 203-637-5430 or email [darlak@fccog.org](mailto:darlak@fccog.org) .

### **Connecticut Choral Festival**

Want to be inspired? Come hear and sing with a combined choir from churches throughout Fairfield County, including our Chancel Choir, directed by choral legend Bob Chilcott at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, Saturday, October 29 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Bob Chilcott, one of the most widely performed choral

composers in the world, and who has been described by The Observer as a "contemporary hero of British Choral Music," will conduct the choir in his Requiem, along with other famous choral anthems which continue to inspire generations of Christians. The audience will also be invited to join in singing several hymns, accompanied by organ and brass. Our own Hanna Golodinskii and Drew Seigla will be the soloists in the Requiem.

Tickets are \$15. Children 12 and under are admitted free with the purchase of adult tickets. Order tickets online from [www.churchmusicinstitute.org](http://www.churchmusicinstitute.org), or call the Church Music Institute at 214-751-7669. Tickets will also be available at the door for purchase at Noroton Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 29 beginning at 6 p.m.

### **Organ PLUS!**

The 5th season of First Music & Arts opens on Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Craig Scott Symons will be presenting his popular recital Organ PLUS! for organ and other instruments. Craig enjoys bringing music to life that composers wrote specifically for an instrument and organ, and not just arranged or transcribed from

previously-composed works. The recital features Dorothy Darlington, oboe, Hanna Golodinskii, soprano, Mark Sophia, oboe, Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano, Ray Guier, French horn, Thomas Woodman, baritone, Andrew Funcheon, marimba, Vasil Golodinskii, tuba. Admission is \$20 for adults, and children/youth 18 and under are free.



**News from The Rummage Room**  
**191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich**

**Monday, October 24:** A spooky good week coming up! It is the last week for for all you Ghosts, Witches and Goblins to purchase Halloween clothing and accessories. The supply is still good but come in soon! See 50% off other sale items for the week on the website at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room) .

**Manager Leanne's Wish List:** Christmas decorations; winter hats; a Rubik's Cube.

**Shopping Hours:** 10:00-5 pm Monday-Friday & 10:00 - 1:00 pm on Saturday

**Donation Hours:** 9:30-4:30 pm Monday-Thursday & 9:30-12:30 pm on Friday & Saturday.

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** Domestic violence results in physical injury, psychological trauma and sometimes death, and its consequences can last an a lifetime. For these reasons, organizations that assist victims and address the elimination of domestic violence are among the recipients of The Rummage Room proceeds.

**Thought for the week:** Remember in life, it's not the miles we walk, but how we live them while walking.





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Ministers: The Members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Associate Pastor: Rev. Patrick Collins

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Director of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Church Administration & Finance: Steve Summerton

Administrative Assistant - Operations: Donna White

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Director of Preschool: Darla Kohler Steiner