

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

All Saints Sunday
30 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.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE
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Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

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

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

People: Some of them are living. Others have completed their physical lives here on earth.

Leader: Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

People: But all have shaken our being – all have been examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.

All: We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God's creation!

CHORAL INTROIT

*** HYMN**

For All the Saints

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 306

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir only:

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

Rachel Hackenberg

**With thanksgiving on my tongue,
I sing praise for the feet of the saints
who walked this path long before me
who pointed out this path to me**

who cleared the path with me.

With thanksgiving on my tongue,
I sing praise for the wisdom of the saints
who shared their vision of God's ways
who lived faithfully by God's ways
who loved God all the way.

With thanksgiving on my tongue,
I sing praise for the cloaks of the saints
that sheltered my weary soul from the dust
that marked my life for a new adventure
that gave me some flair for the dance.

With thanksgiving on your tongue,
now sing praise for the voices of the saints
who named God within you
who evoked God from you
who gave God to you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

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.

(Following the Lord's Prayer 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

John Russell

Psalm 31:21-24

Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love
to me when I was beset as a city under siege.
I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you
heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.
Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but
abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the
Lord.

--New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Youth Choir

Carolyn Paulus, director

Vance Briceland, piano

Hear My Words (from Psalm 5)

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Hear my words, O gracious Lord,
To my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God,
I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light, O Lord,
Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant I will bring,
Prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art Holy, O my God.
Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee,
Nor the proud Thy favor win.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11, 12 (selected verses)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of
things not seen.

By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected
the warning and built an ark to save his household.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

--New Revised Standard Version

SERMON

For All the Saints

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

*** HYMN**

O What Their Joy & Their Glory Must Be Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 310

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Phil Bradford

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

Antiphon

(From Five Mystical Songs) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly:

The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The church with Psalms must shout. No door can keep them out:

But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

*** DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

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**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*** HYMN**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 481

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Lillian and Edmund Hoffman by their families.

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

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: www.fccog.org. 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

TODAY

Church School

Today we continue the 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 be in worship. Our 4th & 5th graders Halloween party at Pilgrim Towers has been rescheduled for today. We will meet in the Daniels Center at 11:15 and leave then.

Special Meeting of the Women's Fellowship Following Church Today

All women members of the church are invited to stay for a very short meeting immediately following worship today, 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

Today's Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Cherub Choir: Rainbow room 11:15-11:45

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

There is no Youth Choir today (there will be a rehearsal next Sunday)

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

Attention: New Members!

Just a reminder: please respond to GinnyB@fccog.org for your invitation to the New Members Cocktail Party as soon as possible. The party will take place on November 6 from 5-7 pm.

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.



FCCOG Visiting Committee

Are you interested in delivering a plant to a church member for holidays and/or visiting at other times? Referrals are coordinated by Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse, who is liaison with our pastors. If you would like to join Visiting Committee, please contact Sue or Linnea Stenberg (Chair).

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

Monday, October 31: The Thanksgiving Shop is open. There are great items for your Thanksgiving table and decorating needs. See 50% off other sale items for the week on the website at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room .

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Men's winter dress coats; jewelry; gloves.

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.

We need volunteers through the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons! If you can give of your time a couple of hours a week, please drop by the RR or call Leanne Meyer at 203 637-1875.

Thought for the Week: Bishop Fulton Sheen once said: "Happiness means having something to do and something to live for." Those who volunteer at The Rummage Room can guarantee that the friends made from working together brings happiness and is an important part of their lives.



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Divinity School (Samford University) in Birmingham, Alabama