

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

6 November 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

Improvisation-Pastorale

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

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

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

People: Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Leader: Our feet are standing within your gates.

People: We are standing in your presence, God!

Leader: Pray for the peace of all nations,
And may all who love you prosper.

People: We seek your peace here, God.

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
“Peace be within you.”

**People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.**

CHORAL INTROIT

The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Debbie Berner, piano

My God Is So Big

Arr. Stuart Townsend (b. 1963)

*** HYMN**

In Christ There Is
No East or West

New Century
(black) Hymnal 394

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

Creator God, make us glad this morning in the House of the Lord. Remove us from our distractions and free us from stress and worry. And in its place, fill us with your grace and peace, O God. Make us glad this morning. Let our hearts be filled with peace, our mouths with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.

For the sake of all nations, for the sake of our relatives, our friends, and our enemies, let us seek your good and the good that lies within us all.

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

Pat Mendelsohn

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.”
For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

--New Revised Standard Version

SOLO

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

The Godly Woman

Donald Dillard (b. 1940)

Who can find a noble woman?
She is treasured far above rubies; she is ever her husband's
delight.
Her table is prepared with foods of many lands;
her hands are open to the poor and those in need.
She has no fear in winter, for her house is warm.
Her garments are strength and honor; the days of her life are ever
lived in joy.
Wisdom and kindness are ever on her lips.
Her children arise and bless her name.

She shall receive the reward of her hands who severances the Lord.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6: 27-36

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

--New Revised Standard Version

SERMON

The Good Within

Rev. Patrick Collins

*** HYMN**

O God in Whom All Life Begins New Century (black) Hymnal 401

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Joe McBride

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Was Glad

The Chancel Choir
C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city,
that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*** 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**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (note, gluten-free bread is available) as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup (grape juice) until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude,
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*** HYMN**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether New Century (black) Hymnal 337

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Processional on "Union Seminary" Karl Osterland (b. 1956)

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving
memory of Chuck Livingston by his family.

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 Workshops - K and 1st to Green Door, 2nd to Daniels Center, 4th & 5th to Red Door. 3rd grade will go to the Rainbow Door Room 104. "678" will be announced in the Call to Community.

Today's Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Cherub Choir: No rehearsal today. We will resume next week!

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

Hats Off

Our Book Study group, Hats Off, has chosen its third fall selection: *Nobody's Fool* by Richard Russo. Russo focuses on a small, sleepy upstate New York town. Lukas Sherman says: "This read has moments of humor, moments of heartbreak and moments of grace and should be seen as one of the great American novels of the last 25 years."

Our discussion of *Nobody's Fool* will begin on Nov. 10th. We meet on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 above our church offices in the Binney Room.

Please reserve your book with the Greenwich Library. Call Debbie Berner 203-629-1110 if you have questions.

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).

Prayer Shawl Ministry Needs You!

After a brief hiatus, the Prayer Shawl Ministry is seeking volunteers. The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started in 1998 by two graduates of the Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary. Volunteers combine their knitting skills with prayer and produce beautiful shawls to be given to those in need of healing and support, experiencing severe illness, loss or difficulty. Many members of the congregation, their families and friends have embraced these beautiful shawls during the most difficult of times. With gratitude to those who have knitted and those who continue to knit, we are hoping to welcome new members to the Ministry. All are welcome. If you're not a knitter, but would like to tie on the fringe, or sew on labels, you're welcome to join us! If you have been knitting shawls, or would like to knit shawls or participate in the process, please email Sheila Bennett at sheilabennett@optonline.net. Sheila will be coordinating a meeting in the coming weeks.

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

Sunday, November 6: Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night!

Monday, November 7: The Thanksgiving Shop is Open! You will find glassware, dishes, tablecloths, napkins and decorations for your Thanksgiving table. See 50% off items for the week on line at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room .

Tuesday, November 8: Election Day. 50% off all merchandise when you wear a “I voted today” sticker.

Friday, November 11: Veteran’s Day. 50% off all merchandise.

Manager Leanne’s Wish List: Children’s winter clothing, Ladies winter handbags, jewelry and items for Thanksgiving.

Shop Hours: 10 - 5 pm Monday-Friday, and 10 - 1 pm Saturday.

Donations Hours: 9:30 - 4:30 pm Monday-Thursday, and 9:30 - 12:30 pm Friday and Saturday.

According to the Reclaim Campaign, East Africa and other areas are awash with second-hand items they receive from the US and other Western countries. Consequently they are rejecting all goods. Which brings us to The Rummage Room where those ‘used items’ are sold and the proceeds are sent to those in need . . . which makes everyone happy!



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