

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

**Harvest Sunday**  
**20 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 this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Harvest Sunday morning. Today we give thanks for all the ways God has blessed our lives and, in our gratitude, we gather food to share with those who are in need in our community. We are glad that you chose to be with us in song, prayer and thankfulness this morning.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

Let All Things Now Living

The First Church Orchestra

Arr. Stan Pethel (b. 1950)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

This Little Light of Mine

The Palmer Handbell Choir

Arr. Valerie Stephenson (b. 1943)

#### **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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;

**People:** we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**  
**and his courts with praise.**  
**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**All:** **For the LORD is good;**  
**his steadfast love endures forever,**  
**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

(Psalm 100)

### **CHORAL INTROIT**

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

The Cherub Choir  
Arr. Debbie and Sara Rahimtula  
Carol Woodman, director  
Debbie Berner, piano

### **\* HYMN**

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 4

### **GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**Generous God, we recognize that you are the source of all the good gifts in our lives. We worship you today with thankful hearts. We are grateful for the beauty and bounty of the world, and for all the joys and comforts of life. We are grateful for our homes and families, for our friends and the good will of persons near and far. We are grateful for the moments of love and joy which are given to us, and we praise you for all the ways your grace comes to us. Let us respond to your unfailing goodness with generous spirits, eager for the opportunity to serve. We ask these things in Jesus' name, whose prayer we pray saying,**

### **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 the Binney Conference Room.)

**MUSIC**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The First Church Orchestra

Arr. Stan Pethel

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

Jean Watkins

**Psalm 28: 6-9**

Blessed be the Lord,  
for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.  
The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts;  
so I am helped, and my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.  
The Lord is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
O save your people, and bless your heritage;  
be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

--New Revised Standard Version

**ANTHEM**

Christ the Lord, the Lord Most Glorious

The Children's Choir

Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)

Vance Briceland, piano

Kristen Bodenstein, trombone

Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious  
Now is come: O shout aloud!  
You through him are made victorious,  
Praise your Saviour, hail your God!

Praise the Lord, who comes to shine,  
Your Christ, the Son of Righteousness,  
He is come with love divine  
To Offer you God's pardoning grace.

Praise the Lord, God our salvation,

Every heart and every voice  
Praise with joy and jubilation  
Hallelujah, sing, rejoice!

## SECOND LESSON

### Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

--New Revised Standard Version

## ANTHEM

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

The Chancel Choir  
Arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Hark, I hear the harps eternal  
Ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters  
With their deep and solemn roar.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, praise the lamb!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, though stained with sorrow,  
Fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters,

To the city far away. (Refrain)

Souls have crossed before me, saintly,  
To that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly  
In the mansions of the blest. (Refrain)

### **SERMON**

Give Thanks Always

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

### **ANTHEM**

Jesus Loves Me

The Children's Choir  
The Youth Choir  
The Chancel Choir  
Arr. Joel Raney (b. 1956)

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Patrick Collins

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

Mary Fike

At this time, you are invited to come forward with your offerings as well as your donations of food.

### **HARVEST OFFERING**

We Gather Together	Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 21
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies	Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 440
Now Thank We All Our God	New Century (black) Hymnal 419
This Is My Song	New Century (black) Hymnal 591

### **\* 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**

### **\* BENEDICTION**

## \* CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE**  
Festive Intrada

The Palmer Handbell Choir  
Cynthia Dobrinski (b. 1950)

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The Chancel Committee thanks Pam Grunow  
for decorating the Harvest Table.

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: [www.fccog.org](http://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.

## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### TODAY

#### **Church School**

Today is Harvest Sunday when we all worship together. There is Child Care for babies and toddlers. Next Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday in Advent. At the appropriate time in the service, we will gather for an all age event in the Daniels Center for advent wreath making and other related activities.

## **H.O.M.E. Craft Sale**

Today between 11 and 1 pm is your last chance to buy gifts and other handmade items from crafters in Maine. The folks from H.O.M.E. Coop in Orland Maine bring a wide array of artisan goods and food products from rural Maine. This traditional Fall event features handmade quilts, Christmas decorations and gifts, woolens, pottery, wooden toys, weavings, homemade jams, maple syrup, and more from rural Hancock County.

## **UPCOMING**

### **Christmas Tree Sale: Proceeds Benefit Charities!**

Join the fun and volunteer to help sell trees, wreaths and kissing balls! There are fun jobs for all ages and abilities, including cashiering and selling wreaths and garlands! Sign up to volunteer at coffee hour or go to the [www.FCCOG.org](http://www.FCCOG.org) website and click the blue button labeled "Christmas tree sale volunteer signup". Get a group of friends together and help for a 2 hours shift! Encourage (or bribe) your teens and college kids to help unload trees on Saturday November 26 from 8:00 to 9:00 am. Free donuts, coffee and hot chocolate! We also have jobs that don't require lugging trees.

Tell your friends! The sale starts Saturday Nov. 26 at 9:00 am.

Award-winning New Hampshire Fraser and Balsam Fir Trees cut fresh! Only 3 weekends: Saturday/Sunday November 26/27, December 3/4, December 10/11. Saturdays 9:00 am to 6:30 pm, Sundays 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### **First Church Giving Trees**

Please sign up to purchase a Christmas gift for those living at H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment), the non-profit organization that supports low-income and homeless families in Orland Maine, or for those living at Pilgrim Towers, a senior residential community in Stamford. Giving Trees are outside of the auditorium. Wrapped gifts are due back to the church by December 4th. Thank you!

### **Advent Craft Workshop**

Next Sunday, November 27 is our annual Advent Craft Workshop from 2 – 4 PM in the Daniels Center. This very popular event has many options for making your own gifts and decorations. This year



we have made an effort to have something for adults as well. Let's make this truly intergenerational and join the fun! See you next Sunday!

### **First Church Christmas Party**

Please join us for a joyous evening of food and fun on Saturday, December 10th at Zody's 19th Hole, 451 Stillwater Ave., Stamford from 6 to 9 pm. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes wine, beer and soda and generous hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP by December 3rd. Visit FCCOG.org for reservations and payment or contact Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org) or Prill Meyer at [prillmeyer@optonline.net](mailto:prillmeyer@optonline.net) or call the church office. See you there!

### **Women's Fellowship Board Expansion**

Women's Fellowship is seeking to expand our Board leadership to relieve outgoing President Annette Bergh. The group generally meets once per month and meeting times can be flexible. Meetings involve updates and discussion on programs & ongoing activities as well as updates from the Rummage Room and the Women's Fellowship Outreach Committee, which allocates the proceeds from the Rummage Room. If you are interested, please contact Laura Erickson at (203) 698-3267.

### **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](mailto:sheilabennett@optonline.net). Sheila will be coordinating a meeting in the coming weeks.

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

**Monday, November 14:** See Manager Leanne's 50% off sales at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/).

**Wish List for the Week:** Children's winter coats, jewelry, handbags.

**Saturday, November 19:** Volunteers needed to set up 'Christmas Shoppe' at 1:00 pm. Call or see Leanne Meyer to volunteer: 203-637-1875.

**Monday, November 21:** The Rummage Room's 'Christmas Shoppe' opens at 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, November 24:** Happy Turkey Day!

**Friday and Saturday, November 25-26:** 50% all merchandise except Christmas items.

**Saturday, December 10:** Last day to leave donations until Monday, January 2, 2017!

**Shop Hours:** 10 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday, & 10 am-1:00 pm Saturday.

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

**Thought for Thanksgiving:** Dear God: We want to take a minute, not to ask for anything from you, but simply to say thank you for all we have! THANK YOU!

**Next Week at First Church**

**Sunday, November 27**

**First Sunday in Advent**

Rev. Avery Manchester, preaching

Music by The Palmer Handbell Choir

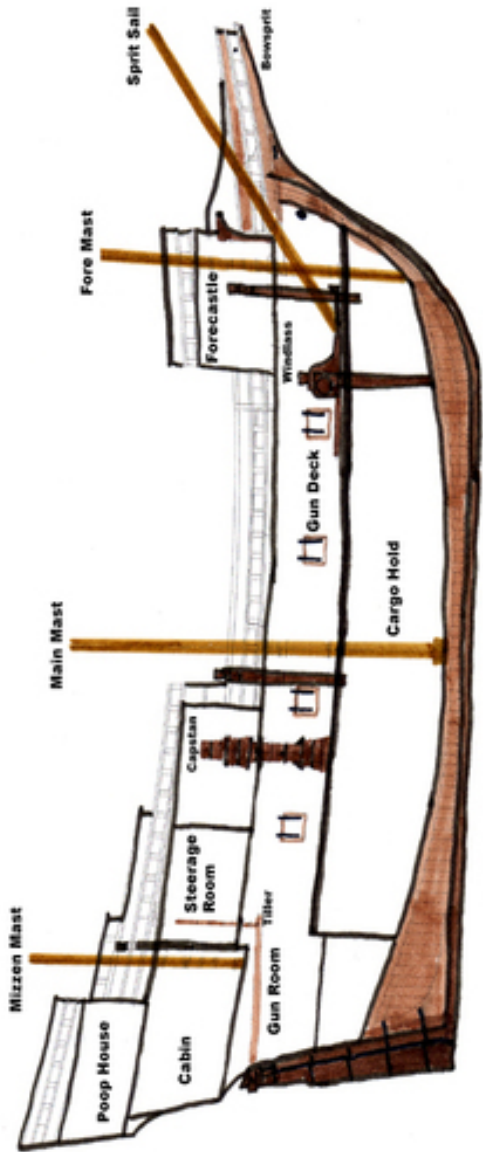
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Arr. Douglas Wagner)

Music by The Chancel Choir

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come (Paul Manz)

Watchmen Tell Us of the Night (Alan Hovhaness)

Thomas Woodman, bass



Inside The Mayflower



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