

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

21 January 2018

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 Sunday morning. Please join us after worship for our Community Hour in the auditorium.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Grave and Allegro

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
John Russell, oboe

CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Rev. Patrick Collins

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelu, Hallelu

Cherub Choir
Traditional
Carol Woodman, director
Debbie Berner, piano

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Patrick Collins

Leader: God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

People: But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

Leader: God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

People: Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore.

Leader: They left their families and jobs to follow Jesus.

People: Lord, give us the courage to follow you all of our lives.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

New Century (black) hymnal 55

UNISON PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us, to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

(Children now go to Church School. Kindergarten and 1st graders, to the Preschool Red Door; 2nd to the Gold Door (downstairs), 4th and 5th graders stay in the Lounge. 3rd graders to the Rainbow Door (Room 104 at the end of the stairs on the way to the preschool). 6th graders to Patrick's Office on the 3rd floor and 7th & 8th graders go to the Woodman Youth Room.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Virginia Richards

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a

three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

—New Revised Standard Edition

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

—New Revised Standard Edition

SERMON

Hidden Figures

Rev. Patrick Collins

*** HYMN**

You Have Come to the Lakeshore New Century (black) hymnal 173

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

I Waited for the Lord

The Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Carolyn Paulus, Carol Woodman, sopranos

I waited for the Lord,

He inclined unto me,

He heard my complaint.

O blest are they that hope and trust in Him.

*** 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**

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us New Century (black) hymnal 583

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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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.

A Note to Parents

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, do not feel you have to suppress it during worship. The presence of children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." At First Church we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the church, and to one another. To the members of our congregation, please

know that a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

For those who are interested, we do have child care available for babies and toddlers every Sunday, for the entirety of the church service, in the preschool classrooms.

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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

TODAY

Church School

Regular Church School classes resume today after the Children's Message. Hold these dates for upcoming events:

January 28th - Intergenerational Faith Formation breakfast at 9 am in the auditorium

January 28th - 2nd graders and their parents meet together to prepare for communion. Older children who have not had an opportunity to attend a communion class are also welcome to attend this class with their parents.

February 4 - 2nd graders and older children will participate together in communion with their parents and the congregation

February 4 - 4th and 5th graders will cook chili for the soup kitchen. Parents are needed to help. We will cook in the Daniels Center kitchen starting at 10 am.

Blood Pressure Screening

Ros Brady, RN, a volunteer from the Wellness Committee, will be available for blood pressure screenings during community hour in the Auditorium following today's worship service.

Choir Rehearsals

The following choirs will meet today in their normal places/times:

- Children's Choir: Music Room (3rd floor) 11:15-12:00
- Youth Choir: Choir Room (3rd floor) 11:15-12:15

New Members Wanted: Come Learn About First Church!

Our next New Member class will be held today, Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 11:15 AM in the Senior Pastor's office. It will last approximately two hours and will include lunch. During the class, prospective new members will have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and to learn more about our church and meet the clergy as well as staff. Attending does not obligate you to join but we hope that this time together will strengthen you on the journey of faith. New members will be received on Sunday, January 28th. Child care will be provided at both times. Please feel welcome to join us

UPCOMING

Nights Off Cooking Soup

The Women's Fellowship evening group, Nights Off, will be gathering at the home of Ginny Breismeister on Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 pm. We will be making soup for the Women's Fellowship Souper Bowl Soup Sale. We will have all the ingredients for the soup. Please bring your beverage of choice and perhaps an appetizer to share. RSVPs appreciated to Ginny Breismeister at ginbreis@optonline.net .

Announcing the 2018 "Souper Bowl" Sunday Soup Sale

Calling all cooks! It's time to show-off your soup-making skills once again by volunteering to make and donate a quart (or quarts) of soup to this year's annual "Souper Bowl Sunday" soup sale to benefit the FCCOG Women's Fellowship! The sale will take place in the auditorium on Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and quarts homemade of soup will be sold for \$10 each. Please sign up to donate in the church office or after church in the auditorium for the next several Sundays. Restaurant-style food containers will be available for pick-up starting this Sunday after church in the auditorium. This annual event has proven to be an easy, inexpensive and popular way to contribute to the community for both those who love to cook and those who love to eat! Please contact Jenny Gartner

at jenniferhgartner@gmail.com or Sue Wilder at swilder102@gmail.com for more information.

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, January 22, 2018: See 50% off merchandise for sale at www.fccog.org/the-rummage-room/. You will find good winter clothing for adults and children, plus ski clothing.

Mgr. Leanne's Wish List: Valentine items, handbags, jewelry, spring clothing.

Tax Slips: Pick up your tax slip for claiming donations during 2017. Only one needed per year.

Shopping Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 to 5 and 10 to 1 Saturday.

Donation Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 & Saturday 10 to 12:30.

Has the winter gotten you down? Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a songbird will come.--Old Chinese Proverb.

Caregivers Support Group

Please join us for the Caregivers Support Group for those who currently are, recently have been, or no longer are, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information, and receive emotional support and comfort from others in similar situations. The group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in the Binney Conference Room. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, is the group facilitator. For more information, please call Dorothy at (203) 588-9896, or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com .

**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, January 28**

Rev. Richard. S. DenUyl, Jr., preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir
Seek ye the Lord—J. V. Roberts
Drew Seigla, tenor



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