

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

1 February 2015

10 o'clock in the morning

*"Love is the motive, but justice is the instrument."  
~ Reinhold Niebuhr*



*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.*



**W**elcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. May the welcome we extend to you, and the joy we trust you will find here in Word and Music, be of inspiration, comfort and challenge for you as we face the living of these days. May God's presence in our Worship and in our lives become more real and vital because of this time we spend together.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*\*All who are able please stand.*

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ*

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

### **PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN**

*Let Us With a Joyful Mind*

New Century (black) Hymnal 16

**OPENING PRAYER**

O Thou whose eye is over all the children of the earth, and who has called them by your Prince of Peace into a kingdom not of this world: send forth his spirit speedily into the dark places of our guilt and woe, and arm it with the piercing power of your grace. May it reach the heart of every oppression, and make

arrogance dumb before you. Let it still the noise of our strife and the tumult of the people; put to shame the false idols of every mind; carry faith to the doubting, hope to the fearful, strength to the weak, light to the mourner; and more and more increase the pure in heart who see their God. Commit your word, O Lord, to the lips of faithful men and women, or the free winds of your invisible Providence; that soon the knowledge of you may cover the earth as waters cover the channels of the deep. And so let your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Let us now pray the prayer Jesus 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.

### ANTHEM

*Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep*

*The Children's Choir*  
Richard DeLong (1951-1994)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director  
Vance Briceland, piano

*Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,  
keep us all, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy power withstand,  
none can pluck us from thy hand.*

*Loving Savior, thou didst give  
thine own life that we might live,  
bought with blood and bought for thee,  
thine, and only thine, we'd be.*

*We would praise thee every day,  
gladly all thy will obey,  
like thy blessed ones above  
happy in thy precious love.*

*Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
teach us all thy voice to hear,  
suffer not our steps to stray  
from the straight and narrow way.*

*Where thou leadest we would go,  
walking in thy steps below,  
till before our Father's throne  
we shall know as we are known.*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go, My Children (to the tune All Through the Night)*

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.*

*(As we begin singing Go, My Children, the children and teachers will go to the Daniels Center – which is on the lower level of the building; please ask for directions if needed – for their Rotation Workshops.)*

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

*Stephanie Woodman*

#### 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19, 20

The boy Samuel was serving God under Eli's direction. This was at a time when the revelation of God was rarely heard or seen. One night Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad—he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of God, where the Chest of God rested.

Then God called out, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Yes? I'm here." Then he ran to Eli saying, "I heard you call. Here I am." Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." And so he did.

God called again, “Samuel, Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, “I heard you call. Here I am.” Again Eli said, “Son, I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” (This all happened before Samuel knew God for himself. It was before the revelation of God had been given to him personally.)

God called again, “Samuel!”—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, “Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am.” That’s when it dawned on Eli that God was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, “Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, ‘Speak, God. I’m your servant, ready to listen.’” Samuel returned to his bed.

Then God came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, “Samuel! Samuel!” Samuel answered, “Speak. I’m your servant, ready to listen.”

Samuel grew up. God was with him, and Samuel’s prophetic record was flawless. Everyone in Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, recognized that Samuel was the real thing—a true prophet of God.

From *The Message*

## ANTHEM

*The Name Above All*

*The Chancel Choir*

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

*Though in the form of God, Christ claimed no equality with God,  
But made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant.*

*Bearing human likeness, he shared the human lot.*

*Therefore God has exalted him, giving him the name above all  
names: that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every  
tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
father. Amen.*

## SECOND LESSON

*Carolyn Paulus*

### John 1:43-46

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. When he got there, he ran across Philip and said, “Come, follow me.” (Philip’s hometown was Bethsaida, the same as Andrew and Peter.)

Philip went and found Nathanael and told him, “We’ve found the One Moses wrote of in the Law, the One preached by the prophets. It’s *Jesus*, Joseph’s son, the one from Nazareth!” Nathanael said, “Nazareth? You’ve got to be kidding.” But Philip said, “Come, see for yourself.”  
From *The Message*

\* HYMN

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

New Century (black) Hymnal 306

SERMON

*You Call Me?*

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Great Peace Have They*

*Hanna Golodinskii, soprano*  
James H. Rogers (1857-1940)

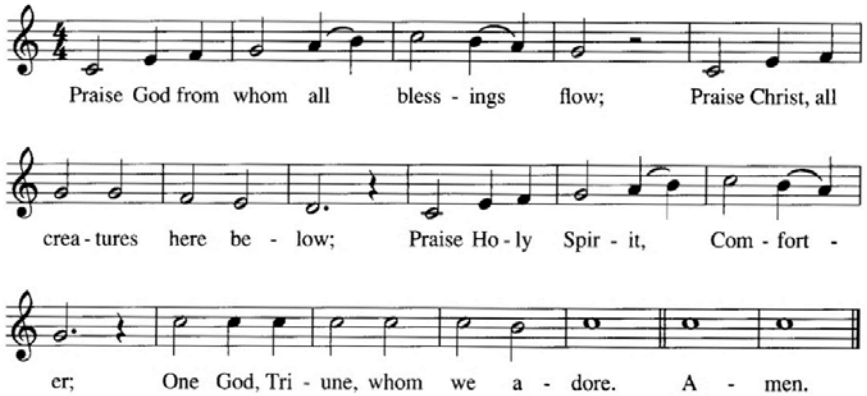
*Great peace have they which keep Thy commandments,  
great peace have they which love Thy law,  
And nothing shall offend them nor make them afraid.*

*Peace have they which keep Thy commandments,  
great peace have they which love Thy law,  
for they shall see Thy kingdom, and dwell in peace with Thee.*

*I longed for Thy salvation, and love Thy commandments;  
Make Thy face to shine on Thy servant,  
and teach me, Lord, to do Thy will.*

*Thy word is my delight, and Thy strength is my fortress.  
Peace have they which keep Thy commandments,  
great peace have they which love Thy law.*

\*DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all  
crea- tures here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort -  
er; One God, Tri - une, whom we a - dore. A - men.

\*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 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 until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

\* HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

New Century (black) Hymnal 400

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*March*

G. F. Handel

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*Directly following the service, Rev. Manchester will remain at the front of the Sanctuary to be available to anyone who needs, or knows of someone who needs, pastoral care.*

*Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Auditorium following the worship service.*

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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. On Church School Sundays we also have a class for 3 and 4 year olds during the entire 10:00 am service. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care or Church School.

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.

*Calendar*

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TODAY

### Church School

Today we begin our second series of Rotation workshops. Our Bible story is "Joseph and his Brothers," including the special coat his father, Jacob, gave him and the dreams Joseph shared with his family. This series will include workshops in Storytelling/Drama, Crafts/Genealogy and Science, including Numerology and Astronomy. The "678" class will be cooking chili for the Soup



Kitchen. The Confirmation class will meet with Mark in the Lounge.

### **Bible Study Returns**

Please join us as Bible Study returns today at 11:20 am in the Lounge. All are welcome.

### **Parish Nurse**

Sue Asselin, R.N. is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations in Room 203 following today's Worship Service.

### **Choir Rehearsals**

Choir rehearsals today are: Cherub Choir from 11:15 to 11:45 am in Room 104, Children's Choir from 11:15 am to 12 Noon in Room 303 (Craig's office) and Youth Choir from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm in the Choir Room.

### **"Souper Bowl Sunday" Annual Soup Sale**

TODAY is our "Souper Bowl Sunday" Soup Sale in the Auditorium! Quarts of soup, chili or stew are being sold for \$10 each from 11:00 am–1:00 pm (or as long as supplies last!). All proceeds will go to support Women's Fellowship projects.



### ***Sunday Afternoons Live* Starts this Afternoon!**

The winter season of our *First Music and Arts Series* kicks off with the ever-popular *Sunday Afternoons Live* starting today at 4:00 pm and continuing each Sunday afternoon in February in the acoustical splendor of our Auditorium. Admission is \$20 per person and light refreshments will be served. Tickets are available at the door and all school-aged youth are free. Join us **TODAY for the rededication of the Victor Borge Steinway with pianist, Andrew Armstrong.** Other upcoming concerts in February are:

- **February 8:** *The Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra* with violinist Krystof Witek, violist David Cresswell, cellist Daniel Miller, and pianist Andrew Gordon.
- **February 15:** *Songs of the Heart* with harpist, Wendy Kerner, vocalists Steve Magnuson and Marjorie Donalds, and pianist Joe Mennonna.

- **February 22:** *Asylum Quartet* with four classically-trained saxophonists, Joseph Abad, Tony Speranza, Max Schwimmer, and Andrew Barnhart.

For more information about any of these programs, visit the church website: [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org).

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## THIS WEEK

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The FCCOG Wellness and Women's Fellowship Committees are co-hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive this *Saturday, February 7* from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. This community event is made complete with



deviled eggs and live piano music. To schedule an appointment to give blood, please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE. Also, please contact Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse (ext. 21) if you'd like to volunteer to play piano for a one-hour shift or bring a refreshment. Thank you for reaching out and being God's hands by helping others.

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## NEXT WEEK

### Nights Off Women's Group Valentine's Day Party

Our *Nights Off* Women's Group will be meeting *Monday, February 16* for a Valentine's Day Party at the home of Kathy Riley. We will meet at 6:30 pm for a light dinner. Please bring an appetizer to share and whatever you would like to drink. Also, please bring something sweet to be donated to the food pantry (cookies, box of brownie or cake mix, etc.). We will also be playing Valentine's Day Jeopardy. All are welcome! Please join us and bring a friend along. If you have questions or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Shirley Flierl at [fbtworld@aol.com](mailto:fbtworld@aol.com). See you there!

### Ash Wednesday Meditation Service

Join us on *Wednesday, February 18* for an Ash Wednesday Meditation Service at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse. There will be imposition of ashes and an optional meditation. The Meetinghouse will remain open for all until 10:00 pm so please stop by.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

## Stewardship Pledge 'Thank You' Party

Join us on *Saturday, February 21* at 5:00 pm in the Auditorium for some music, wine and hor d'oeuvres. There is no agenda for this gathering other than to say, "Thank You!" to all of our members and friends who support First Congregational Church with your time, talents, and treasures. RSVP to [barbaraw@fccog.org](mailto:barbaraw@fccog.org), call 203-637-1791 or sign up at Fellowship Hour.

## News from The Rummage Room

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

**Monday, February 2:** Manager Maria's 50% off sale on selected items through Saturday, February 7.

**Monday February 9 through February 14:** 50% off all Valentine's clothing and items and everything the color **RED**.

**Saturday, February 14:** Happy Valentine's Day! Love does no wrong to anyone, and that is why we give and shop at The Rummage Room.

**Monday, February 16:** President's Day sale with 50% off everything in 'The Best Little Shop in Old Greenwich.'

**Mon, Feb 23-Wed, Feb 25:** Storewide Winter Clearance Sale!

**Thurs, Fri and Sat, February 26-28:** Maria's famous bag sales!

**March 2:** The Shop opens at 1:00 pm with both preowned and new things for spring!

**Maria's Wish List:** Spring clothing, St. Patrick's Day items, jewelry, strollers, bikes.

**Shopping Hours:** 10 am-5 pm Mon-Fri & 10 am-1 pm Saturday.

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

*Hate is always wrong and love is always right.* Remembering Auschwitz on the Anniversary of the Nazi Death Camp Liberation (1/27/45-1/27/15).

## Tai Chi Classes

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Drop-ins welcome.

## Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection

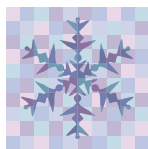
Please don't forget those in need. Items especially needed at this time include: Cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter (regular sized jars please) and jelly. **Also, sheets and towels are always needed.**

*Next Week at First Congregational Church*  
10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse  
February 8, 2015

Music by:  
The Chancel Choir:  
*How Lovely are the Messengers* by Felix Mendelssohn  
Drew Seigla, tenor:  
*The Holy City* by A. F. Gaul  
*Rev. Richard DenUyl, preaching*

Where to find us:

[www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)  
[YouTube](#), [Instagram](#)



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