

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## Transfiguration Sunday

15 February 2015

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.*



**W**e warmly welcome you to worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Presidents' Day weekend. In our time together this morning, may you feel the extravagant welcome of our Church Family and the deep healing and renewing love of God.

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### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

*Eugene Sirotkine, guest organist/director*

CALL TO COMMUNITY

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

### PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rosemary Lamie*

*Leader: The Glory of God transfigures the everyday!*

*People: The light of God transfigures familiar faces.*

*Leader: At the heights of our worship, may God's presence shine through the commonplace.*

*People: At the depths of our pain and struggle, may God's presence give us courage and peace.*

*All: May God's beauty, shining in the face of Christ, illumine all our days!*

\* HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 7

OPENING PRAYER

Radiant God, source of light,

as you surrounded Jesus with your glory,

so you come to us in penetrating brightness.

You catch us off guard and expose our weakness.

We choose the limelight while you call us to explore the shadows and brighten the darkness.

We seek the spectacular while you bind up the broken in countless acts of mercy.

We seek to stay on the mountain or in a comfortable pew while you walk to the valleys of need.

Radiant God, fill us with light and courage to carry good news into all the corners of the world and to bring back the joy of your presence, as we pray the words 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.

*(As we begin singing "Go, My Children," the children and teachers will go to Room 104 and enjoy some video stories of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Coat." Room 104 is on the lower level of the building; please ask for directions if needed.)*

## 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.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Car Westbrook*

### Exodus 34:29-35

**M**oses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses,

the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

From *New Revised Standard Version*

## ANTHEM

*The Chancel Choir*

*My Eyes for Beauty Pine*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddess grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.*

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at

Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

From *New Revised Standard Version*

\* HYMN

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

New Century (black) Hymnal 433

SERMON

*A Theology of Beauty*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

\* HYMN

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

New Century (black) Hymnal 182

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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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.*

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

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Catherine G. Weigner by her husband, Arthur C. Weigner, and sons, Stephen A. and Ronald C. Weigner.

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 is a Service Sunday when we have a one room, multi-age classroom with a special program. Rotation continues next Sunday.

## Bible Study

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

## Blood Pressure Screening

Betsy Kreuter, PT, a volunteer from the Wellness Committee, is available to perform blood pressure screenings in Room 203 following today's worship service.

## Choir Rehearsals

There are no choir rehearsals today. They will resume next Sunday.

## *Sunday Afternoons Live* Continues this Afternoon!

The winter season of our *First Music and Arts Series* continues with the ever-popular *Sunday Afternoons Live* 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 *Songs of the Heart* with harpist, Wendy Kerner, vocalists Steve Magnuson and Marjorie Donalds, and pianist Joe Mennonna. The Concert series ends next Sunday, February 22 with *Asylum Quartet*. For more information about either of these programs, visit the church website: [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org).



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## THIS WEEK

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

Our *Nights Off* Women's Group will be meeting tomorrow, *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 brownies 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.



## Stewardship Pledge ‘Thank You’ Party – RSVP TODAY

Join us on *Saturday, February 21* at 5:00 pm in the Auditorium for some music, wine and hors 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. Note: This is an adult-only event. Please contact [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org) if you need the name of a babysitter.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### *The Mask You Live In* Film Screening

First Congregational Church is partnering with the Greenwich YWCA and The Junior League of Greenwich to present a new documentary film by Jennifer Siebel Newsome, director of *Miss Representation*. *The Mask You Live In* is an exploration of young American masculinity and asks the question, “Are we failing our boys?” One-time-only showing on **Tuesday, March 3** (inclement weather date: March 31) at Bow Tie Criterion Cinemas, 2 Railroad Ave., Greenwich. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$10 in advance at <http://www.ywcagreenwich.org/events/womens-leadership-seminars>, \$15 at the door. \$5 for 18 and under (film not suitable for children under 13 years).

### News from The Rummage Room

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

**Monday, February 16:** In Celebration of President's Day, *everything* 50% off - One Day Only.

**Monday, February 23-Wednesday February 25:** To make way for Spring - WINTER CLEARANCE SALES - 50% off *everything*.

**Thursday, February 26:** 1st day of Manager Maria's 'Famous' Bag Sale ... *each bag \$12.*

**Friday, February 27:** 2nd day of Bag Sale ... *each bag \$8*

**Saturday, February 28:** 3rd Day of Bag Sale ... *each bag \$1.*

**Maria's Wish List:** Spring clothing for adults and children; shoes, handbags; jewelry, Spring hats, St. Patrick's Day items and clothing. *To our Donors:* We thank you for bringing in *only* clean, salable items. It greatly lessens the work of separating the 'good' from the 'not so good.'

**Shop Hours:** 10:00 am-5:00 pm Mon-Fri & 10:00 am-1:00 pm Sat.

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

**Thought for President's Day:** *Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world, must FIRST come to pass in the heart of America.*

*-President Dwight David Eisenhower.*

### **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 are canned meats, such as Spam, chili, etc.** Tuna is not needed at this time. Other items 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 22, 2015*

Music by:

The Chancel Choir:

*The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*

by John Rutter; *Peter Russell, clarinet*

*This is Thy Temple* by Richard Shephard

*Rev. Mark Montgomery, preaching*

Where to find us:

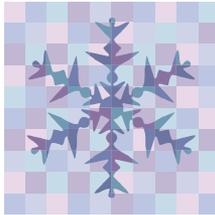
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## *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*

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