

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## The Second Sunday after Epiphany

17 January 2016

10 o'clock in the morning



*Turning Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana,  
Gallego Fernando (1480-1488)*

*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. As we settle into the cold reality of mid-winter, we are glad that you have taken time to refresh your soul in the inspiring embrace of our Sunday morning service. We invite you to relax and let God's healing Spirit renew your heart for living the extraordinary gift of life.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*\*All who are able please stand.*

**PRELUDE**

*Litany*

*Jon Hunt, guest organist/director*

Charles Callahan

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

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

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK**

*Harlan Reynolds*

**CALL TO THE 345<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

### **PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

*Leader: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.*

*People: Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.*

*Leader: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.*

*People: Let us give thanks and praise to the God who makes all things new!*

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \*HYMN

*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

New Century (black) Hymnal 459

### OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, it is in our lives that we become aware of your life. It is in the rhythms of the world that we hear your pulse, your breathing, your footsteps. We have built this house of worship not as a vault to contain you, rather as a reminder that the whole world is your sanctuary. We gather here not because this is the only place we find you, but because here we are reminded to look for you on the sidewalks we pass, in the sky and the sea and the land which embrace us. But even more than this, in the eyes we meet, the hands we hold and the human stories we tell and hear. Great God who makes all things new, it is in our everyday ordinary lives that we sense your extraordinary life. All praise and thanks to you, in the name of your son who taught us to 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.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Rev. Meghan D. Young*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Jesus Loves Me*

(As we begin singing, the Church School children and teachers will leave for the Daniels Center with Rosemary.)

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.*

*Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

FIRST LESSON

*Jean Watkins*

### **Psalm 104:1-15**

**B**less the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.  
From *New Revised Standard Version*

ANTHEM

*The Chancel Choir*  
Jay Thomas

*Joys are Flowing Like a River*

*Joys are flowing like a river,  
Since the Comforter has come;  
Christ abides with us forever,  
Makes the trusting heart a home.*

*Bringing life and health and gladness,  
All around this heav'nly Guest;  
Banished unbelief and sadness,  
Changed our weariness to rest.*

*Like the rain that falls from heaven,  
Like the sunlight from the sky,  
So the Spirit too is given,  
Comes upon us from on high.*

*See a fruitful field is growing,  
Blessed fruit of righteousness  
And the streams of life  
Are flowing in the lonely wilderness.*

*What a wonderful salvation,  
Where we always see Christ's face!  
What a peaceful habitation!  
What a quiet resting-place!*

SECOND LESSON

**John 2:1-11**

**O**n the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus

said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

From *New Revised Standard Version*

**\* HYMN**

*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

New Century (black) Hymnal 55

**SERMON**

*Earthy, Nutty Religion*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

*Pam Grunow*

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

*Ride On, King Jesus*

*Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano*

Arr. Hall Johnson

**\*DOXOLOGY**

New Century (black) Hymnal 776

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures  
Here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom  
we adore. Amen. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

### \* HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

New Century (black) Hymnal 76

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters

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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 memory of George J. Helmer III by Robyn Helmer, Heidi Hood Helmer, and George J. Helmer IV.

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.

*Calendar*

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TODAY

## Church School

Today our children will gather as one group in the Daniels Center where we will consider the peacemaking legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and those who influenced him. We will identify ways we can be peacemakers in our own lives. Ask your children about what they heard. Children 3 and 4 years old are welcome in the Preschool Blue Door Child Care Room. Five to eleven year olds gather in the Daniels Center. Twelve year olds and older are invited to be helpers in the Daniels Center. Next week we will continue our special area of exploration depending on the grade your child is in.

## Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, R.N. is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations during Fellowship Hour following today's service.

## Foreign Currency at First Church

Come see the foreign money accumulated over the years from our offering plates at Fellowship Hour this morning. Most is available free (donations accepted). We do hope to receive market value for the 1921 Morgan silver dollar and to have a traveler buy our British and Canadian money. Be sure to stop by.

## Second Hour: Refugee Crisis

Join us **today** following worship in the Daniels Center for a refugee info session. Come learn more about the refugee crisis and what it would take for First Church to co-sponsor a refugee family. This is purely informational at this time. Based on interest and resources, we will discern, at a later date, whether this is a commitment we are called to make. Please join us.

## "Souper Bowl Sunday" Soup Sale – Sign up Today!

Get your soup recipes ready to donate to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Fellowship Soup Sale being held on *Sunday, February 7*. Please sign up **today** during Fellowship Hour to donate soup or anytime in the Church Office (instructions and containers are there as well). Quarts of soup, chili or stew will be sold on February 7 from 11:00 am–1:00 pm (or as long as supplies last!) in the Auditorium. All proceeds go to support Women's Fellowship projects. (Note: Ingredients to make the soups are tax deductible.) For more



information call Sue McCalley at 203-273-6526 or email [smccalley1@gmail.com](mailto:smccalley1@gmail.com) (please note that this is a new contact email address and that is the #1 after Sue's name).

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## THIS WEEK

### *Nights Off Women's Group Gathering*

The first gathering of the *Nights Off Women's Group* in 2016 is **tomorrow, Monday, January 18** at 6:30 pm at the home of Ginny Breismeister. All are welcome as we gather to make soup for the annual "Souper Bowl Sunday" Soup Sale being held on February 7. Lots of hands will make this a fast and fun project, so please join us and bring a friend. We promise lots of laughs and fun conversation! Also, please bring an appetizer to share and whatever you would like to drink. And, then mark your calendars for our annual Valentine's Day celebration on *Monday, February 15*. With questions, please contact Shirley Flierl at [FBTWorld@aol.com](mailto:FBTWorld@aol.com).

### *Annual Women's Fellowship Tea*

Be sure to join us for the annual Women's Fellowship Tea **this Wednesday, January 20** at 3:30 pm in the Auditorium. Come and enjoy tea, good company and a presentation about women in the history of First Church with our very own church historian, Pat Larrabee. This is not to be missed! All are welcome!

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## NEXT WEEK

### *Interested in Learning About Joining the Church?*

Our next **New Member Class** will be held next *Sunday, January 24* at 11:30 am in the Senior Pastor's office. It will last approximately an hour and a half 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. 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 then be received on Sunday, January 31. Child care will be provided at both times. Please feel welcome to join us. If you are planning to attend, or you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org) or 637-1791 x 26.



## Youth Fundraiser Talent Show Tickets on Sale Now!

Join us on *Saturday, January 30* at 7:00 pm or *Sunday, January 31* at 2:00 pm, to see the many talents of the FCCOG community! It'll



be a great show full of song, dance, and food! All proceeds go to benefit the SPF (Senior Pilgrim Fellowship) mission trip to the Appalachia Service Project. Appalachia Service works to eradicate poverty in Central Appalachia by assisting those in substandard housing in one of the poorest counties in the nation. Come enjoy the show and help us help others! Tickets on sale now at Fellowship Hour on Sundays and in the Church Office during the week. Tickets \$15; children under 12 \$10; family ticket max \$50. Dessert and snacks will be served at the conclusion of the show.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

**\*The Church Office will be closed tomorrow,  
*Monday, January 18* for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day\***

### Call to the 345<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The 345<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT, is hereby called for *Sunday, January 31, 2016*, immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse:

- *To hear and act upon the annual reports of the pastors, officers and committees;*
- *To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers for the coming year;*
- *To adopt the budget for 2016;*
- *To act upon the recommendations of the College and University Loan Fund (CULF);*
- *To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.*

### Summer at Silver Lake

Silver Lake Summer Program sign up has begun. Go to [www.silverlake.org](http://www.silverlake.org). Some conferences fill up very quickly, so, if you

know you want to go and what you want to do, sign up today! There are brochures available in the Church Office.

### Save These Upcoming Dates

**Sundays, February 7-March 20:** Bible Study returns! 11:15 am in the Daniels Center. We will be discussing *Things Hidden* by Richard Rohr. Copies available in the Church Office. A great and inspirational study.

**Saturday, February 6:** Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Wellness Committee and Women's Fellowship, 8:15 am-1:15 pm.

**Sunday, February 7:** "Souper Bowl Sunday" Annual Soup Sale, 11 am-1 pm in the Auditorium.

**Sunday, February 7:** First performance of this season's *Sunday Afternoons Live*, 4:00 pm, Trident Ensemble – *Hidden Song*.

*More details about all of these events are available on our website at [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org), in the January issue of the Meetinghouse Monthly and "to come" in future Sunday bulletins.*



Trident Ensemble

### News from The Rummage Room 191 Sound Beach Avenue

**Monday, January 18, 2016:** The Rummage Room will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a 50% off everything sale.

**Tuesday, January 19-Saturday, January 23:** Visit [www.fccog.org/the-rummage-room/](http://www.fccog.org/the-rummage-room/) to see the weekly sale items.

**Manager Leanne's Wish List for January:** Valentine's Day clothing and decorations; handbags; jewelry; bric-a-brac.

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

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

**Mission Objective:** Proceeds from The Rummage Room are distributed by the Allocations Committee of the Women's Fellowship to women, children's and family organizations in CT and throughout the world. Well over 5 million dollars has been given to these organizations over the years.

**Thought for Each Day:** *Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles. Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances. Courage breeds creativity; Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it. Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks*

*the question, is it right? And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right.* ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

### 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 are welcome.

### Neighbor – Neighbor –

#### Food Collection Barrel in Entrance to the Church

Please don't forget those in need this winter. **Items especially needed are dry beans (kidney, garbanzo, etc.)** Also, cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, sheets & towels. Tuna is **not** needed.

### Where to find us:

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

[YouTube](#), [Instagram](#)



### *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*

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