

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## The Third Sunday after Epiphany

24 January 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.*



**W**elcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Worship is always at the heart of who we are as a church and we are glad that you are here to share the inspiration of music, word and prayer. May your spirit be refreshed in our time together 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**

Two Hymn Tunes

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano*

Arr. Greg Bottomley

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

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

*Rev. Meghan D. Young*

#### **FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK**

*Elaine Teeters*

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

*Kathy McLennan*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Parker Freeman, Confirmand*

*Leader: People of God, look about and see  
the faces of those we know and love -*

*People: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers -  
a community of kindred hearts.*

*Leader: People of God, look about and see  
the faces of those we hardly know -*

*People: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,  
the ones who need an outstretched hand.*

*Leader: People of God, look about and see  
all the images of God assembled here.*

*People: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.*

*Leader: People of God, come.*

*People: Let us worship together.*

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \*HYMN

*Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling*

New Century (black) Hymnal 67

### OPENING PRAYER

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

God of love, take hold of us in this act of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love, infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving; simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound; in which all are accepted and no one rejected; love that never ends. Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever as we pray together in the name and spirit of Jesus, saying together the words he gives 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.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Jesus Loves Me*

(As we begin singing, the Church School children and teachers will leave for their classrooms 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

Betsy Kreuter

#### Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*The Bible is full of sermons, prophetic speeches, and prescriptions about how worship of God should take place; it is relatively rare to get a picture in the scriptures about how worship actually takes place.*

*Here we witness Ezra and Nehemiah preside over a community in severe conflict, as they attempt to rebuild Jerusalem and restore Judah as a worshipping community.*

### \* HYMN

*God, We Thank You for Our People*

New Century (black) Hymnal 376

### SECOND LESSON

Sue McCalley

#### Luke 4:14-21

*Jesus begins his ministry and returns to his hometown of Nazareth. He joins in the synagogue worship, rising to read the scriptures, turning a well-respected prophetic passage upside down. The people are amazed at first, but by the end of the day they will reject him.*

### SERMON

*Making a Mess, Meeting God*

Rev. Meghan D. Young

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

## RESPONDING TO GOD

### CALL TO OFFERING

Eric Schless

### OFFERTORY

*Kumbaya*

*The Chancel Choir*

Arr. Paul Sjolund

### \*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

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

New Century (black) Hymnal 495

FAREWELL TO NANCY AND CHUCK MCCONNELL

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*The Chancel Choir*

POSTLUDE

*Postlude-Cantique*

Theodore Dubois

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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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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.

### Church School

Today we will continue our special lessons on Prayer (Kindergarten and 1st grade), Communion (2nd grade) and some history of Congregationalism, FCCOG and the UCC (4th and 5th grades). The 2nd grade parents will meet with Rosemary and Meghan in the Green Door Preschool Room to discuss Communion. The “678” class will begin a new exciting project that we will all benefit from when they are done in a few weeks. Next week they are cooking chili for the Soup Kitchen. 3’s and 4’s and the 3rd grade all have their own special lessons to learn!

### Parish Nurse

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

### Interested in Learning About Joining the Church?

Join us at our **New Member Class** *today* 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 next Sunday, January 31. Child care provided at both times. Please feel welcome to join us.



### 2015 Annual Reports Available this Week

2015 Annual Reports will be available in the Church Office starting *Wednesday, January 27*, if you would like to see one prior to the Annual Meeting next Sunday.

### “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).



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## THIS WEEK

### 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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## NEXT WEEK

### 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.*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Save These Upcoming Dates

**POSTPONED:** The **Red Cross Blood Drive** that was to be held on February 6 is canceled and will be rescheduled in April.

**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.

**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 25:** 50% off selected merchandise. 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; St. Patrick’s Day clothing and decorations; good bric-a-brac; handbags; jewelry and everything spring.

**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.

**This past week we said goodbye to Nancy McConnell**, a Tuesday afternoon volunteer at The Rummage Room for many years. Nancy served as President of the Women’s Fellowship, Chairperson of The Rummage Room, negotiated the rent for the building where The Rummage Room is located for many years, and, most recently, was in charge of The Rummage Room’s very successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Celebration in October of 2014. We are indeed grateful for her 35 years of volunteerism. Nancy and her husband, Chuck, will be moving to Williamsburg, VA in the first part of February.

### **Summer at Silver Lake**

Silver Lake Summer Program sign up has begun. Go to [www.silverlake.org](http://www.silverlake.org). There are brochures available in the Church Office.

### **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 to 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:

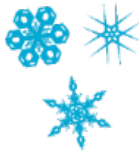
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