

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## Youth Sunday

8 March 2015

10 o'clock in the morning



*12th century Venetian mosaic  
depiction of Noah sending the dove*

*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.*



**O**n this day God has made, we welcome you to this service of worship, thanksgiving, prayer and praise at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. This morning our youth will lead us during the service. May this time together be filled with blessing and hope for you in your journey.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

### **PRAISING GOD**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* (verses 1 and 2)

New Century (black) Hymnal 173

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We have seen waters cover the land and name you as a God who destroys.**

Remind us that you've shared the world with us.

**We've seen waters take life and call you a God who is far away.**

Remind us that you are in the life-giving waters of our baptism.

**We have polluted the waters and don't know what to do.**

Remind us that you have gifted us with creative, problem-solving minds.

**We see dried-up riverbeds and long for renewal.**

Temper our consumption so that waters may flow again.

**We see you, Oh God, in all of creation and within ourselves but fear the responsibility to which this vision calls us.**

Take away our fear. Enliven us. Restore us. Enable us.

*All: May your healing waters flow through us and make us new.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 513

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without  
end. Amen. Amen.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Quinn Marie Duffy,*

*daughter of Elizabeth Orum Duffy and J. Timothy Duffy*

### BAPTISM PRAYER *(in unison)*

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on **Quinn** that you will watch over her and guide her as she grows in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit. All of this we pray as Jesus taught us 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.

### BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

*Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
With this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.*

### ANTHEM

*Hold On, Noah!*

*The Youth Choir*  
Mark Cabaniss and Ruth Elaine Schram  
*Carolyn Paulus, Director*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### THE STORY OF NOAH TOLD AGAIN

#### A SCRIPTURE READING FROM MATTHEW 24:36-44

“**B**ut about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

#### \* HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 29

#### SERMON

*Melanie Pfetsch, Olivia Hartwell, Peter Russell, Mark Montgomery*

## RESPONDING TO GOD

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### CALL TO OFFERING

*Lenten Offering Appeal*

*Tim Hughes*

#### OFFERTORY SOLO

*Hallelujah*

*Daniel Lepoutre, soloist*

Leonard Cohen

**\*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**

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (verses 1-4) Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 66

**\*BENEDICTION**

**ANTHEM**

*Total Praise*

*The Youth Choir*  
Richard Smallwood, arranged by Doreen Rao

**POSTLUDE**

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*Musicians:*

*Vance Briceland, piano; Tod Hedrick, bass; Peter Hohmeister, percussion*

*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 celebration of the baptism of Quinn Marie Duffy by her parents, Elizabeth Orum Duffy and J. Timothy Duffy.

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.

**Save the Date!**

**Church Town Hall Meeting**  
*Sunday, March 22*  
(following 10:00 am worship)

First Church will be 350 years old in May 2015! To celebrate and honor this milestone, the 350th Anniversary Committee is planning a year-long series of events, activities and programs. Come hear about the plans and be part of this exciting year in the life of our church.

*Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present,  
Leaning into the Future.*

*Calendar*

**TODAY**

**Church School**

Today is Youth Sunday and because this is always a special worship service, our Kindergarten and older classes will be in worship for the entire service. Rotation workshops resume next Sunday, March 15.

**Choir Rehearsals**

Choir rehearsals today are: Cherub Choir from 11:15 to 11:45 am in Room 104 and Children's Choir from 11:15 am to 12 Noon in Room 303 (Craig's office). There is no Youth Choir rehearsal today.

## Second Hour – Palliative Care Presentation

Join us **TODAY** for a Second Hour Presentation on *Palliative Care Perspectives* from 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the Lounge.

Dr. Donna Coletti, MD and Director of Greenwich Hospital's Palliative Care Department will discuss the principles behind palliative care, and give an overview of the program in place at Greenwich Hospital.

Palliative care focuses on quality of life and comfort, rather than a cure at all costs. Dr. Coletti will explain the nuances of palliative care and dispel some of the myths associated with this philosophy of care.

There will also be time for Dr. Coletti to answer questions from attendees.



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### THIS WEEK

#### CPR and AED Refresher Classes

This *Saturday, March 14*, Greenwich EMS instructors will review CPR, including the use of the defibrillator. This class is for individuals who are already certified in CPR, such as those who took the full certification class in March of 2014. For those who took the

American Heart Association CPR course in 2014, your certification is good for 2 years. This non-mandatory class provides an excellent opportunity for review and hands-on practice. For individuals who have received their certification elsewhere, this provides an opportunity to familiarize yourself with our equipment. The class is offered at 2 times that morning: **9:00-10:00 am or 10:30-11:30 am**. To sign up for a class or ask questions, please stop in to see Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse, in Room 203 or call her at ext. 21.



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### NEXT WEEK

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

Our next **New Member Class** will be held next *Sunday, March 15* at 11:20 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 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, March 22. 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 or call the Church Office.



### Stop Hunger Now Project – March 15

Join us after worship next *Sunday, March 15* in the Daniels Center and volunteer for our meal packaging event. “From your hands to their tummies. Stop Hunger Now!” For more info, call Mark Montgomery at 203-637-1791 ext. 15.



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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### \* Do You Have a Favorite Hymn? Share it with us! \*

Many folks have asked to sing a favorite hymn of theirs over the past few months, so we came up with a new way to help get your favorite hymn in the service. **When you sign the red attendance pad, put your favorite hymn on the line under your name** (hymnal and hymn number) and we will include it in worship, where appropriate, beginning after Easter. The hymn will be designated in the bulletin by “CC” after the hymn, which means “Congregational Choice.”

### Hats Off Book Discussion Group

Our *Hats Off* book study group has chosen *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese for its third winter read. Please join us Thursday mornings 10:00-11:30 am in the Lounge. Reserve your book at our Greenwich Libraries or order one from Jean Bruder, 203-661-1685.

### *The Mask You Live In* Film Screening Rescheduled for March 31

First Congregational Church and First Church Preschool are 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?” This one-time-only showing was rescheduled due to inclement weather and is now on *Tuesday, 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-](http://www.ywcagreenwich.org/events/womens-leadership-seminars/mask-live-movie-screening/)

[leadership-seminars/mask-live-movie-screening/](http://www.ywcagreenwich.org/events/womens-leadership-seminars/mask-live-movie-screening/); \$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, March 2-Saturday, March 7:** Our Reopening Week theme of “Everything Spring” was very successful!

**Sunday, March 8:** *Daylight Saving Time* begins today!!

**Monday, March 9:** The Rummage Room continues to receive quality Spring apparel from our donors...come in & see what’s ‘new.’

**Tuesday, March 17:** St. Patrick’s Day – 50% off everything **green** for the day.

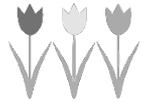
**Friday, March 20: First Day of Spring!!** In case you have forgotten, the word “spring” is defined as that time of year which causes those who have suffered from serious winter fatigue to suddenly jump up and down with joy...to leapfrog in a forward motion...and to raise their arms upward to the heavens, praising the Lord for the sun and the heavenly warmth they feel on their faces!

**Manager Maria's Wish List:** Good jewelry; good handbags; Easter clothing and donations; bric-a-brac; strollers; bikes; men’s ties.

**Shop Hours:** 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday & 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday.

**Donation Hours:** 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday & 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday. Thank you for donating only clean, salable goods.

**A Thought for Spring:** *Never think that God’s delays are God’s denials. Hold on, hold fast, hold out ... the patience for spring to come is an act of faith that will be well rewarded.*



### 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, and jelly. Sheets and towels are always needed.

*Next Week at First Congregational Church*

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**

*March 15, 2015*

*Girl Scout Sunday*

**Music by:**

**The Chancel Choir**

*Create In Me a Clean Heart* by Daniel Gawthrop

*Eugen Sirotkine, guest director/organist*

**Rev. Mark Montgomery, preaching**

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