

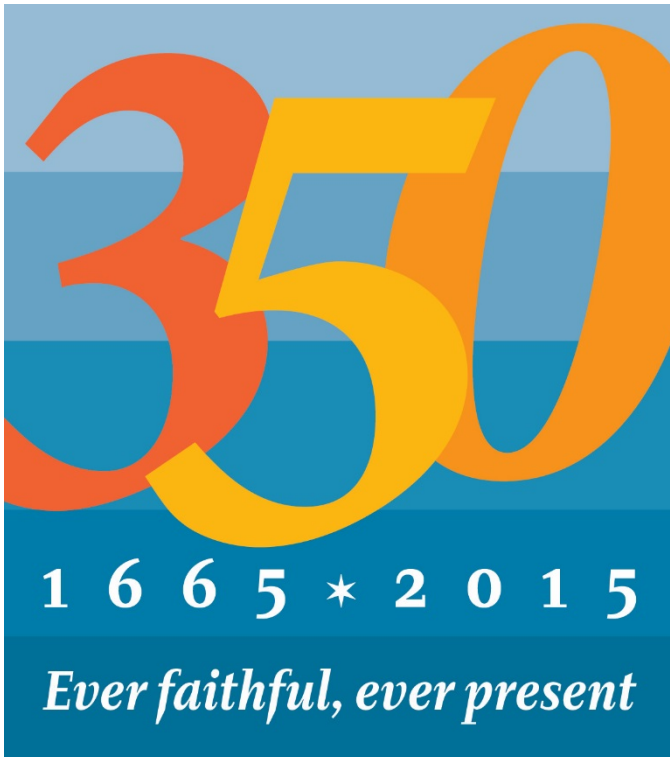
*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

Music & Friendship Sunday
Opening Celebration of 350th Anniversary
10 May 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.*



We welcome you to this special worship service at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich this morning as we celebrate our music ministry and the church's milestone 350 years.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Ostinato from Suite Antique
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano
John Rutter
Mary Fike, flute

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.
Please sign and pass the red book.

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACKS

Pat Larrabee, Church Historian

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Pat Mendelsohn, Chair of 350th Anniversary Committee

PROCLAMATION

Mike Bocchino, State Representative

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN**

The Spacious Firmament on High (from Noye's Fludde)

Benjamin Britten

Choirs sing:

*The spacious firmament on high,
with all the blue ethereal sky,
and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
their great Original proclaim.*

*The unwearied sun from day to day
doth his Creator's power display;*

*and publishes to every land
the work of an almighty hand.*

*Soon as the evening shades prevail,
the moon takes up the wondrous tale,
and nightly to the listening earth
repeats the story of her birth;*

*whilst all the stars that round her burn,
and all the planets, in their turn,
confirm the tidings, as they roll
and spread the truth from pole to pole.*

Congregation stands and sings:

3 What though in sol - lemn si - lence all move
In rea - son's ear they all re - joice, and

6 round the dark ter - res - trial ball; what though no re - al
ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice; for - ev - er sing - ing

voice nor sound a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found.
as they shine, "The hand that made us is Di - vine." A - men.

UNISON PRAYER

Elaine Teeters, Senior Deacon

God of our present and our future,
as we gather here today we look for hope.

The future is uncertain, we wonder what it will bring.
Fill us with a vision for what we could be.

Give us hope for our congregation and our community.
Help us find the choices that lead to life in abundance.

God of hope, in a time of uncertainty we so often fall into fear
and worry.

Show us the opportunities in our chaotic world, remind us to consider seriously where our priorities and loyalties lie,

push us to see how our choices matter, and then fill us with hope in a new heaven and a new earth.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as people, not only of faith, but of hope.

May we share your hope and promise with the world in which we live. Amen.

SOLO

The Lord's Prayer

Drew Seigla, tenor

Albert Malotte

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation (verses 1 & 4)

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 260

SOLO

Let It Sing

Juwan Crawley, tenor

Jeanine Tesori

A RESPONSIVE PSALM

Choirs: Praise the Lord.

Left: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Right: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Men: Praise him with the sound of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Women: praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

Choirs: praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

The Cherub Choir

Donald Haviland, director

Debbie Berner, piano

SOLO *Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano*
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Arr. Paul Halley

ANTHEM *The Youth Choir*
Slow Down Edwin Childs
Carolyn Paulus, director
Vance Briceland, piano

*HYMN
Blessed Assurance (verses 1 & 3)
New Century (black) Hymnal 473

ANTHEM *The Palmer Handbell Choir*
Fairest Lord Jesus Arr. Dan R. Edwards

ANTHEM *The Children's Choir*
Cantate Michael Bedford
Craig Symons, director
Vance Briceland, piano

SOLO *Hanna Golodinskii, soprano*
Give Me Jesus Arr. Moses Hogan

*HYMN
Amazing Grace (verses 1, 4, 5)
New Century (black) Hymnal 547

ANTHEM *The Palmer Handbell Choir*
Joyful Peal Michael Bedford

SOLO *Thomas Woodman, bass*
Deep River Arr. Joe Utterback

CALL TO OFFERING *David Alfano, Chair of Board of Trustees*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Chancel Choir*
My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord Moses Hogan

***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**

***HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (verses 1 & 4)

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 8

ANTHEM

Freedom Trilogy

The Chancel and Youth Choirs

Paul Halley

Justine Rosales, alto

Vance Briceland, organ

Rob Cosgrove, Lusha Anthony, Angel Lau, percussion

Kevin Schmidt, bass

Sung in memory of Alvin L. Wachsman

BENEDICTION

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Chancel Choir

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In

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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.

Following worship, please join us in the Memory Garden for strawberries, croissants, and whipped cream, served to you by the Music Committee.

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given and in loving memory of Dorothy and Frank Crabill by their daughter, Linda Dowling.

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. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

There are no Church School classes today but child care is still available.

Choir Rehearsals

There are no choir rehearsals today.

Last Chance to Buy Annual Quilt Raffle Tickets!

Tickets for the 45th Annual Quilt Raffle are available for purchase today at **\$5 each**. The drawing will take place at the *Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 13* at noon. You do not need to be present to win. This year's quilt is a full-sized vintage cross stitch, *Colonial Plymouth* (r) **Tickets are will be sold during Fellowship Hour today, in the Church Office and an order form is included in the**



May Meetinghouse Monthly. All proceeds are donated to support charitable organizations that benefit women, children and families.

THIS WEEK

Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting & Luncheon

The Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting/Luncheon is being held this *Wednesday, May 13*, at 11:30 am in the Auditorium. The annual Quilt Raffle will take place at Noon followed by lunch. Our program this year will acknowledge the 350th anniversary of First Church and will feature local historian, Missy Wolfe, author of the book, *Insubordinate Spirit: A True Story of Life and Loss in Earliest America 1610-1665*, who will give a fascinating oral history of Old Greenwich. Missy has lived most of her life in Greenwich. Her research focuses on the history of Greenwich in the 1600's. She has an MBA from Columbia University, an associate's degree in design and is a certified appraiser from New York University. Reservations by check for **\$10/person** are a MUST and must be left in the Church Office by **TODAY**. Please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship, Att: Annual Meeting. We regret that we cannot accommodate reservations by phone, walk-ins, or reservations without payment.



Old Greenwich History Tour

The Town of Greenwich is sponsoring neighborhood tours as part of its anniversary celebration. The Old Greenwich tour kicks off this



event at First Church at 10:00 am on *Saturday, May 16* in the Meetinghouse.

There will be a slide show and discussion of all historical points of interest followed by a tour of our town history-related stained glass windows and people of note in our main cemetery. We'll also have a handout of a map of all of these sites in Old Greenwich which you can drive by on your own. No need to sign up, just come on by!

NEXT WEEK

Brenda Stiers Memorial Lecture Series Begins

The first in a series of lectures in The Rev. Dr. Brenda J. Stiers Memorial Speaker Series begins on *Sunday, May 17* at 6:00 pm with

a presentation by Dr. Maryan Ainsworth, Curator of European Paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (and First Church member), followed by a wine and cheese reception. View more details on our website at www.fccog.org.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Nights Off Women's Group in May

The *Nights Off* Women's Group will not be meeting in May. Instead, all women of the church are encouraged to attend the Women's Fellowship annual luncheon this *Wednesday, May 13*. See more details in this bulletin under "This Week." *Nights Off* will be gathering again in June.

Come Join First Church at the Memorial Day Parade!

First Church is going on the road ... along Sound Beach Avenue, that is! We want the whole town to know about our 350th Anniversary so we're creating an amazing, historical float for the Memorial Day Parade on *Monday, May 25*. Our Music Director, Craig Symons, will be on the keyboard and singers of all ages in costumes reflecting our long history will be singing popular and familiar hymns. More Church members will walk alongside the float handing out "goodies." To be part of the fun, please get in touch with Judy Gordon at 203-637-8575 or gordoog@aol.com. There's something for everyone – builders, singers, walkers, and, of course, viewers. Join us!



Caregivers Support Group at FCCOG

We are pleased to announce the start of a Caregivers Support Group for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group will offer a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort from others in similar situations. The group will meet on **the first Sunday of the month, beginning June 7, from 11:15 am–12:00 pm in Room 103**. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, will be the group facilitator. For more information, please call Dorothy at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

News from The Rummage Room
191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Sunday, May 10: *Happy Mother's Day.* Blessed are those who snuggle and hug, boast and brag, for they shall be called 'Mother.'

Monday, May 11: Maria's 50% off sale items for the week can be found on the website: www.fccg.org/about-us/the-rummage.

Wednesday, May 13: Women's Fellowship Luncheon at 11:30 am. The Annual Quilt raffle will take place at 12:00 noon.

Monday, May 25: The Rummage Room will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Manager Maria's Wish List: Dresses/accessories for May and June weddings and proms; summer clothing; Radio Flyer red wagon; double strollers; children's violin & guitar; children's & adult's bikes.

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.

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." Our thanks to the 2014-2015 Rummage Room Committee: Chairperson, Marsha Livingston; Erna Olson; Susan Tedford; Lynda Elliot; Prill Meyer; Persis Alden; Janet Blasberg; Tommy Starkweather; Lynn Robertson; Ginny Breismeister; Maria Drieghe; and President of The Women's Fellowship, Anne Pfetsch, for their leadership in continuing to raise funds for women's and children's causes throughout the world.

Tai Chi Classes

TRY IT OUT! Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises. Classes are held on **Wed** at 8 am and **Thurs** at 9 am. Only \$10 per class. Drop-ins are 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. Also, cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, sheets & towels.

Next Week at First Congregational Church
10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
May 17, 2015
Confirmation Sunday

Music by:
The Youth Choir
Here Am I, Lord by John Purifoy
The Chancel Choir
Grow in Grace by Malcolm Archer

Rev. Mark Montgomery, preaching

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