

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

All Saints Sunday
1 November 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.*



Welcome to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich.
Thanks for joining us this morning. We are a congregation of open minds and open arms where everyone is welcome. Thank you for joining us on this day of celebration of “all Saints and all Souls.”

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Before the Image of a Saint

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK

Pat Geismar

STEWARDSHIP – *What’s My Why?*

Rick Woodman

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eliza Keller, Confirmand

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

People: Some of them are living. Others have completed their physical lives here on earth.

Leader: Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

People: But all have shaken our being – all have been examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.

All: We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God’s creation!

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN**

For All the Saints

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 306

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Rev. Meghan D. Young

Patient Lord, it is sometimes so easy for us to overlook the many ways in which those who went before us have witnessed to your love. Forgive us, when we get so caught up in our own problems that we do not take time to remember the mighty deeds and loving acts of your beloved people. Help us be truly thankful for all that they have done to make this church a special place where all are welcomed, nurtured, and challenged to serve in your world. Prepare us for bold, creative service in the present for the future. All of this we pray in Christ's name and we pray as he 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.

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.*

(During the Congregational Response, Church School children and teachers will leave for their classrooms. Children in second grade and older will leave independently. Children in kindergarten and first grade will meet their teachers at the back of the Meetinghouse (narthex) and will go to their classrooms as a group.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Bobbie Hopkins

Psalm 31:21-24

Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege.

I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help. Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Bright Canaan

The Chancel Choir

Arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

*O who will come and go with me,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.
I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.*

*O Canaan, bright Canaan,
I'm bound for the land of Canaan.
O Canaan, it is my happy home,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.*

*I'll join with them who've gone before,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.
Where sin and sorrows are no more,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.*

*Our songs of praise shall fill the skies,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.
And higher still our joys they rise,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.*

SECOND LESSON

Joe McBride

Hebrews 11, 12 (selected verses)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

From New Revised Standard Version

*HYMN

O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 310

“THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES”

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Dick Peebles

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Flight Song

The Chancel Choir

Kim Andre Arnesen (b. 1980)

Vance Briceland, piano

*All we are, we have found in song.
You have drawn this song from us.
Songs of lives unfolding fly overhead,
cry overhead:
longing, rising from the song within.*

*Moving like the rise and fall of wings,
hands that shape our calling voice
on the edge of answers you've heard our cry,
you've known our cry:
music's fierce compassion flows from you.*

*The night is restless with the sounds we hear,
is broken, shaken by the cries of pain:
for this is music's inner voice,
saying we, we hear you, all you who cry aloud,
and we will fly, answering you:
so our lives sing, sing, wild we will fly,
wild in spirit we will fly.*

*Like a feather falling from the wing,
fragile as a human voice, afraid, uncertain,
alive to love, we sing as love,
afraid, uncertain,
yet our flight begins as song.*

(Text by Euan Tait)

*DOXOLOGY

New Century (black) Hymnal 779

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (gluten-free) as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup (grape juice) until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Beau Soir

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

(Sung in French)

*When the rivers are rosy in the setting sun,
And a warm shiver runs over the wheat fields,
Advice to be happy seems to rise up from things
And climb toward the troubled heart.*

*Advice to taste the charm of being in the world
While one is young and the evening is beautiful,
For we are going away, as this stream goes away:
The stream to the sea, we to the grave.*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN

O Savior, for the Saints

New Century (black) Hymnal 298

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postludio Festivo

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

A special thank you to Pat Larrabee who researched and wrote
“*The Great Cloud of Witnesses*” biographies in today’s service.

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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.*

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. 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

Today many of our classes will begin their Rotation Workshops on
the Ten Commandments. The “678” class will stay in the service for

the confirmands' presentations and Communion. A special thank you to the families who were able to go to Pilgrim Towers. Our hosts just love it when we visit!

Cherub, Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal

Cherub Choir (grades K-2): Room 104 (Lower Level), 11:30 am–12:00 pm - Donald Haviland, director.

Children's Choir (grades 3-6): Note New Location: Green Door Classroom in the Preschool (Lower Level), 11:15 am-12:00 pm - Craig Symons, director.

Youth Choir (grades 7-12): Meetinghouse, 1:15 am-12:15 pm - Carolyn Paulus, director.

Caregivers Support Group TODAY

Our Caregivers Support Group is meeting **today** from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm in the **Senior Pastor's Office** (note the change of venue for this month only). This group, which meets the first Sunday of each month, is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister is the group facilitator and can be reached for more info at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK

Bible Study is Back!

Starting next **Sunday, November 8** and continuing through Sunday, December 6, Bible Study returns for a 5 week session. All are welcome! The group will meet in the Daniels Center (lower level) at 11:20 am following worship and Fellowship. Led by Rev. Avery Manchester.

Another First Church Day at Neighbor to Neighbor

A First Church Day at Neighbor to Neighbor is not just for Church School! All church members are encouraged to join us on **Saturday, November 14** as we volunteer in the Clothing Room and the Food Pantry, usually in two shifts 8:30–10:30 am or 10:30 am to 12:30

pm. Since Neighbor to Neighbor has a policy of 12 year olds and older covering these operations, we have come up with an activity for our younger children who also want to be involved in Community Service. Neighbor to Neighbor will have a room available to us that day so that we can make Thanksgiving crafts to be included in the food packages that are distributed to the Neighbor to Neighbor clients for Thanksgiving. To sign up for either The Clothing Room, The Food Pantry or Craft Making, please email RosemaryL@fccog.org.

Brenda Stiers Memorial Speaker Series Continues

Join us on *Saturday, November 14* at 5:00 pm in the Meetinghouse for the next in the Brenda Stiers Memorial Speaker Series. Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President, Union Theological Seminary and Dr. Robert Johnson, President, Institute for New Economic Thinking will present, *Prophets & Profits, Economics and Theology in Today's World*. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the Auditorium. Rev. Dr. Serene Jones will then be our guest preacher on Sunday, November 15 during our 10:00 am worship service.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Nights Off Women's Group Gathering

The next meeting of the *Nights Off* Women's Group is **Monday, November 16** at 6:30 pm at the home of Barbara Norrgard. All are welcome to join us and bring a friend! At this gathering we will be doing a community service "bag" activity. More info will follow. Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Questions, please contact Shirley Flierl at fbtworld@aol.com and put "Nights Off" in the subject line.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue

Sunday, November 1: Daylight Saving Time ended this morning. Hope you turned your clocks back!

Monday, November 2: It's time to think Thanksgiving. The Rummage Room has glassware, dishes, tablecloths, napkins and decorations...everything but the turkey! To see special 50% off sales for the week visit www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

Tuesday, November 3: *Election Day.* 50% off everything for everyone wearing their “I Voted Today” sticker.

Wednesday, November 11: *Veteran’s Day.* 50% off all merchandise for the day.

Monday, November 23: The ‘Best Little Christmas Shoppe in Town’ opens at 1:00 pm.

Manager Leanne’s Wish List: Thanksgiving and Christmas items and decorations. Needed: volunteers to work a couple of hours through the holiday season. Call Manager Leanne at 203-637-1875.

Shopping Hours: 10 am-5 pm Mon-Fri, and 10 am-1 pm on Sat.

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

Thought for the Week: *God gave us music so that we might pray without words.*

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

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

Next Week at First Congregational Church

November 8, 2015

10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse

Music by:

Ray Guier, French horn

The Chancel Choir

I Dream a World by Andre Thomas

The Youth Choir

Flying Free by Don Besig

Rev. Meghan Young, preaching

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Do We Have Your Correct Email Address?



In this age of technology, it's very important to be able to stay in touch with as many people in our congregation as possible via email. Our weekly Friday email tells you all about what's coming up on Sunday and keeps you up to date with goings-on at the church and with our congregation. You don't want to miss out on these important communications.

PLEASE make sure that we have the most **current** email address for you and your family. Email Barb Wilkov at barbaraw@fccog.org to keep your communications up to date.

THIS WEDNESDAY
GET YOUR SHOPPING STARTED AT THE

FIRST CHURCH PRESCHOOL
HOLIDAY
BOUTIQUE
AND SILENT AUCTION



and much, much more!!

DONT MISS PICTURES WITH SANTA!!

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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Director of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Youth Coordinator: Donald Haviland

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