

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*  
*Founded in 1665*

**4 February 2018**

**Youth Sunday**

10 o'clock in the morning



**Ushers/Greeters**

Lola Dellascenza  
Robbie Finch  
Elsa Ginste  
Darin Jacks  
Max Krueger  
Tessa Laffan  
Marcus Lotufo  
Gwyneth Mair  
Emma Pratt  
Tyler Quake  
Kylie Schneider  
Brian Smith  
Kate Wentworth  
Catherine Williams

**Communion Servers**

Victoria Bradford  
Bridget Condon  
Eliza Dow  
Will Grunow  
John Romano  
Benjamin Schinto  
Tessa Laffan

**Youth Choir**

Lola Dellascenza  
Parker Freeman  
Yevgeniya Golodinskii  
Tessa Kurtz  
Mariel Laffan  
Tessa Laffan  
Marcus Lotufo  
James Mair  
Thomas Mair  
Lauren Mickley  
Sarah Mickley  
Drew Mohn  
Elizabeth Mohn  
Emma Olmsted  
Olivia Pfetsch

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 this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Sunday morning. Please join us after worship for our Community Hour in the auditorium.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.  
\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

BackCountry Jazz

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

Rev. Patrick Collins

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

#### **TRIO**

Some Things Are Meant to Be (From 'Little Women') Jason Howland  
Lauren Mickley, Sarah Mickley, Tessa Kurtz

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Emma Olmsted

Leader: God be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that we may enter, and give thanks to God.

**People: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us. You have become our salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \* HYMN

This Is the Day

New Century (black) hymnal 84

### GATHERING PRAYER

Kendall Schroe

**This is the day that you have made, life-giving God. We join together with all of creation to celebrate, rejoice and be glad for this day. You take our endings and you make your new beginnings. Your surprise and astound us in places where we expected that you were absent. You challenge us to reconsider what is possible. The time for procrastination is over. The delay in declaring God's kingdom is through. This the day you have made. Let us seize the day.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

JQ Norrgard

#### **Luke 9: 57-62**

On the road someone asked if he could go along. "I'll go with you, wherever," he said.

Jesus was curt: "Are you ready to rough it? We're not staying in the best inns, you know." Jesus said to another, "Follow me."

He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please. I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral."

Jesus refused. "First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God's kingdom!"

Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you, Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home."

Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day." —The Message

**ANTHEM**

Seize the Day (from 'Newsies')

The Youth Choir  
Alan Menken  
Carolyn Paulus, director  
Vance Briceland, piano  
Tod Hedrick, bass  
Peter Hohmeister, drums

(4th and 5th graders should go now to the Daniels Center to cook chili for the Soup Kitchen.)

**SERMON**

Seize the Day

Yevgeniya Golodinskii & Drew Mohn

**\* HYMN**

When Minds & Bodies

Meet as One

New Century (black) hymnal 399

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Patrick Collins

**RESPONDING TO GOD****CALL TO OFFERING**

Mariel Laffan

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

You Walk with Me (from 'The Full Monty')

David Yazbek

**\* DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all  
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

We practice open Communion – all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to participate in the community of God’s people are welcome to receive Communion, including children of all ages, and regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation. All are welcome to the table of God.

We are pleased to share with great joy and thanksgiving this special communion meal with the following students: Grace Bomann - Lucy Bomann - Charlie Burton - Stephen Gettings - Linus Grabowski - Kareena Kumar - Leo McCullough - Sara Rahimtula - Charley Richards - Tommy Sahrbeck - Addy Shubert - Addison Stuckey - Rex Reeves

### **INVITATION**

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Today’s communion will be by intinction. Congregants are invited to come forward down the center aisle to one of the communion stations by the chancel, receive the bread (gluten-free), dip in the cup and partake. Those who need to stay in the pew should indicate their need to be served there to one of the ushers or greeters.

Someone will come to serve you.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

BackCountry Jazz

### **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.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

### **\* HYMN**

Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ New Century (black) hymnal 347

### **\* BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

BackCountry Jazz

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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.

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### **A Note to Parents**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, do not feel you have to suppress it during worship. The presence of children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." At First Church we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the church, and to one another. To the members of our congregation, please know that a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

For those who are interested, we do have child care available for babies and toddlers every Sunday, for the entirety of the church service, in the preschool classrooms.

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.

## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### TODAY

#### **Church School**

There are a few changes to the Church School schedule today. There are regular classes for the 3's & 4's (Purple door begins at 10 am). 2nd graders and a few 3rd graders are celebrating Communion with the congregation. 4th and 5th graders are cooking chili in the Daniels Center kitchen. All middle school students are in church.

Next Sunday, February 11 is a one room schoolhouse program. The following Sunday, February 11, all children will be in church with their families. Regular Church School resumes on February 25. Remember child care is available every Sunday.

#### **2018 "Souper Bowl" Sunday Soup Sale**

Be sure to stop by the annual "Souper Bowl Sunday" soup sale to benefit the FCCOG Women's Fellowship today! The sale will take place in the auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and quarts of homemade of soup will be sold for \$10 each.

#### **Parish Nurse**

Sue Asselin, RN will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations during Community Hour, following today's worship service. During the week, she is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 821.

#### **Choir Rehearsals**

The following choirs will meet today in their normal places/times:

- Cherub Choir: Rainbow Room (basement) 11:15-11:45
- Children's Choir: Music Room (3rd floor) 11:15-12:00

## UPCOMING

### News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

**Monday, February 5th:** Spring is coming! Valentine's Day is coming! St. Patrick's Day is coming! The famous Rummage Room Bag Sales begin! New spring clothing is coming!

**Mgr. Leanne's Wish List for February:** Valentine's & St. Patrick's Day decorations; clothing for the famous Rummage Room Bag Sales in Late February

**Shopping Hours:** Monday through Friday, 10 to 5 and 10 to 1 Saturday.

**Donation Hours:** Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 & Saturday 10 to 12:30.

**Thought for 2018:** "And in despair I bowed my head. There is no peace on earth, I said. For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace, on earth, goodwill to all. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: God is not dead, nor doth he sleep! The wrong shall fail and the right prevail, with peace on earth, goodwill to all." –Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

### Caregivers Support Group

Please join us for the Caregivers Support Group for those who currently are, recently have been, or no longer are, 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 from others in similar situations. The group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in the Binney Conference Room. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, is the group facilitator. For more information, please call Dorothy at (203) 588-9896, or email: [dorothymueller1@gmail.com](mailto:dorothymueller1@gmail.com).

**Next Week at First Church  
Sunday, February 11**

Rev. Avery C. Manchester, preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir  
Sing Praise to God—Lawrence Curry

Music by Drew Seigla, tenor  
Come Unto Christ—Sally DeFord





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