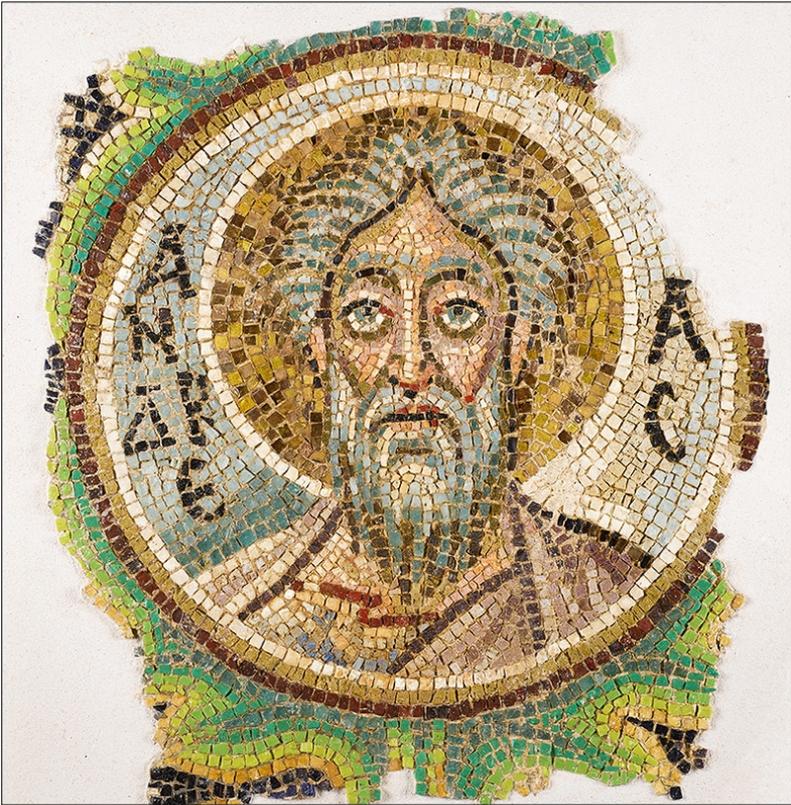


The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

22 July 2018
10 o'clock in the morning



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 Memory Garden.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

PRELUDE

Jon Hunt, guest organist/director

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Patrick Collins

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to see, to learn and to understand what it means to follow Jesus.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come with open hearts to experience God's presence.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to stretch ourselves, to seek wisdom and grow in love.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 363

GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, who, through your son, offered the disciples the invitation to “Come and See,” open our hearts to what you reveal and give us the courage to follow. Through your Spirit aid us in our journey, so that like Andrew, our words and deeds may stretch our limits and always point towards your redeeming power and eternal love. For those who are suffering, let us help them see you by being a source of comfort. For those who are hungry, let us help them see you through bread and nourishment. For those in the grip of despair, let us help them to see the eternal hope you offer. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Larrabee

John 1: 35-41

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).

– New Revised Standard Version

DUET

The Prayer

David Foster
Carol Woodman, soprano
Thomas Woodman, bass

SECOND LESSON

John 6: 1-10

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."
– New Revised Standard Version

SERMON

Stretching the Limits of Faith: The Faith and Doubts of Saint Andrew

Anthony Trujillo

*** HYMN**

Jesus, Still Lead On

New Century (black) hymnal 446

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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The Summer Choir
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

This sanctuary of my soul,

Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Unlatch'd and lit, if 'Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretch'd hands,
And list'ning ears Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
to Thy great service dedicate.
My soul, keep white, and whole.

*** 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**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*** HYMN**
Be Thou My Vision Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 391

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

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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.

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. For toddlers and preschoolers who stay in church, there is a PrayGround in front of the chapel with a rug and a few quiet play things. The first pew of the chapel is reserved for parents to supervise their children if you do not need to be on the rug with them. There are also additional children's books on the bookshelves near the back of the chapel.

Radio Ministry

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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

TODAY

Today's Guest Preacher Is Anthony Trujillo

A special thank you to Olga Hartwell for bringing us one of her colleagues at Yale to be our guest preacher. Anthony Trujillo is a student in the Master of Divinity program at Yale Divinity School (YDS) who is in the process to become an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His ministry attends to the complex religious histories of the United States and he seeks to imagine theological and interpretive strategies that affirm, indigenous lifeways. Please come to hear Anthony's inspiring message and give him a warm welcome to Old Greenwich and First Church.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. If our Community Hour is held outside, Sue will be in the Memory Garden. If held

inside, due to weather, Sue will be available in her office, to the right of the Auditorium stage.

UPCOMING

Beach Services Schedule

Future beach services by the Innis Arden Cottage are July 29, August 5, August 19, and September 2. Remember, you don't have to be a Greenwich resident to attend these services; simply tell the attendant at the entry point you're there for the church service. Don't forget to bring your beach chairs!

Special Children's Program at the Beach Service July 29

At our July 29 Beach Service, Susie Baker will be presenting a special children's program: Caring for God's Creation on the Long Island Sound. Susie is a retired teacher of Marine Biology & Oceanography, and Keeper of God's Creation. Some of you may have been taught by her at Greenwich High School and know how hard it was to get into her class. Well, we do not have that problem because we are blessed to have Susie in our congregation and to have her graciously and beautifully teach our children about God's creation on the beach at Tod's Point. Looking forward to seeing your children there on July 29th at 8am.

Photo's for New Online Directory

In these busy times, taking your own selfie is the best way to get your family together for this photo. Please upload your own selfie photo into the MyFirstChurch directory. You can find the instructions on the upper right-hand side of the FCCOG home page. The quicker pictures are taken and uploaded, the quicker the directory will be more useful to folks, especially as we transition to an interim senior pastor. These pictures are invaluable to new staff and church members as they learn names and faces, and are able to greet everyone at church events. If such technology is not your thing, you can contact Pat Larrabee at patlarrabee@hotmail.com to arrange for an appointment to have your photo taken. Please contact Sue Wilder at swilder102@gmail.com with any questions.

Summer Choir – All Are Welcome!

Please join us on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that morning. Head to the third floor, outside the choir room, to pick up the hymns, anthem, and bulletin, and a folder, then meet downstairs in the choir loft. Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship, and it also gives you a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 822).

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Our 50%-off items for the week can be seen at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

During the month of July, the Rummage Room will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 until 5 pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, it will open at 10 am and close at 1 pm through the remainder of July.

Specials for the week: 50% off – Men's and women's pants and shorts, Brick a brac, Framed art, Toys/games/puzzles, Lamps and lampshades, Books.

Mgr Leanne's famous bag sales in the month of August:

Thursday, August 2: All You Can Jam in a Bag for \$12

Friday, August 3: All You Can Stuff in a bag for \$8

Saturday, August 4: All You Can Cram in a Bag for \$1

Saturday, August 4: The Rummage Room will close at 1 pm for cleaning and repairs.

Tuesday, September 4 (the day after Labor Day): The Rummage Room will reopen for the 54th time in its history (1964-2018) at 10 am and close at 5 pm.

Wednesday, September 5: The Rummage Room will accept donations from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. Please do not leave donations while the Rummage Room is closed! There will be no one to process them and they will be collected as trash.

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.

**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, July 29**

Rev. Patrick Collins, preaching
Jon Hunt, guest organist/director

Music by the Summer Choir
Ave Verum Corpus—W. A. Mozart



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