

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 6, 2022
All Saints Sunday



Faith First. Love Always.

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 this day and are glad you made the choice to join us for this worship service. May it be a blessing to you.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



God puts the wiggle in children and calls it good... and so do we!

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 welcome children as they are in worship, we've created the **PrayGround**, located in the front of the chapel (right side of the Meetinghouse) where children and others can engage in worship through movement and prayerful play.

The **PrayGround** offers space for movement and sensory materials for all ages to worship with and through. The presence of all God's children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all.



SUPPORTING FIRST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row near the center aisle, then pass it back to the center aisle, noting the names of those worshipping near you so you may greet them at the end of worship.

CALL TO ANNUAL GIVING

PRELUDE

When in the hour of utmost need
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Steven Russell, guest organist/director

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We remember, O God...

All: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

One: We remember, O God...

All: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

One: We remember, O God...

All: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

All: *Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us worship God with joy!*

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

For All The Saints

Tune: Sine Nomine



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER (in Unison)

God of Abundance,

At the starting line of this day, we call on your name, God of grace. As we run the race you have set before us, help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own. When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage. When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory. Keep us from wanting to win at other's expense or to count ourselves better than those at our side. All runners are your children. In the race You imagine, each one is a winner. Amen.

ANTHEM

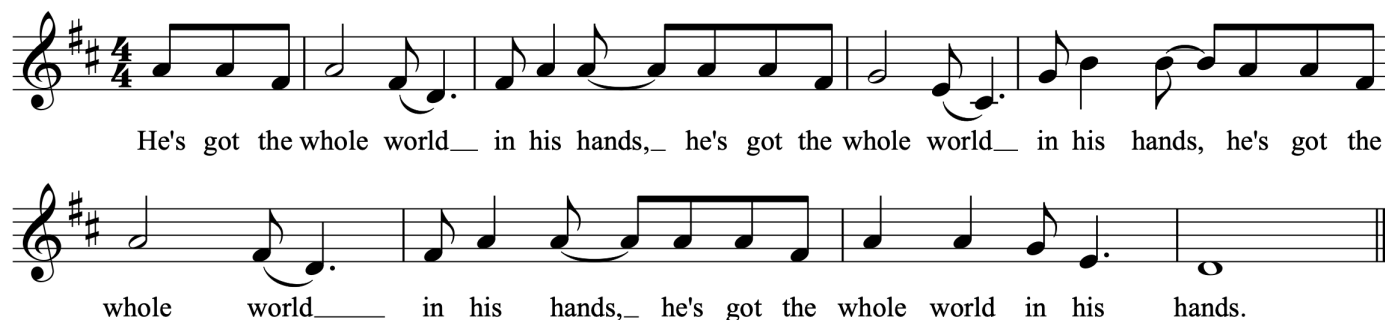
Genesis Choir
Danny Young, director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

(During the response, the children will depart for Church School)

RESPONSE *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*



He's got the whole world__ in his hands,_ he's got the whole world__ in his hands, he's got the
whole world_____ in his hands,_ he's got the whole world in his hands.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 6: 20-31
New International Version
Pat Mendelsohn

Looking at his disciples, he said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.
Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.
Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
The Chancel Choir
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.*

*Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Early Irish; translated Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12: 1-3, 14-17
New International Version

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

MESSAGE

Off To The Races

Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

O Christ, The Great Foundation

Tune: Aurelia

1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,
3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.

pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:

to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.
and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

THE 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Mariann Ekernas

OFFERTORY SOLO

No One Is Alone
Stephen Sondheim (1930-1921)
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

†DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Taking of Elements

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (gluten-free) and the cup together, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity and unity within the Body of Christ.

Those receiving communion are asked to come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread and an individual cup, return to your seat by the side aisle, where you will consume the bread and juice.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben*
J. S. Bach

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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.

Join us for Community Hour following worship this morning.

**COMMUNITY
HOUR**

BELIEVE! FINDING FAITH IN TED LASSO



**Wednesdays - November 9, & 16
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. First Church Lounge**

Join us for this limited Faith Formation series as we explore the many ways Ted infuses faith into his life and work as a Premier League Football coach who has only coached American Football.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree for H.O.M.E. and Pilgrim Towers is open! The trees will be displayed with gift tags on Sunday, November 6th, and 13th. All gifts should be returned to the stage in the auditorium before the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 13th, or 20th, or to the Harvest Sunday drive-by drop on Sunday, November 20th from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for making a holiday wish come true for a client of H.O.M.E. or a resident of Pilgrim Towers! Scan the code below to make your wishes selections online if you prefer.



H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR



Handmade quilts, Christmas decorations and gifts, pottery, wooden toys, weavings, homemade jams, maple syrup, and many more crafts from Maine will be for sale in the Auditorium Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the H.O.M.E. community in Orland, Maine.

CELEBRATE HARVEST SUNDAY



Donate Fresh Food for Neighbor to Neighbor

We have an online option so you can shop for fresh food donations from the comfort of your home. The fresh selections will be delivered for free to Neighbor to Neighbor. To shop at GiveHealthy.org for fresh food donations requested by Neighbor to Neighbor [Click Here:](#) or see the link in the Friday eblast.

Donate Shelf Stable Food for Neighbor to Neighbor and H.O.M.E.

We will hold our traditional collection of shelf stable food during the 10:00 a.m. service on Harvest Sunday, November 20. Shopping bags will be available in the Meetinghouse on Sunday, November 6th and 13th and in the office during the week. If you prefer, food may also be delivered to the drive by, drop off on Sunday, November 20th from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

Suggested food: Canned Meats, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pasta and Sauce, Oatmeal, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetables

HARVEST SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS – SIGN UPS NOW OPEN

Donate Fresh Food for Neighbor to Neighbor

[CLICK HERE](#), or scan the code below to sign up to receive donations at the drive by drop off on Harvest Sunday, November 20th. Shifts are short and the benefit to N2N and H.O.M.E. is long lasting!

Scan the code for links to Giving Tree online wishes and Harvest Sunday Volunteers.
Thank you!



THE RUMMAGE ROOM

Needs for this week are -

- Men's winter coats
- Ladies handbags
- Thanksgiving items

Shopping hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., with the same hours for donation drop off.



In response to the drives of the previous two years and the continued needs of female veterans living at ABRI*/Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport, the Women's Fellowship is again sponsoring a Veterans Day drive.
(*Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.)

We will be collecting items at a drop-off from their wish list in the church collection on Sunday, November 6th at the worship service, or Monday or Tuesday in a box outside the church office.



INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH?

Join us for our next New Members Class, tomorrow, Monday, November 7th at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. For more details and information contact, Rev. Patrick Collins

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL? THE KETTLE QUILTERS

Do you have any unfinished knitting, cross stitching, needlepoint, or quilting projects? A few Kettle Quilters would be happy to help those who want to start or finish a project.



Please contact Betsy Kreuter 698-3069, Hilary Lawrence 203 637-0590, or Pat Geismar 203 637-3597. Once we know who is interested and when they are free we will set a time to get together.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 following worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 10 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Harvest Sunday & Giving Tree Gift Drop-Off

CHRISTMAS TREE & WREATH SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 THRU SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ONLY 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

The Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale - Front Lawn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 12 P.M. - 4 P.M.

ADVENT CRAFT FAIR - Craft Fair in Daniels Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 4 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

56th ANNUAL MESSIAH CONCERT

Free-Will Offering To Be Received. Suggested Donation: \$20 Per Person

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Celebrate the holidays with your First Church family!

Join us Join us for fun, generous hors d' oeuvres, and a full bar



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