



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
TEN 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 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

Using your smartphone messaging app, text **FCCOG Donate** to **73256** or click [HERE](#) to access the online giving webpage, or scan this QR code to donate.



Faith First-Love Always

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

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 worshiping near you so you may greet them at the end of worship.

If you are the person on the center aisle, please remove the completed sheet and place it in the plate during the offering.

PRELUDE

Gagliarda

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come let us worship and lift our hearts. Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,

All: **but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the God of the whole earth.**

One: O come let us worship and raise our hands. Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,

All: **But because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light, the bright and morning star.**

One: O come let us worship and bow down. Not because God gives us what we want,

All: **But because God gives us what we need, God's only Son, Jesus, God's unspeakable gift.**

CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Sing Praise To God, Who Has Shaped

22 New Century Hymnal

PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, you invite us to come to you in prayer, and offer us a promise of your never-ending care. Give us the humility to ask only for what we need and to be grateful when we receive it. Amen.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will depart for Church School, or return to their seats.)

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 84:1-12

New Revised Standard Version
Lynn Robertson

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. Selah
Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
As they go through the valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

SOLO

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings
Samuel Liddle (1867-1951)
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6: 7-21
New Revised Standard Version

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you

fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MESSAGE

Pray This Way
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Creator God, Creating Still
278 New Century Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

Mario Lotufo

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sanctuary/Total Praise
Arr. Jay Rouse
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

The Church In Christ, In Every Age
306 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

O Come, You Spirit Of Truth
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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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 in the Auditorium following
worship this morning where you can greet each other and
have a cup of coffee and some light snacks.

COMMUNITY
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HOUR



January 29 Regular Church School (Valentines for Edgehill)
February 5 All ages in Church - Communion
February 12 Regular Church School
February 19 One Room Schoolhouse (Presidents' Weekend)
February 26 Regular Church School

CHERUB, CELEBRATION SINGERS, & GENESIS CHOIR REHEARSALS



Cherub Choir (gr K-2)

Silver Door (Lower Level)

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Carol Woodman, director

Celebration Singers (gr 3-6)

Music Room (3rd Floor)

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Craig Symons, director

Genesis Choir (gr 7-12 and early college ages)

Choir Room (3rd floor)

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Danny Young, director

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

On January 23rd, we added a new current events-based Bible Study opportunity! Using the Wired Word's curriculum, each week we'll discuss a topic or headline from the week's news and ask ourselves how our faith applies through guided questions and discussion. Learn more at thewiredword.com



There are two opportunities every week:

- Join Pastor Cydney for dinner on Mondays at 6:30pm at OG Social Club (48 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich). Dinner optional.
- Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at Noon at FCCOG and on Zoom. BYO lunch optional.

ZOOM Link for Thursday session only:

Topic: Wired Word Bible Study

Time: Jan 26, 2023 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88200872002?pwd=R2d5ZmcwV1hYMkxDQWU2WWYwaEZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 0087 2002

Passcode: FCCOG

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Learn how the Bible is alive today and find hope no matter what's going on in the world.

THE 2023 “SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY SOUP & CHILI SALE



Calling all cooks! It's time to show-off your soup-making skills once again by volunteering to make and donate a quart (or quarts) of soup or chili to benefit the FCCOG Women's Fellowship!

The sale will take place in the auditorium on Sunday, February 12, 2023 from 11 am to 1 pm. Quarts of homemade soup and chili will be sold for \$10 each.

Please sign up to donate after church in the auditorium beginning Sunday, January 15th and continuing for the next several Sundays. Restaurant-style food containers will be available when you sign up. You may also sign up in the church office. This annual event has proven to be easy, inexpensive and popular for both those who love to cook and those who love to eat! This is the only Women's Fellowship fundraiser for the year. Please contact Sue Wilder for more information swilder102@gmail.com

SOUP MAKING FOR THE ANNUAL SOUP & CHILI SALE

Members of the Women's Fellowship will be gathering at the home of Ginny Breismeister on Monday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. We will be making soup for the Women's Fellowship fundraiser "Souper Bowl Soup & Chili Sale". All the ingredients for the soup will be provided. Please bring your beverage of choice and perhaps an appetizer to share. All are welcome! Come for a fun evening of cooking, talking, and laughter. RSVP's appreciated to Sue Wilder swilder102@gmail.com

THE RUMMAGE ROOM

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

Needs this week are:

Children's Spring Clothing

Men's Ties

Table Linens





CALL-A-RIDE GREENWICH FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND MORE

At CALL-A-RIDE, we provide free transportation weekdays for seniors age 60 or over within the Town of Greenwich. Our volunteer drivers also serve to create an atmosphere of understanding and camaraderie aiding seniors toward a full enjoyment of life.

We currently have a roster of some 58 volunteer drivers who cover 24 shifts Monday through Friday each week. Morning shifts run from 8:30 AM-12:15 PM and afternoon shifts run from 12:15 PM to 4:00 PM. Some drivers have regularly committed weekly shifts and others are available on a substitute basis. Drivers must be 25 years of age or older, possess a valid driver's license and be approved by C-A-R's automobile insurer. Many current drivers have volunteered with C-A-R for many years and derive a high degree of satisfaction from their service to others through C-A-R.

We are always looking for volunteer drivers – hopefully you will be so inclined, and in that event, kindly make initial contact with our office.

CALL-A-RIDE OF GREENWICH, INC.

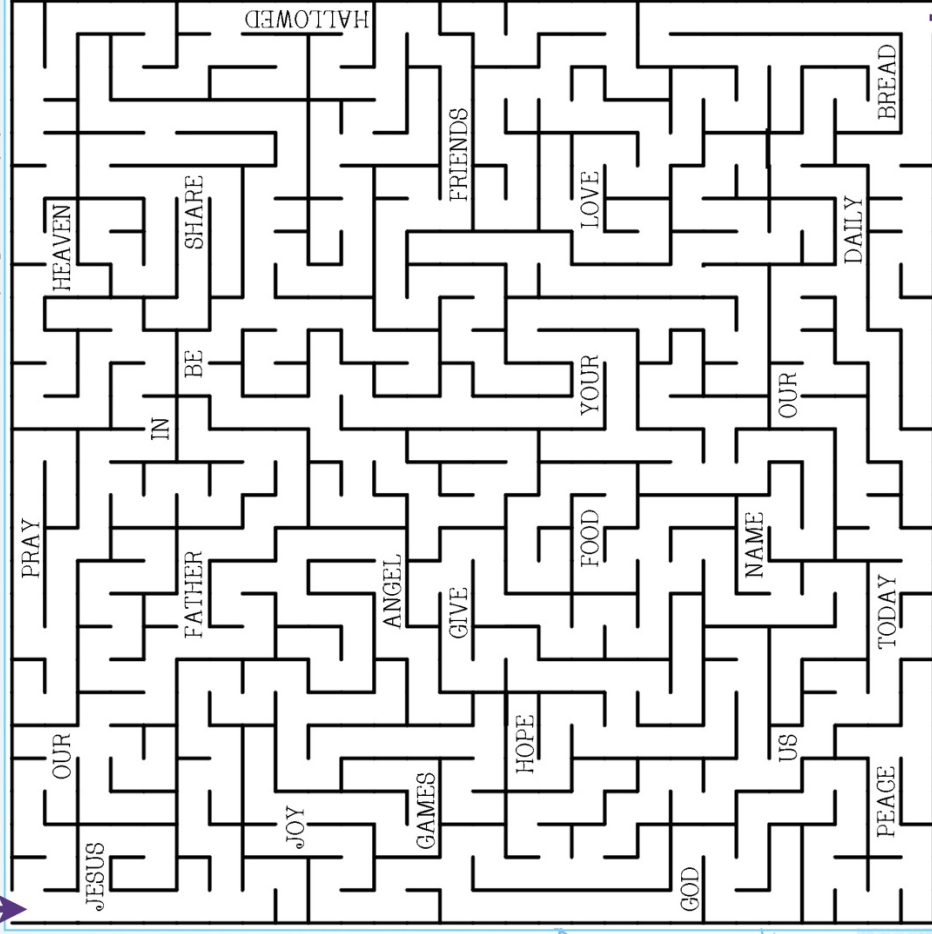
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Dispatchers: Ron March, Hilary Gunn

E-mail: call-a-ride@optimum.net <https://callaridegreenwich.org>

A SPECIAL PRAYER

Follow the words of the Lord's Prayer to get through the maze. (Not all the words are used. You can look on the back page to help you.)



TRY IT AT HOME!

Set aside five minutes every day to pray. Try different ways to pray.



Did You Know?

There are lots of different ways to pray.

You can:

- Fold your hands and bow your head
- Hold your hands with the palms facing upwards
- Lift your arms way up to the sky
- Sing and dance and more!



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