



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.

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## 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

### PRELUDE

*Toccata In Seven*  
John Rutter (b. 1945)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

### CALL TO COMMUNITY

Mary Fike

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

### MOMENT FOR ANNUAL GIVING

Philip Wentworth

### SOLO

*The Impossible Dream* (from *Man Of La Mancha*)  
Mitch Leigh  
Thomas Woodman, baritone

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Weigner

One: We could hide away in daylight,  
**All: We go undercover, wait out the sun**  
One: Got a secret side in plain sight  
**All: Where the streets are empty, that's where we run**  
One: Every day people do everyday things,  
**All: but I can't be one of them**  
One: I know you hear me now, we are a different kind  
**All: We can do anything. We could be heroes.**  
One: We could be heroes, me and you  
**All: All we're looking for is love and a little light**  
**Love and a little light.**

from "Heroes (We Could Be)" Alesso

### †HYMN

*His Eye Is On The Sparrow*  
661 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Charles Stuckey

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Gracious Lord. You have given us the tools we need to offer kindness, but we fall into mean-spiritedness. We are blessed with the ability to love, but it is so often easier to scorn others. We could be heroes every day, but we choose to look away. Forgive us for not recognizing the pain in others. Help us, Lord, to travel the more difficult path of kindness, love and service, expecting no reward except your Grace.

*\*Moment of silence for personal reflection\**

## †ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Prayer of Generosity

St. Ignatius Loyola

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

*God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.*

One: God has received us, pardoned us, and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ with a hand to hand, eye to eye, and heart to heart greeting.

May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

## †RESPONSE (remain standing)

Come Into God's Presence



- 1 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,
- 2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
- 3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
- 4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,



al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia."
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## ANTHEM

Festival Alleluia

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

The Celebration Singers

Vance Briceland, piano



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Khaleigh Laicher

*(During the singing of the response, 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

*Selections from Ruth Chapter 1*  
The Message  
Marian Ekernas

## SOLO

*Entreat Me Not To Leave Thee*  
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)  
Carol Woodman, soprano

And Ruth said:  
Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee,  
For whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge.  
Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God.  
Where thou diest I will die and there will I be buried.  
The Lord do so to me, and more also,  
If aught but death part thee and me.

*Ruth 1:16-22*

## SECOND LESSON

*Selections from Ruth Chapter 2, 3, 4*  
The Message  
Betsy Kreuter

## MEDITATION

*Ripples In The Water*  
Lynn Hawxhurst  
Senior Deacon

## †HYMN

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (in unison)

Juliet Primo

Take my hand.  
We will walk.  
We will only walk.  
We will enjoy our walk  
without thinking of arriving anywhere.  
Walk peacefully.  
Walk happily.  
Our walk is a peace walk.  
Our walk is a happiness walk.  
Then we learn  
that there is no peace walk;  
that peace is the walk;  
that there is no happiness walk;  
that happiness is the walk.  
We walk for ourselves.  
We walk for everyone  
always hand in hand.  
Walk and touch peace every moment.  
Walk and touch happiness every moment.  
Each step brings a fresh breeze.  
Each step makes a flower bloom under our feet.  
Kiss the Earth with your feet.  
Print on Earth your love and happiness.

*Walking Meditation*  
poem by Thich Nhat Hanh

## 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

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*  
Gilbert Martin (b.1941)  
The Chancel Choir

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## †DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*



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!

## †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## †HYMN

*Every Time I Feel The Spirit*  
66 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## †BENEDICTION

Lynn Robertson

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Wind Beneath My Wings (refrain)*  
Jeff Silbar/Larry Henley

*Did you ever know that you're my hero? You're everything I wish I could be.  
I could fly higher than an eagle, for you are the wind beneath my wings.*

## POSTLUDE

*Heroes*  
David Bowie  
Sung by Miley Cyrus

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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# COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden following worship this morning where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for the month of October are members of the Annual Giving Committee.

## CHURCH SCHOOL'S BACK IN ACTION!

Oct. 15 & 22 Church School in classrooms

Pre-K & K: Blue Door 1 & 2: Purple Door

3 & 4: Silver Door 5 & 6: Rick's Room

(Subject to change depending on teacher availability and attendance)



**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Cherub Choir & Genesis Choir

**FIRST MUSIC & ARTS SEASON OPENS TODAY!!**  
**FREE CONCERT AT 4 P.M. IN THE MEETINGHOUSE**



## READING THE BIBLE THROUGH JEWISH EYES

Every Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. through November 15

Join Pastors Patrick and Cydney as we put the stories from the Bible into their original context and read them from a Jewish perspective. This engaging study is sure to provide new insights on the ancient stories throughout the Bible.

## WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

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](http://thewiredword.com).

Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at noon in the lounge. BYO lunch optional.

## 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 winter coats - Jewelry - Christmas items



# Prayer Requests

— at FCCOG —

**HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN? WE WILL PRAY WITH YOU.**

- 1 THE PRAYER BOOK**  
Requests are lifted up in Sunday worship & added to the confidential Prayer List.
- 2 ADD TO PRAYER LIST**
  - email: address below
  - online form (fccog.org)
  - tell pastor/Parish Nurse
- 3 THE PRAYER GROUP**  
Be one who prays over the requests. Ask to receive the Prayer List from email below.

**Prayer\_Requests@fccog.org**

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. ...keep on praying for all the Lord's people." -Ephesians 6: 18*

## NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

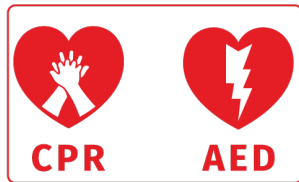
Tuesday October 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at First Church

This in-person, 1 hour training presented by Kaitlin Comet, MA, a Program Coordinator for HUB\*, provides information on opioids that include street drugs (like heroin) and prescription drugs (like Oxycontin). Opioid overdoses have become an epidemic; in Connecticut, on average, two people die every day from an opioid overdose. By the end of this training participants will learn how to administer naloxone, also known as Narcan, which can reverse an opioid overdose in a few minutes.



Everyone Welcome / Those over 18+ will receive a free naloxone kit.

RSVPs are appreciated to [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org)



## CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

Saturday, November 11 in First Church Lounge

Two options: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A certified instructor will teach American Heart Association CPR including the use of a defibrillator on children and adults. Participants age 12 and up are allowed. The cost of the class is covered for a limited number of people who regularly attend First Church. Those teaching youngsters are especially encouraged to attend. Classes are appropriate for new and seasoned CPR students. Contact Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse at [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org) or 203-637-1791 x 821 with any questions and to register for class.

**\*The Hub: Behavioral Health Action Organization for Southwestern CT**, A division of the Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership (RYASAP) Learn more about The Hub at [www.thehubct.org](http://www.thehubct.org)

## MEDICARE ENROLLEES: ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OR INSURANCE?

The open enrollment period for Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance is October 15 to December 7. The plan you have now may not be the most cost-effective plan next year. It is wise to review your options annually. Assistance navigating the Medicare.gov website is available with your parish nurse and through the Greenwich Commission on Aging. For an appointment with Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse, contact Sue at [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org) or 203-637-1791 ext 821. For an appointment with a Town of Greenwich trained counselor, contact the Commission on Aging at 203-862-6710.

## WOMEN'S ALLOCATIONS TO SEND GRANT APPLICATIONS

As we enter the fall season, it is now time to launch our Allocations cycle, by inviting local nonprofit organizations to apply for a grant from the proceeds of the Rummage Room for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

This past May, we distributed \$140,000 across 41 organizations. Applications will automatically be sent to organizations that received funding last year. If there is an organization that you would like the Allocations Committee to invite to apply, please email [sheilabennettms@gmail.com](mailto:sheilabennettms@gmail.com). Applications will be sent out at the end of this month.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

All volunteers who come and decorate a vehicle will receive a voucher for a free meal at one of the food trucks we will have on site.

#### Guidelines for Vehicles:

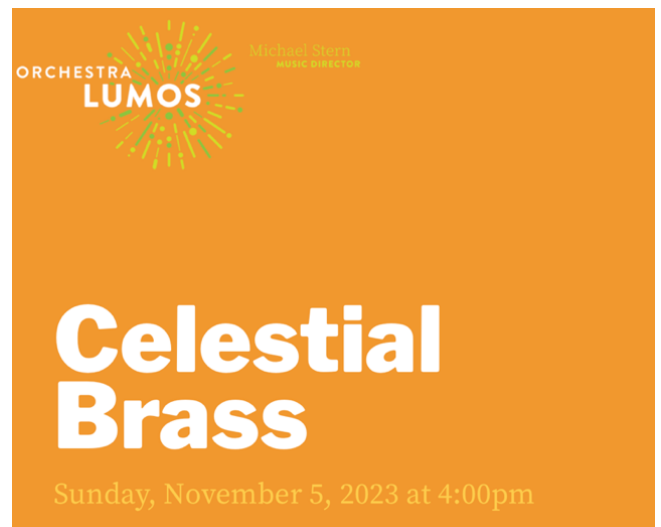
- Vehicles will park in the front parking lot and be assigned to one of our 60 designated spaces
- Vehicles may arrive October 28 at 5:00 p.m. to begin setting up and decorating
- Vehicles must be ready by 6:00 p.m.
- Vehicles must stay in the parking lot until the event ends at 8:00 p.m.

Please contact Patrick Collins ([patrickc@fccog.org](mailto:patrickc@fccog.org)) to register your vehicle for the event or check your Friday email blast for a link to SignUpGenius.

### FIRST MUSIC & ARTS CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 4 P.M.

Nothing compares to a brass quintet and a mighty organ. Brass players from Orchestra Lumos (formerly Stamford Symphony) join our own Craig Symons presenting truly transcendent music for the soul in a stunning church acoustic.

Donald Batchelder, trumpet  
John Dent, trumpet  
Eva Conti, horn  
Richard Clark, trombone  
Brian Brown, tuba  
Craig Symons, organ



Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. They are available through the Orchestra Lumos website ([www.orchestralumos.org](http://www.orchestralumos.org))

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