



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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

PRELUDE

Pavane

Paul Drayton (b. 1944)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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 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.

MOMENT FOR ANNUAL GIVING

†CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 150)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in our sanctuary; praise God in all the firmament.

All: Praise God for God's mighty deeds; praise God according to God's surpassing greatness.

One: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

All: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe

One: Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breaths praise the Lord! Praise the Lord forever!

CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky

69 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Uniting God, like King David knew, you are here with us in this place of worship and community. Make us to know your presence and respond with joyous song and dance, as did your people Israel. Help us acknowledge when our actions and inactions have led to division among our neighbors rather than unison. Give us the courage to give up the benefits of privilege that cause harm to others. May we heed your call to lead from a place of humility, and to care for our communities in a way that makes it possible for all to flourish. Forgive us and make us anew.

**Moment of silence for personal reflection **

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†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,



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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

2 Samuel 5: 1-5

Common English Bible

Peggy Whitlock

All the Israelite tribes came to David at Hebron and said, "Listen: We are your very own flesh and bone. In the past, when Saul ruled over us, you were the one who led Israel out to war and back. What's more, the Lord told you, You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be Israel's leader.

So all the Israelite elders came to the king at Hebron. King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled for forty years. He ruled over Judah for seven and a half years in Hebron. He ruled thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem.

ANTHEM

Praise
Alec Rowley (1892-1958)
The Chancel Choir

To the master of music and loveliness: praise, power, dominion forever.
To the Lord of the word of creation be praise, power, dominion forever.
To the maker of movement, colour and light: praise, power, dominion forever.
To the builder, designer, creator, be praise, power, dominion forever.
To the theme of all song, inspiration of love: to the artist of life, to the greatest and least:
Praise, power, dominion forever.
For He is the greatest upon his high throne, and He was the least as the child of a maiden:
Praise, then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us.
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to thee: give us thyself both in time and eternity.
Lord of all beauty adoring we come to thee, offering all that we are or can hope to be.
Praise, power, dominion forever.

Aidan Clarke (1933-2020)

SECOND LESSON

2 Samuel 6: 1-5
Common English Bible

Once again David assembled the select warriors of Israel, thirty thousand strong. David and all the troops who were with him set out for Baalah, which is Kiriath-jearim of Judah, to bring God's chest up from there—the chest that is called by the name of the Lord of heavenly forces, who sits enthroned on the winged creatures. They loaded God's chest on a new cart and carried it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were driving the new cart. Uzzah was beside God's chest while Ahio was walking in front of it. Meanwhile, David and the entire house of Israel celebrated in the Lord's presence with all their strength, with songs, zithers, harps, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

MESSAGE

As Close As Breath
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

From The Rising Of The Sun (sing twice)
670 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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

Carol Woodman

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Aria
Craig Phillips (b.1961)

†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

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty
35 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the Auditorium 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 IS BACK IN ACTION!

Oct. 22 & 29 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)



Middle & High School APPLE PICKING

Sunday, Oct 22nd at 12 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL
& HIGH SCHOOL
EVENT TODAY!!



 CARPOOL FROM 2CC
TO MARCH FARM IN
BETHLEHEM, CT

Free Event!

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@FCCOG.ORG

CHOIR REHEARSALS TODAY

Cherub Choir, Celebration Singers, & Genesis Choir



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
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:

Christmas ornaments - Men's ties - Children's winter boots



HELP SERVE LUNCH

The New Covenant Center Cafe in Stamford is open for sit-down hot meals, and the popular opportunity of serving lunch to Cafe visitors is open for sign ups! All the luncheon food will be delivered from ShopRite. The volunteers will slice bread, arrange desserts, and serve the hot meal. The time commitment is 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Masks are required. Scan the code to sign up for your spot.



CARING MINISTRIES INFORMATION



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



*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



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 ages 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 or 203-637-1791 x 821 with any questions and to register for class.

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 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. Applications will be sent out at the end of this month.

*Greenwich and
Surrounding Areas*

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

OPEN TO ALL
GRADES 6TH-12TH

Semi-Monthly:

@ 4 pm on Sundays
LOCATION CHANGES,
LOOK FOR UPDATES!

Special Events:

Oct 22 @ 12 pm
APPLE PICKING AT MARCH
FARM IN BETHLEHEM, CT

Nov 12 @ 7 pm
FIRE PIT & SMORES AT
2ND CONG. GREENWICH

Nov 26 @ 5 pm
FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK
AT 1ST CONG. GREENWICH

Dec 10 @ TBD
ONE-DAY MISSION PROJECT

Dec 31 @ 12 pm
NEW YEARS EVE
BRUNCH AT 2CC

Jan 14 @ 5 pm
MOVIE NIGHT HOSTED AT
A MEMBER'S HOUSE

Jan 28 @ 5 pm
PAINT AND SIP AT FCCOG

More about RYM:

The Regional Youth Ministry effort in lower Fairfield County strives to bring together any/all churches, community youth non-profit partners, and/or individual youth in a fun, inclusive, faith-filled group. The RYM's mission is led by youth, for youth.

All 6th-12th graders are WELCOME regardless of church affiliation or none. For more on RYM go to fccog.org/regional-youth-ministry.

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:

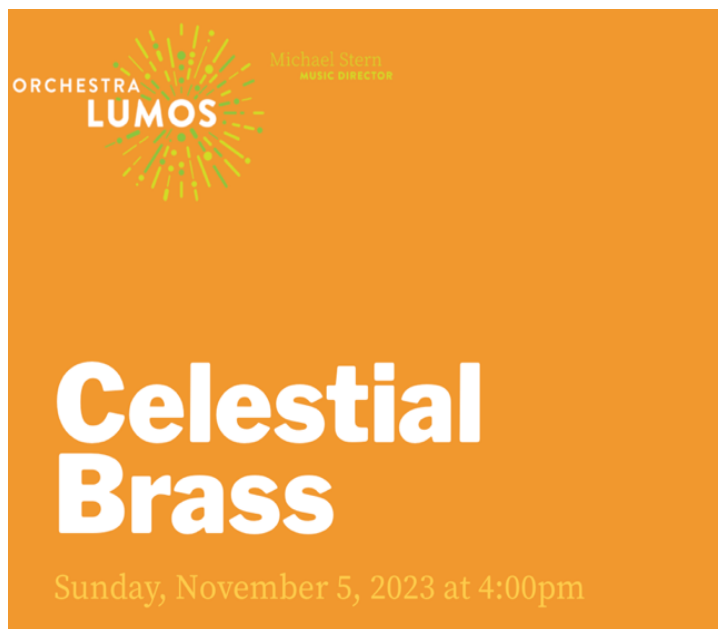
- Vehicles will park in the front parking lot and be assigned to one of our 60 designated spaces
- Vehicles may arrive October 28 at 5:00 p.m. to begin setting up and decorating
- Vehicles must be ready by 6:00 p.m.
- Vehicles must stay in the parking lot until the event ends at 8:00 p.m.

Please contact Patrick Collins (patrickc@fccog.org) 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)

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