



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.

First Church is a mask-friendly community of faith. Anyone who prefers to wear a mask at church should feel comfortable doing so.

Faith First-Love Always

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Moderato Con Moto
Thomas Dunhill (1877-1946)
Dorothy Darlington, oboe
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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.

MOMENT FOR ANNUAL GIVING

Donna Hascher

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are God's children, wholly beloved.

All: God calls us into God's presence with love.

One: God welcomes us as a mother welcomes her beloved children.

All: God loves us, draws us into God's arms, and promises us the kin-dom.

One: Let us open our hearts to God's instruction.

All: Let us be conformed in God's loving arms.

One: God of all creation, help us to know your ways.

All: We gather to hear your call of relentless love, of openness and comfort to all, and of promises without end. Let us worship our God together.

CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!
305 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Parent God, Mother and Father of us all, teach us to follow in your way, that we might grow and flourish in all we do. Like children we can be obedient. We can learn kindness and compassion. We can share our things. You love us, draw us into your arms, and promise us the kin-dom. Like children, we can be disobedient. We can forget what you have told us. We can deliberately ignore it. We hurt ourselves and others. Yet you love us in spite of ourselves, and pick us up when our poor choices get us into trouble. You love us anyway, and promise to love us always. Thanks be to our loving, Mother/Father/Parent God.

Moment of silence for personal reflection

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

†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
413 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)



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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glo - ry to God,	glo - ry to God."

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

Hosea 10:1-5
Common English Bible
Pat Larrabee

Israel is a growing vine
that yields its fruit.
The more his fruit increased,
the more altars he built;
the richer his land became,
the more he set up sacred standing stones.
Their heart is false;
now they must bear their guilt.
The Lord will break down their altars
and destroy their standing stones.
For now they will say:
“We have no king,
because we don’t love the Lord.
What then could a king do for us?”
They have spoken empty words,
swearing falsely when making covenants;
so judgment springs up like poisonous weeds
in the furrows of the field.
The inhabitants of Samaria shake
because of the calf of Beth-aven.
Its people will mourn over it,
just as its idolatrous priests who rejoiced over its glory that is now gone.

ANTHEM

I Waited For The Lord
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
The Chancel Choir
Carol Woodman, Carolyn Paulus, sopranos

*I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.
O blest are they that hope and trust in him.*

Psalm 40:1

SECOND LESSON

Hosea 11:1-9
Common English Bible

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the further they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and they burned incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them
with bands of human kindness,
with cords of love.
I treated them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks;
I bent down to them and fed them.

They will return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria will be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
The sword will strike wildly in their cities;
it will consume the bars of their gates
and will take everything because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me;
and though they cry out to the Most High,
he will not raise them up.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart winces within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

I won't act on the heat of my anger;
I won't return to destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and not a human being,
the holy one in your midst;
I won't come in harsh judgment.

MESSAGE

Divine Frustration; Divine Compassion
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

Just A Closer Walk With Thee
835 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

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

Henry Hull

OFFERTORY

Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child
Arr. Daniel Kelley
Dorothy Darlington, oboe

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
609 Glory to God Hymnal (purple)



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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
12 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro
L. V. Beethoven (1770-1827)
Dorothy Darlington, oboe

† 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 November are members of the Diaconate (Deacons).

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Nov 12: Church School in classrooms

Nov 19: All-Ages Worship (Harvest Sunday)

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 TODAY Cherub Choir - Celebration Singers - Genesis Choir



READING THE BIBLE THROUGH JEWISH EYES

FINAL CLASS this Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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
- Kids clothes – all ages
- Jewelry

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, during community hour (outdoors weather permitting - otherwise indoors in her office just to the right of the auditorium stage). During the week, Sue is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.



THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree for H.O.M.E. and Pilgrim Towers is underway!

The trees will be displayed with gift tags TODAY Sunday, November 12.

You may also make your selections online by scanning the QR code.

All gifts should be returned to the stage in the auditorium before the

10 a.m. service today, November 12th or next Sunday, November 19th,

or to the Harvest Sunday drive-by drop on Sunday, November 19th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 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.



6th to 12th Grade
FIRE PIT & S'MORES

COME AS YOU ARE,
STAY AS LONG AS YOU'D LIKE!

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ANNUAL GIVING UPDATES

The Annual Giving campaign is up and running, and we're over 25% of the way to our goal. We are aiming for Harvest Sunday as our official **Annual Giving Day, Sunday November 19**, when members are encouraged to bring their pledges to 10 a.m. worship.

Thanks to the wonderful messages the past three Sundays from Paul Ghaffari, Carolyn Paulus, and Art Jenkins who explained why we give, the gifts the church provides to so many, our membership and friends are already stepping up with their pledges to First Church to support next year's activities.

This past year we've served food to the homeless, raised money for local charities, held events and festivals to benefit members and our community as just a few examples. Your Annual Pledge will really make a difference. Here are some ways it will be used:

- **Community Outreach:** Your donation will support our ongoing efforts to serve and uplift those in need within our local community.
- **Spiritual Growth Programs:** Your support will help us expand and enhance the programs that nurture the spiritual growth and well-being of our congregation members.
- **Facility Improvements:** Your contribution can assist in maintaining and improving our church facilities, ensuring a welcoming and safe space for all.



Thank you in advance to everyone who joins in our **Annual Giving Campaign 2024**.

CELEBRATE HARVEST SUNDAY!

DONATE FRESH FOOD FOR NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Use the online option to shop for fresh food donations from the comfort of your home. The fresh selections will be delivered for free to Neighbor to Neighbor. Use the QR code to shop at GiveHealthy.org for fresh food donations requested by Neighbor to Neighbor.



DONATE SHELF STABLE FOOD FOR NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR AND H.O.M.E.

We will also hold our traditional collection of shelf stable food during the 10 a.m. service on Harvest Sunday, November 19. Shopping bags will be available in the Meetinghouse TODAY November 12. If you prefer, food may also be delivered to the drive by, drop off on Sunday, November 19 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot.

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



HARVEST SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS - SIGN UPS NOW OPEN

Help receive donations at the drive by drop off on Harvest Sunday, November 19. Shifts are short but the benefit to Neighbor to Neighbor and H.O.M.E. is long lasting! Use the code to sign up!



H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR - NOVEMBER 18 & 19

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. All proceeds will benefit the H.O.M.E. community in Orland, Maine.

Dates/Times are:

Saturday, November 18 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Question – *I've heard so much about H.O.M.E.*

I'm fairly new to this community. What is H.O.M.E.?

H.O.M.E., Inc. was founded in 1970 by Sr. Lucy Poulin (pictured with a group of young volunteers) and other community members. In the beginning, handcraft studios were created as a means for low-income families in rural Hancock County to earn extra income through hard Maine winters. Community members produced items from their homes to sell at the Craft Store which is located on H.O.M.E.'s 23-acre site in Orland and that program continues today. Now, more than 50 years later, needs of local citizens have led to programs of service tailored to respond in positive and effective outcomes, i.e., shelters for those experiencing homelessness, affordable daycare, organic gardens, a food pantry and soup kitchen, plus programs to support a house construction and repair effort that has built 53 homes for low-income families. First Church has enjoyed a decades-long connection with H.O.M.E., traveling to Maine for mission projects, to drop off the gifts received on Harvest Sunday, and hosting their Craft Fair on Harvest Sunday weekend.



57TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

Tree Sale Volunteers - Sign Ups Now Open

The 2023 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale begins on

Saturday, November 25th and runs through Sunday, December 3.

Volunteers are the KEY to the success of the sale, which raised over \$40,000 for local charities last year. It is also a wonderful introduction to First Church for new residents in the community. There are jobs for ALL volunteers! Help us help those in need and make First Church shine!



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