



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 the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, to the church, and to one another.

To welcome children as they are in worship, we have our **PrayGround**, located in the Chapel (right side of the Meetinghouse), where children and

others of all ages can engage in worship through movement, sensory materials, and prayerful play. The presence of all God's children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all.

Scan the QR code for FAQ and tips about our PrayGround.



GET THE FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Using your smartphone camera, scan the QR code here to sign up for our weekly Family Ministry newsletter. You can read about Church School, Regional Youth Ministry, and more!

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

I Bind Unto Myself Today
Paul Fetler (1920-2018)
Steven Russell, guest director/organist

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 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.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Zacchaeus Was A Wee Little Man
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

All: Nor are there any works like yours.

One: For you are great and do wondrous things;

All: You alone are God.

One: You created all that is;

All: Everything is indelibly stamped with your holy signature.

One: Teach us to walk in your way, O God, that we may walk in your truth;

All: Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.

One: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God,

All: With our whole hearts,

One: For great is your steadfast love,

All: And we will glorify your name forever.

Based on Psalm 86:8-13

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect
61 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

God of love, when we look inward and are honest with ourselves, we see where we have lived as though you are not our God. We have sought after our own gain rather than the good of all. We often have not loved you or our neighbors as ourselves. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we might become what you have called us to be. Make us to be careful stewards of all you entrust to us, that we might return it to you joyfully, knowing we have done our best to care for and keep it out of love for you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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)

*I've Got Peace Like A River (1st verse only)
623 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Moment for Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center
Reverend David Camphouse, Director

During the singing of the response, children will return to their seats.

RESPONSE

Go, My Children

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 19:1-10
Common English Bible
Pat Larrabee

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

ANTHEM

We Would Offer Thee This Day
Jane Marshall (1924-2019)
The Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:13-17
Common English Bible

They sent some of the Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap him in his words. They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you're genuine and you don't worry about what people think. You don't show favoritism but teach God's way as it really is. Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay taxes or not?"

Since Jesus recognized their deceit, he said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a coin. Show it to me." And they brought one. He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." His reply left them overcome with wonder.

MESSAGE

In Whose Image?
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
432 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

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 cup, then return to their seats by the side aisle.*

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

Charles Stuckey

ORGAN OFFERTORY

A Pleasant Thought
Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

†DOXOLOGY

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign
265 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Shalom To You



†POSTLUDE

Andante Cantabile
Johann Krieger (1651-1735)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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SILVER LAKE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. David Camphouse is the Director of Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Sharon, CT. He is ordained in the United Methodist Church, and has certification in Camp and Retreat Ministry, Christian Education, and Human Resources.

Contact David to dream about what Silver Lake can do with you, work out a good schedule for activities and care for a great camp or retreat, and to bring Camp and Retreat Ministries to your local congregation. David brings a lifetime love of camping, and more than 30 years of experience in managing and running camps with a passion for the promise of Silver Lake becoming a beloved experience of God's community. Scan the QR code for Silver Lake's 2024 Summer Camp Programs



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 March are members of the Personnel committee.

**COMMUNITY
HOUR**



CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Mar 10, 17, 24: Regular Church School

CHOIR REHEARSALS TODAY

Cherub: K-2nd grade - Carol Woodman, director
Silver Door (Preschool level) 11:15-11:45

Celebration Singers: 3-6th grade - Craig Symons, director
3rd floor Music Room 11:15-12:00

Genesis Choir: 7-12th grade - Danny Young, director
3rd floor Choir Room 11:15-12:15





BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage. During the week, she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

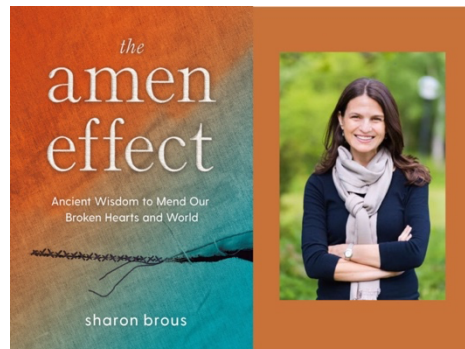
THE AMEN EFFECT

Wednesdays through March 20th

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

First Church Lounge

Join us Wednesday evenings during the season of lent for an engaging discussion on an inspiring book about the power of community by one of our country's most prominent rabbis.



Sharon Brous, a leading American rabbi, makes the case that the spiritual work of our time, as instinctual as it is counter-cultural, is to find our way to one other in celebration, in sorrow, and in solidarity. To show up for each other in moments of joy and pain, vulnerability and possibility, to invest in relationships of shared purpose and build communities of care.

Books can be purchased through all major booksellers. If you'd like Pastor Patrick to order a copy, please let the office know.

The third chapter of the *Amen Effect* challenges us to expand the circle of compassion and empathy, and to see every person as worthy of love and dignity. Rabbi Brous draws on the teaching of various religious and ethical traditions, as well as the stories of activists and peacemakers, to illustrate the power of seeing the stranger.

WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY

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: Small appliances, Spring shoes for all, Patio and garden décor.



Lenten Organ Recitals

*February 21 – Marnus Lively-Greyling
St. Barnabas Episcopal, Greenwich*

*February 28 – Nathan Lively-Greyling
St. John's Lutheran, Stamford*

*March 6 – Kevin Bailey
First Presbyterian Church, Stamford*

*March 13 – Terence Flanagan
First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan*

**Wednesdays 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
Free admission**

*March 20 – Jamie Hitel
Christ Church, Greenwich*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Palm Procession and All – Ages Worship

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Dinner/Communion in Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae with Foot Washing

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School Greenwich YMCA

12:30 p.m. Community Cross Walk

7:30 p.m.

Combined Good Friday Service - First Congregational Church

Saturday, March 30

Egg Dyeing & Egg Hunt in Auditorium

10:00 a.m. Egg Dyeing

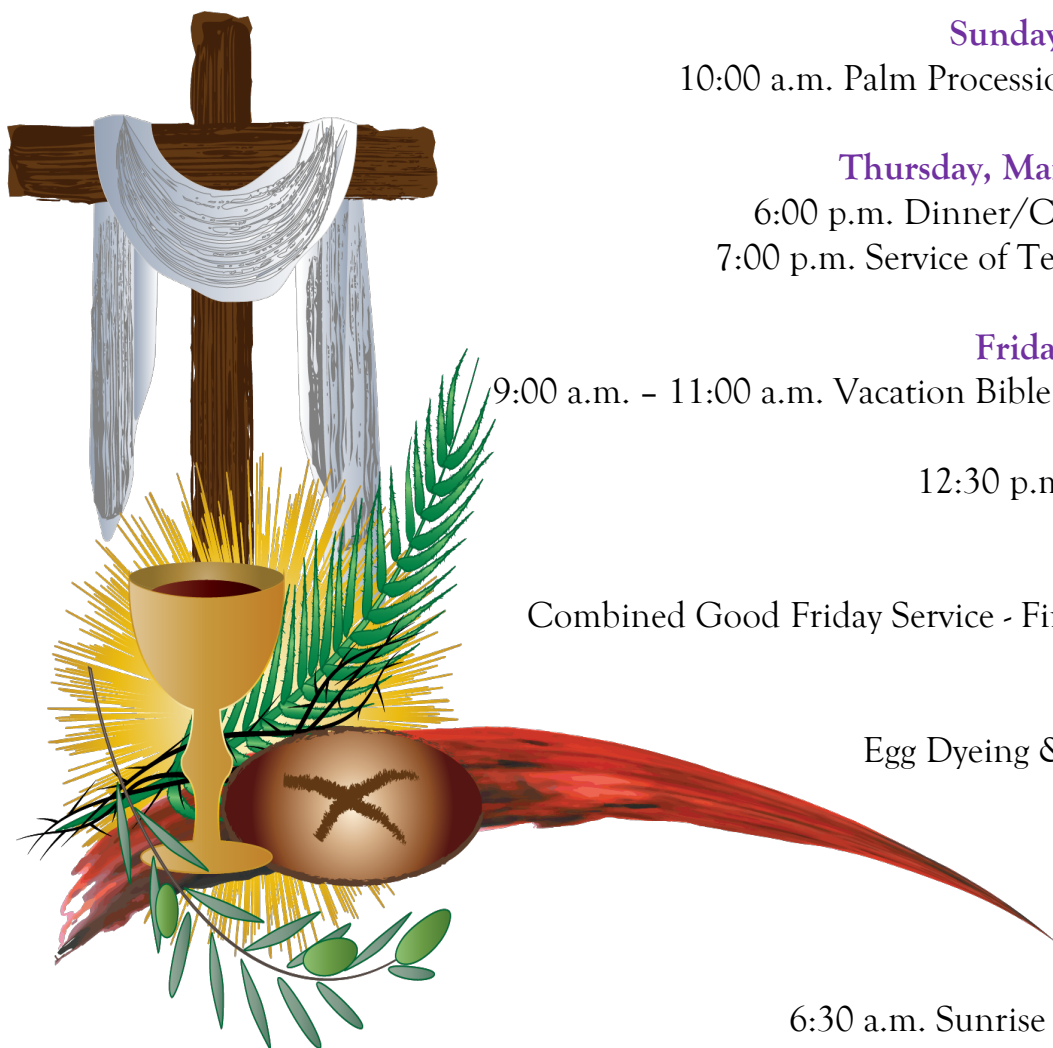
11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service – Greenwich Point

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Festival Easter Services – Meetinghouse



**2024 Lenten Offering and Lenten Project
RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT
SUNDAY APRIL 28 AT 10AM**

Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as the noon.

Isaiah 58:10

Our Lenten Offering this year will underwrite one of First Church's favorite events... the meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger!

We will pack 20,000 meals to support Rise Against Hunger's simple vision of a world without hunger. Rise Against Hunger distributes meals in 38 countries to schools, health clinics and communities hit by disaster. The meals help keep children in school and aid communities in the short term as they develop long term food security.

Please join us for a fun, energized, music filled morning when we will experience the joy of working together to help the least among us!

· No need to register. · Families are welcome. · Bring friends to show them First Church in action!

We will be underwriting the cost of the 20,000 meals as our Lenten Offering this year.

Please consider a Lenten Gift toward underwriting the cost of meals - every donation makes a difference! Scan the QR code below and choose Rise Against Hunger as the donation category.



EASTER FLOWERS AND BRASS

The Deacons invite contributions for flowers & brass in the Meetinghouse this Easter.
You may give to either one or both. Any amount is welcome.

Please deliver this completed form with your check to the Church Office
(payable to *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*)
on or before Monday, March 25 at 12 noon in order to be included in the bulletin listing.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Please accept my contribution to the (check one or both):

_____ Easter Flower Fund _____ Easter Brass

In MEMORY of:

In HONOR of:

By:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____

(Please print names legibly to minimize spelling errors.)

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