



Sunday, July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Founder's Day and Heritage Sunday

Ten O'Clock in the Morning



The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

declares itself to be Open and Affirming (ONA); 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.

Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you this day and are glad you are here!

First Church Welcomes *You.*

With Worship. A casual tone, stirring music, moving prayers, & a faith-invoking message. *Prayer Book requests* (in Narthex) are uplifted during the Prayers of the People.

With Inclusion. Open & Affirming (ONA). We make a point of meeting all and name tags are worn.

With Communion. The first Sunday of each month, all ages share in the sacred meal together. We use juice & gluten-free bread!

With Care. We pass the Peace of Christ to one another. We are a mask-friendly, come-as-you-are, leave-as-a-friend community.



First Church Welcomes *Children.*

The PrayGround. In the Chapel space, guiding kids in worship.

Cherub Choir, Celebration Singers, & Genesis Choir. Children of all ages are welcome to offer music in worship!

Children's Message. A moment for kids & the child in each of us.

Church School. Faith learnings for the day continue in the Undercroft classrooms after the Children's Message.

Children's Take Home Library. Located by the PrayGround. Check out what interests you & bring it back next week!



First Church Welcomes *All.*

Sensory Sanctuary & Rocking Chairs. Focusing resources located in the back of the Meetinghouse.

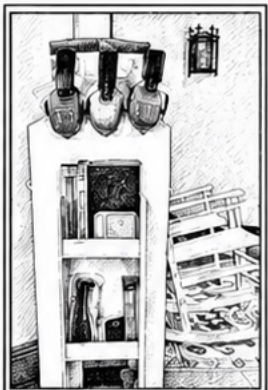
Visual Worship Aids & Live captioning. Found on the monitors.

Audio Hearing Aids. To use, ask Greeters or Ushers.

Spaces in Meetinghouse for Wheelchair Users

Exterior Ramp. In the back of the Meetinghouse, driveway side.

Liftavators. Located inside, from Narthex to Auditorium Level & Outside in the Memory Garden.



Enjoy a cup of coffee, food, & fellowship at
Community Hour
after the service!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Please know our worshipping community gathers in-person and online via livestream

with multiple camera angles of the Meetinghouse and congregation.

Audio Hearing Aids are available for your use during the service. See an usher to request a device.

Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

Opening Voluntary

James Cox Beckel (1811-1905)

Steven Russell, guest organist/director

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who believe they have little left to offer.

All: **God has always worked through what remains.**

One: Bring your gifts, your questions, your courage, and your hope.

All: **We will make room for the grace of God.**

One: Bring not a few, for God's mercy is abundant.

All: **Let us worship the God who fills empty vessels.**

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Fight The Good Fight

846 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Merciful God, you have filled our lives with blessings, yet we still convince ourselves that we have nothing to offer. Forgive us for guarding empty vessels, mistaking inheritance for faithfulness, and waiting for someone else to undertake the work you have placed before us. Empty us of pride, fear, and complacency, and make us ready to receive and share your abundant grace. 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: May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

†RESPONSE (remain standing)

Halle, Hallelujah



†Please rise in body or in spirit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will 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.

THE FIRST READING

Huswifery
Edward Taylor
Pat Larrabee

Make me, O Lord, thy spinning wheel complete.
Thy Holy Word my distaff make for me.
Make mine affections thy swift flyers neat,
And make my soul thy holy spool to be.
My conversation make to be thy reel,
And reel the yarn thereon spun of thy wheel.

Make me thy loom then, knit therein this twine:
And make thy Holy Spirit, Lord, wind quills:
Then weave the web thyself. The yarn is fine.
Thine ordinances make my fulling mills.
Then dye the same in heavenly colors choice,
All pinked with varnished flowers of paradise.

Then clothe therewith mine understanding, will,
Affections, judgment, conscience, memory;
My words and actions, that their shine may fill
My ways with glory and thee glorify.
Then mine apparel shall display before thee
That I am clothed in holy robes for glory.

ANTHEM

When Morning Gilds The Skies
Rachel Aarons (b. 1984)
The Summer Choir

THE SECOND READING

2 Kings 4: 1-7
King James Version

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

THE SERMON

Bring Not A Few
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Bless All Who Trust
47 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.

FOUNDERS DAY PROCLAMATION

Fred Camillo, First Selectman of Greenwich

Founders Day is July 18th every year since July 18th, 1640 when the settlers acquired the land that is now Old Greenwich from the local indigenous people. Because the law in those days was that you could not have a town without a church first being established, 1665 is the date our church uses as its founding date. It took 25 years to have enough people in town to be able to afford the salary of a minister. The town of Greenwich uses the 1640 date for its founding

CALL TO OFFERING

*Using your smartphone messaging app,
text FCCOG Donate to 73256 or scan the QR code to donate.*



ORGAN OFFERTORY

Voluntary
from Mason & Webb's Musical Library

†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

HERITAGE SUNDAY RECOGNITION

†HYMN

Go, My Children
547 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Voluntary
Thomas Loud (1792-1866)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for July are members of the Women's Fellowship.

COMMUNITY HOUR

Caregivers Support Group – Weekly, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Lounge

This group is designed for those who find themselves the primary caregivers to aging parents, ailing spouses, or have otherwise had their lives impacted by the care needs of others.

The group is facilitated by Dedee Rigg, an experienced pastoral counselor and long-time caregiver to her husband Jerry. Dedee graduated from Union Theological Seminary and was ordained to pastoral counseling ministry here at First Church in 1981. After clinical training, she practiced psychotherapy & pastoral counseling in Greenwich for 40 years. Dedee initially worked with adults and couples suffering from both individual and marital issues and later, after the loss of a son, she specialized in grief counseling. For 19 years she was the primary caretaker for her husband Jerry who died of Alzheimer's disease. She offers her experience as a therapist and a caretaker in this support group.

To learn more, contact Pastors Cydney or Patrick, or Parish Nurse Sue Asselin.

**All are Welcome
to Join the Prayer
Shawl Ministry.**

***Come knit, affix
fringe or labels, and
visit with friends.***

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday July 22
7-8:30 pm
in Rick's Room.**



Heritage Sunday 2026
First Church is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more

1949

Donald Freeman
Ruth Gisborne Reed

1950

Dorothy Perna Robertson

1951

Phyllis Carlson Freeman

1952

William C. Henry

1953

John Denne
Claire Gisborne Henry

1955

Larry Haviland
Caralliene Westbrook
Peggy Whitlock

1957

Emily Jostrand
Donna Magness Gargagliano

1958

Nancy Allen
Barbara Hopkins
Jane Ann Henry Ives
Barbara Richmond

1959

Carol Mawhinney

1960

Ronald Weigner

1961

Martha Stisser

1962

H. Kent Atkins

1963

Lynn O'Gorman

1964

William J. Provoost III

1965

Robyn Helmer
Richard Mawhinney
William Savage
Peter & Nettie Schieferdecker

1966

Judy Coleman
Stephen Weigner

1967

Jean Ayres
Kathryn Davis
Susan Ferris
Charles Field
Prill Meyer
Darlene Moore
Hans Plickert
Laura Pugliese

1968

Sarah-Anne Colegrove
Jon Hunt
Eric Kreuter
Patti Provoost
Linnea Stenberg
Jean Watkins

1969

John Cleworth
Alice Ell
Marilyn Ragland
Penny Low

1970

Elizabeth Kreuter
Amy Morgan
Christine Thalheim Wimmer
Andrea Woodman Osker

1971

Arthur & Wynne Delmhorst

1972

Lynn Woodman Hawxhurst
Lisa White McDonald
Suanne Sweger

1973

Persis Alden
Erna Olson
Thomas Woodman

1974

Anne Almy
Robert Dinmore
Sally Graham
Joseph Mallory
Yanna Saari
John and Nancy Ziac
Chris White

1975

Judy Goodchild
Peter Grunow
Lorry and Barbara Hathaway
Bob and Bea Luce
John Rawson

1976

Elizabeth Selkirk Goggins
Andrew Gregor
Phyllis Gregor
Kathryn Lewis Heidt
Susan M. Rattray
Thomas White

Beach Services – Summer 2026

July 26

August 2, 23, 30

All-Church Beach Services are
August 9 & 16
(No Meetinghouse Service)

8 A.M. AT GREENWICH POINT PARK

ALL ARE WELCOME - SIMPLY SAY YOU'RE THERE FOR FIRST CHURCH SERVICE
BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIR OR BLANKET



Discover community
activities in 2026

All women of the
church are welcome!

Scan the QR code for the **GroupMe** app or
visit **www.GroupMe.com** from your desktop for
Women's Fellowship activity updates

For questions, email
Sara Stuckey
(sdstuckey@gmail.com)



Scan here
with your
smartphone
camera!



SUMMER BEACH OUTINGS



Mondays @ 5:30

July 27 & August 24,

rain dates the next day, respectively

We plan 3 monthly beach outings this summer!

All women in our Church and your guests
are invited to bring your own picnic and beverage.

For those who live outside Greenwich, we will meet to
carpool in the Church parking lot at 5:15pm in the car
of a Greenwich resident with a beach pass.

****IF YOU NEED TO CARPOOL****

please let Pat Larrabee know. Her email is
patlarrabee@hotmail.com

**Location: The Sue H. Baker Pavilion at The Old
Barn at Greenwich Point**

SUMMER BOOK READ

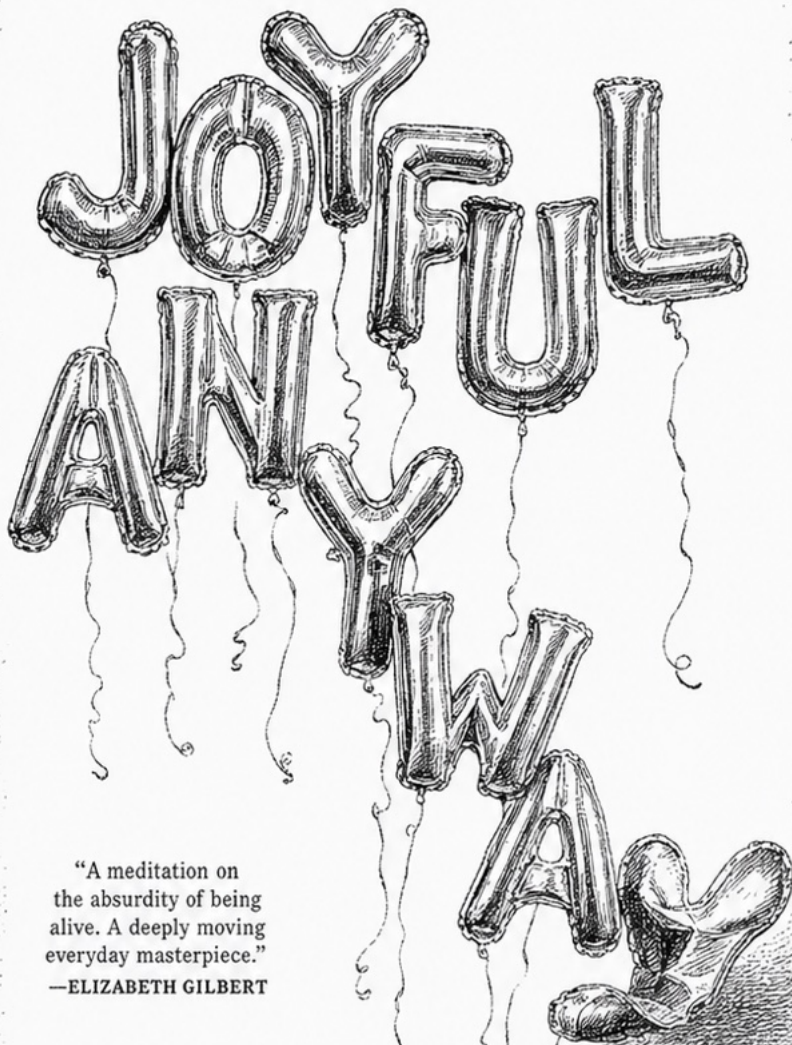
Grab your copy
wherever you get
books/audio books.

3 months to read
at your leisure.

We'll talk about it in
small groups at the
end of summer. (TBD)

What to know
about this book:
Profound. Humorous.
Deeply human.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF
*EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON:
AND OTHER LIES I'VE LOVED*



"A meditation on
the absurdity of being
alive. A deeply moving
everyday masterpiece."

—ELIZABETH GILBERT

KATE BOWLER

HOSTED BY FCCOG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

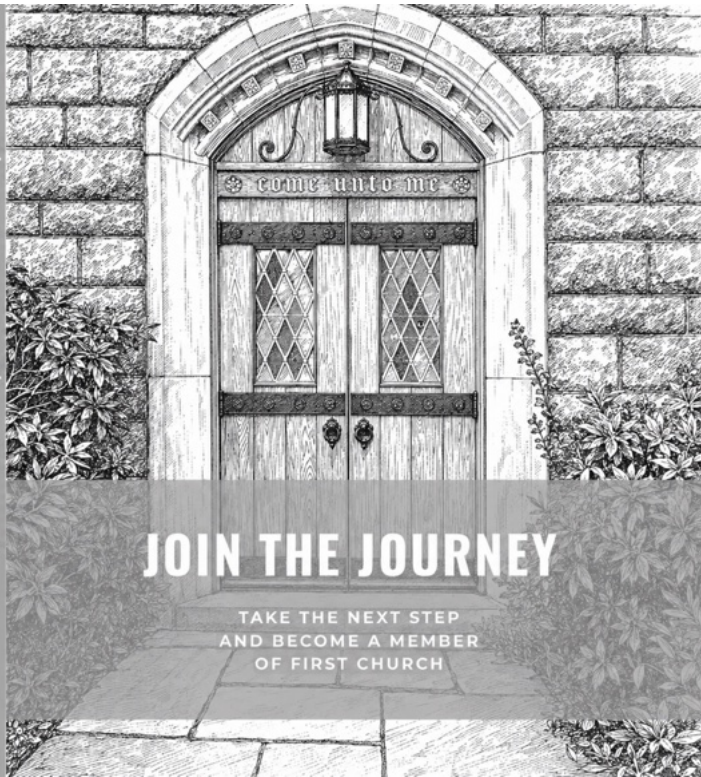
FAITH IS A JOURNEY WE STEP INTO.
MEMBERSHIP IS SIMPLY ONE WAY
OF SAYING:

"I WANT TO KEEP WALKING THIS
ROAD TOGETHER."

IF YOU HAVE BEEN WORSHIPING,
WONDERING, GROWING, SERVING,
OR SEARCHING ALONGSIDE US,
PERHAPS THIS IS YOUR NEXT STEP.

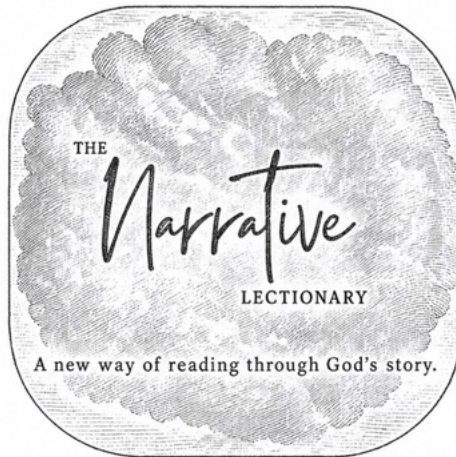
AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH,
BECOMING A MEMBER IS SIMPLE:

HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH ONE
OF OUR PASTORS ABOUT YOUR
FAITH JOURNEY AND DESIRE TO BE
PART OF THIS COMMUNITY.



JOIN THE JOURNEY

TAKE THE NEXT STEP
AND BECOME A MEMBER
OF FIRST CHURCH



NARRATIVE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday at 12 noon
in the First Church Lounge,
Pastor Patrick leads a group in a new
adult education opportunity.

We'll dive into the
Narrative Lectionary
daily readings, opening space for
honest conversation,
fresh insights, and shared discovery.

For the past 2-3 years, First Church has been using the
Narrative Lectionary as our primary scripture focus in Sunday worship.

Whether you are brand new to Bible study or a seasoned reader, you'll find
a welcoming circle to explore how God's story connects with our own.

Come as you are, bring your questions, curiosity,
an open heart, and your lunch (optional).



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CHRISTMAS

in July

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of greenwich
founded 1665

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