



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister
Joan W. Priest, Minister of Visitation
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

January 7, 2018

9:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Torches*

John Joubert

*Processional Hymn: #132 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 86)

Your unfailing kindness O Lord is in the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice as the great deep

You, O Lord, save both man and beast

How precious O God is your enduring kindness.

The children of men shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house and you will give them drink

from the river of your delight

For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light

Let us worship God

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #154 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Love Came Down At Christmas*

John Rutter

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

Children's Sermon

Carleen Gerber

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave. Congregation can remain seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the hymn "Come and Fill Our Hearts". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!" and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment also concludes with a double bar line.

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-5 (OT, pg. 654)

Ephesians 3:1-12 (NT, pg. 181)

Matthew 2:1-20 (NT, pg. 1)

Sermon: "BIRTH AND DEATH"

The Rev. Paul Verryn

*Hymn: #109 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Nativity Carol*

John Rutter

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

This morning we thank Eileen Sypher, our organist.

Eileen served as an Associate Minister here for several years. We welcome her back!

The flowers this morning are given by Karen & Paul Stigliano in loving memory of their parents Ronald Cornell and Francis and Doris Stigliano.

The hosts for fellowship hour are Doug and Leslie Kiem, Bill Slivinski, Allan and Karin Kiem and Stephanie Kenny.

The deacon on duty is Lee Whitaker.

Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 9 AM service. If you need help finding it, please ask the ushers to assist you.

If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

We invite you to pick up a “Welcome” packet, which can be found in the vestibule.

We hope this information will be helpful in acquainting you with our church and its activities and programs.

Quiet Activity Bags for young children are in the vestibule.

They are colorful bags with quiet projects for our youngest members.

Please feel free to offer these bags to your children.

The Rev. David W. Good serves as our Minister Emeritus.

The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby is our Minister for Haitian Outreach.

Thomas Burke (4th year Yale Divinity School student) serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel.

*We welcome The Rev. Paul Verryn to our pulpit this morning.
Our church has been in partnership with Paul and the Methodist churches he serves in
South Africa for nearly thirty years. As always, it is wonderful to have Paul visiting with us.*



Adult Forums: TODAY - Jean Daley will speak about cyber security. **January 14th** - Erin Duran, head of Connecticut College student counseling services.

Under the Meetinghouse Christmas Tree We have been collecting socks and men's underwear for the Homeless Hospitality Center. Also cans of ground coffee. Thank you everyone for your support.

Book Study TODAY, following the 11 am worship service to discuss The Book of Joy: Conversations with the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu, edited by Douglas Carlton. This is a delightful little book chronicling conversations between these two faith leaders – conversations about some of life's challenges and joys, and the ways in which their faith has guided their living. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will lead the discussions. You are surely welcome even if you haven't read the book! 12 noon in the church library, January 7th. A Christmas book recommendation from the Environmental folks: The Water Will Come by Jeff Goodell. This recently released book sheds light on the effect rising seas will have on our coastlines, cities, and communities. A good read on an important subject!

Old Lyme Ringers We are looking for a few good ringers for our newly formed handbell choir, the Old Lyme Ringers. We will meet for seven rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:25 pm in the Meeting House, *January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 21 and 28*. We will be ringing in worship several times during the seven week season. Ability to read music is helpful but not necessary. If interested, please contact Gary Jungkeit at gjungkeit@charter.net.

Haiti Trip 2018 for Senior Pilgrim Fellowship is scheduled for April 13 to 20, 2018. Our first meeting will be *Sunday, January 21, at 12 noon*. Please contact Becky Crosby <rtcros@ftcrosby.com> if you or your child is interested in joining us this year. More details are in the January newsletter.

Bible Study Becky Crosby is leading a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts to discover how he shaped Christianity. To accompany our study, we are reading A. N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:45** in the church's Library. We will meet again **January 25th**.

God's Neighborhood Today in God's Neighborhood we will be celebrating Three Kings Day. Everyone Welcome! Please Join us and Bring a Friend!

Sunday School News: Please join us TODAY as we resume Sunday School at 9:30 am and celebrate Three Kings Day. Everyone is Welcome! Please Join Us!

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, January 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react" (Charles Swindoll). While many forms of communication in ordinary life can seem recreational, (commonly called "sharing"), caregiving is not ordinary life. Communicating one's feelings and listening to others is a wonderful way of caring for oneself. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is *Friday, January 12*. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

NEW LBS COOKBOOK PRESERVES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES

LBS has collected more than 300 tested and cherished recipes from members and friends. Some come from Grandma's table; some are almost as new as yesterday. One of the great treasures of our church family is a very deep reservoir of remarkable cooking wisdom accumulated over decades, centuries even. Cookbooks, \$10, available at the church office.

The Ladies Who Stitch have enjoyed wonderful growth in creations and membership throughout 2017 and are looking forward to continued expansion in 2018. We welcome new members who enjoy sewing and knitting, and are contemplating offering instructional classes for both. Some of our creations are now available at The Lyme Tree/Women's Exchange in Old Lyme, and we also welcome anyone to stop in to shop during our Monday work hours (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium) beginning January 8th. **Occasionally we are able to fill special orders as well as request for repairs. Questions? Contact Eunice via email: eunicetaylor@me.com.**

Get Our Newsletter in Your Inbox Are you receiving the church's monthly email communication? Communicating by email saves us a significant amount of money on postage. If you'd like to received our monthly email, please send us your email address at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com. Thank you!



“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

-John Bunyan

We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us. Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign results are now within 80% of our \$630,000 goal. Please faithfully consider how your investment can sustain and grow the extraordinary ministries and missions of this church – and strengthen the blessings of interdependence that we receive from our Mission partnerships.

Love Flowers? We're looking for someone to coordinate our Sunday morning memorial flower schedule. If you'd like to know more about what this entails, please give Carleen a call at 860-434-0058. Susan Griggs has carried this responsibility for a good number of years, and we are very, very grateful for her service. But now it's time for her to step aside. She'll share all the contacts and information she has gathered with the next person and will be helpful as the new person takes over. *Note: The third week in October and the second week in March are available for Sunday Memorial flowers, please call Susan Griggs at 860-434-7660 for more information.*

Fuller Center for Housing Disaster Relief Fuller Center is making plans to respond to the environmental disasters in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. There is the possibility of a group responding to these needs in the spring of 2018. Please email Allison Hine, allisonghine@gmail.com for more information. We'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

Offering Envelopes for 2018 We're sorry that your offering envelopes for 2018 will be a little delayed due to a shipment problem from the vendor. In the meantime, when making pledge payments by check please note "2018 Pledge" in the memo line. If using cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it so we can give you proper credit. Sorry for the delay, and thank you. Bob McCracken

Refugee Resettlement Committee News! The Refugee Resettlement Committee of Lyme/Old Lyme is excited to announce that we have decided to help a wonderful family of four from Puerto Rico who were displaced by Hurricane Maria. They are **climate refugees!** Everything they owned, including their home, was washed into the ocean. We have been working over the past few weeks with Junta for Progressive Action, an organization in New Haven that advocates for Puerto Rican families, to make this happen. Both parents will be seeking employment after the New Year. They have two sons, ages 2 and 12. This hardworking family just needs a helping hand to get their new start. We are so proud to say that we are prepared to give them that start. What a Christmas gift for the family and for us all!

**THE ANNUAL MEETING
IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018,
AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE.**

**Annual reports from Boards and Committees are due
Wednesday, January 10, 2018.**

Please send as a Word Document to fccol@fccol.org.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Book Group *TODAY after the 11:00 am service in the Library.*

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, January 8th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

WES Board Meeting *Tuesday, January 9th at 9:00 am in the Library.*

Church Council *Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Board of Youth Ed *Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

Board of Trustees *Tuesday, January 9th at 7:30 pm in the Library.*

Annual Reports Due *Wednesday, January 10th, to fccol@fccol.org.*

Writing Group *Wednesday, January 10th at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

Senior Choir *Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Care Group *Friday, January 12th at 10:00 am in the Library.*