



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister
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January 26, 2025

Annual Meeting Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“O Lord, Increase My Faith”** by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*Processional Hymn: #237 “How Firm a Foundation ”

*Call to Worship:

When through the deep waters we are called to go
The rivers of woe over us shall not flow
For you, O Lord, will be with us, our troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you, O God, our deepest distress.

The souls that on Jesus have leaned for repose
God will not, she will not desert to their foes;
those souls, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
God shall never, no, never, no, never forsake.

On the sure foundation of our faith...

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #244 “Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

Children’s Message

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Children’s Song: #364 “*This Little Light of Mine*”
(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Call To Remembrance”** by Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

*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.

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: “Come Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!

The image shows a musical score for two parts of a hymn. The first part is in 2/4 time, G major, and consists of two staves (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second part is also in 2/4 time, G major, and consists of two staves. The lyrics are "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4.

Scripture: Matthew 7: 21-28

Sermon: “A Different Kind of Church”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #241 “We Will Build Your Church, O Christ”

Benediction

Benediction Response

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.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 7: 21-28

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.’

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

Choir Anthems

Introit: “O Lord, Increase My Faith” by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversity, teach me to say Amen.

Offertory Anthem: “Call To Remembrance” by Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercy and Thy loving kindness, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O lord, for Thy goodness.

The flowers this morning are given in recognition of Bishop Mariann Budde's recent words.

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*There will not be a Fellowship Hour following the service this morning*

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The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.
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## **Events and Meetings**

**Church Annual Meeting** *TODAY after the Service* in the Meetinghouse.

**Youth Group Taco Night** *TONIGHT from 4:00 -6:00 pm*  
hosted by the Brant family at 67 Whippoorwill in Old Lyme.

**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, January 27th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Newsletter Folding** *Tuesday, January 28th* see Jane Marolda for more details.

**Board of Deacons Meeting** *Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Old Lyme Ringers Rehearsal** *Wednesday, January 29th at 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, January 29th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study** *Thursday, January 30th at 11:00 am* in Hoag Parlor.

**The Kairos Document Reading** *Thursday, January 30th at 12:00 pm* in Hoag Parlor.

**Children's Handbell Rehearsal** *Thurs, Jan. 30th at 4:15 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, February 1st at 8:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

## **Coming Soon...**

**Adult Forum with Robert Ballard** *Sunday, February 2nd at 11:15 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Communion Sunday** *February 2nd at 10:00 am* in the Meetinghouse.

**Adult Forum with Writer Nadine Pinede and Poet Marilyn Nelson**  
*Sunday, Feb. 9th at 11:15 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Faith and Science Discussion Potluck Supper** *Friday, February 21st at 6:00 pm*  
in the Meetinghouse.

## **The Southeastern Connecticut World Affairs Council (SECWAC)**

Will be sponsoring a talk on U.S. - China Relations: *The Storm Ahead* by William Holstein, a long time expert on China relations on **Thursday, January 30th** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can join SECWAC (<https://secwac.org>) to attend all talks they offer on global issues, or come as a guest (\$20).

**Adult Forum with Dr. Robert Ballard "Exploring the New America. Exploring the 52% that lies below the Sea"** On Sunday, February 2nd at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium. Retired Navy officer and oceanographer Dr. Robert Ballard an internationally renowned scientist, explorer and educator known for his numerous deep-sea explorations including his famous discovery of the Titanic, will share his experiences of the hidden world in our planet's oceans.

## **Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace: We have started to read the book of Exodus**

Bible Study continues every Thursday, at 11:00 am. In person and on Zoom.

Email: [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org) for the zoom link.

## **Reading the South African Kairos Document**

Members and friends are invited to gather for a reading and study group of the South African Kairos Document with Steve. Written at the height of the apartheid struggles in South Africa in 1985, this brief theological statement remains stunningly relevant. We'll meet every Thursday at 12:00 noon, in the Hoag Parlor, immediately after the weekly Bible study. Copies of the document will be available in the church Narthex, on the table at the bottom of the stairs between the Meetinghouse and the Fellowship Hall, and in the church office. Email: [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org) for the zoom link.

## **Adult Forum with Writer Nadine Pinede and Poet Marilyn Nelson**

*Sunday, February 9th at 11:15 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Poet and church member, Marilyn Nelson, and author, Dr. Nadine Pinede will join us for worship and offer an Adult Forum of poetry and discussion. The daughter of Haitian immigrants, and the first Rhodes Scholar of Haitian descent, Dr. Pinede will share her novel, *When the Mapou Sings*, and her research into the little known Haitian Renaissance. We'll honor our church partnership with Haiti and the Crosby Fund for Education as well.

## **2025 Stewardship (Financial) Campaign Update**

Our 2025 campaign, which provides the financial resources for the church to operate every year, is nearing the "home stretch." So far, we have received 249 generous commitments totaling \$579,539 which is very close to our goal of \$600,000. Last year we received 280 commitments. So, we would very much appreciate for those who have not yet made a commitment to come forward. We would like to exceed the goal this year, so that we don't have to rely on a contribution from our Endowment Fund, which we needed to do last year. If you have not yet made a commitment, and/or have misplaced your commitment card, please call the office (860-434-8686) and we will make sure you get one. You can also give us your commitment over the phone. THANK YOU!

Treasurer, Bob McCracken, and the Board of Stewardship

## **Petition to State Legislators supporting Environmental Efforts**

If you are interested in information or want to sign the CT Coalition for Climate Action petition from the Inter-religious Eco-Justice Network, contact Mariette Brown for more information at: [mariettetb98@gmail.com](mailto:mariettetb98@gmail.com).

## **Homeless Hospitality Donations...**

We are grateful to everyone who helped with the donations of socks and coffee for the Homeless Hospitality Center of New London. Their request for canes (used canes are just fine!) and ground coffee and socks will continue. Please bring them to church and leave them with the deacons at the front door if you have one to donate; or bring it to the church office during the week. Many thanks.

## **Stair Chair Available**

A stair chair has been donated and available to any one in need of one. Please contact Ellen Calkins for more information at [ercalkins@gmail.com](mailto:ercalkins@gmail.com).

## **Sunday Flowers**

We're scheduling members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for Sundays. To sign up, call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

## **Housing Wanted**

We regularly hear from folks who are in need of an affordable rental. If you have any information that could be helpful, please let Anne in the office know. Even a room to rent for a period of time would be greatly appreciated.

## **Car Wanted**

Our caretaker, Bill Slivinski, is in need of a car. Please let us know if you can help. Call the office at 860-434-8686. Thank you!

## **Help for Counting the Offerings Needed.**

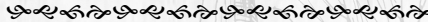
We have several money-counting teams that count and record the worship service offerings each week. This is a great help to our bookkeeper and is good financial procedure to keep the tasks separate. We now need several more volunteers so that we can have four teams, with each only having to count once per month. If you are interested, please contact Jody Belluzzi (201-314-1051) or Sandy Sims (860-964-0321). Thanks!

## **NOTICE OF 2025 FCCOL ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF OLD LYME**

**WILL BE HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY of JANUARY, 2025  
IN THE MEETING HOUSE AT 2 FERRY ROAD, OLD LYME, CT.**

**FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE.**



### **THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE:**

- TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MINISTERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2024:
- TO APPROVE THE CHURCH BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025;
- TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE;
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- TO ELECT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR TERMS;
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- TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS AS SHALL PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.