



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 16, 2025

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10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Be Thou My Vision”** arr. Michael & Sandra Eithun
Handbell Duet: Sean McCarty and Gary Jungkeit with Rachael Jungkeit, piano

*Processional Hymn: #18 “Praise to the Living God”

*Call to Worship:

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are accepted, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this,

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Eunice Taylor

*Hymn: #72 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Children’s Message

Allison Hine

Congregational Song: # 364 “This Little Light of Mine”

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**

by John Dressler

words by Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

*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: “Hear Our Prayer”



Scripture Readings: Genesis 2: 2; 3: 7, Genesis 4: 1-10, Romans 8: 1-2

Sermon: “No Condemnation: The Hidden Dynamics of a Strong Emotion”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: # 519 “O, Day of Peace That Dimly Shines”

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, her or their 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.

(on the cover: painting by Childe Hassam)

Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:2 and 3:7

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed...Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Genesis 4: 1-10

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.” Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen, your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground!

Romans 8: 1-2

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Choir Anthems

The Introit: “Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Michael & Sandra Eithun

Handbell Duet: Sean McCarty and Gary Jungkeit with Rachael Jungkeit, piano
Be Thou My Vision is a meditation on Hymn #445 and is based on a traditional Irish tune. The piece is performed with each ringer holding two handbells in each hand. This technique is called “four-in-hand ringing.”

Offertory Anthem: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

by John Dressler

Words by Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

Oh master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me Thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward

way. Teach my Thy patience; still with Thee in closer dearer company in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Father, let me live.

Today at FCCOL

New Member Orientation Sunday today after the 10:00 am service in the Hoag Parlor.

Please join us for a small gathering for those who are interested in exploring membership a little bit further. It's not a requirement in order to join. This is simply a way for all of us to get to know one another a little better and to learn more about FCCOL's history and community. Our new members will be welcomed during our Worship Service on Sunday, November 23rd.

As for the word "membership," there are those who get hung up on the word and who feel resistance to the very notion of membership. That's because in many parts of our lives it suggests something transactional, dues and obligations owed in exchange for some kind of (exclusive) right of access. That's not how it is for us. It's simply a way to be more deeply in communion with one another, to build relationships, and to explore our faith journeys together. Let Steve, Laura or Carleen know if you would like to explore membership further.

Elephants-In-Winter and Partnership Holiday Sale LAST DAY, TODAY *from 9am-1pm* in the Fellowship Hall, Sheffield Auditorium and the Library.

Once again, Pat Spratt of *Patricia Spratt for the Home* will run a final retirement sale concurrently with FCCOL'S Elephants in Winter & Partnership Holiday Sale At 60 Lyme Street, TODAY from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. A portion of her sales will be donated to FCCOL.

Youth Group Dinner Church "Family TODAY *from 4:00 - 6:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall. "Dinner Church" for our Middle and High School Youth Group and families. We will make and enjoy dinner together, share in communion and serve one another as part of an informal worship service. Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and dessert are on the menu! We hope you can join us.

The flowers this morning are given by Betsey Webster in loving memory of Bob Webster.

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*The nursery is open today. Please welcome our new staff member, Erin Cameron.*

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Upcoming Events this Week

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, November 17th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

December Newsletter Deadline *Wed, November 19th.*

TransParent Meeting *Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Handbell Ringers Rehearsal *Wednesday, November 19th at 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, November 19th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, November 20th, 11:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor. Email the church at fccol@fccol.org or call 860-434-8686 for the link to the zoom Bible Study.

Board of Stewardship Meeting *Thursday, November 20th at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

Church Council Meeting *Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

***Science Potluck Dinner** *Friday, November 21st at 6:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Shoreline Food Pantry *Saturday, November 22nd at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

New London Meal Center Dinner served by the Youth Group, *Sunday, November 23rd* departing FCCOL at 3:30 pm.

New Member Sunday *November 23rd at the 10:00 am worship service.* Followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall to welcome all our new members from the Spring and Fall of 2025. Please join us!

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**\*Science Friday Potluck Dinner and Discussion** this Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. This is the third in our series of science discussions and again promises to be informative and provocative. Bob McCracken will lead us with the topic **“What Do We Know About the Cosmos, and When Did We Know It?”** Why is Newton a hero? Did Einstein really make a mistake? What is dark energy, anyway? When was the big bang? Should we care? Does all this influence our faith? Bring a dish to share and lots of thoughts and questions!

## **In the Week Ahead...**

**The Benevolent Society Board Meeting** *Tuesday, November 25th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

**Community Thanksgiving Service with St. Anns and FCCOL** on *Wednesday, November 26th at 3:00 pm* at St Ann's Church, 82 Shore Road, Old Lyme. Please bring a canned good to donate to the Shore Line Food Kitchen and Pantry.

**The FCCOL Office will be closed** *Thursday, November 27th*. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**Hanging of the Greens** *Friday November 28th at 10:00 am*. See Sean McCarty for more details or to volunteer.

**Homeless Hospitality Center Concert and Fundraiser at FCCOL**, *Sunday, November 30th at 4:00 pm*. Join the Community Benefit Concert with the **Yale Whiffenpoofs** and a wine reception in support of the New London Homeless Hospitality Center at FCCOL. Tickets are \$50. Join us to celebrate music, community and compassion in helping HHC continue its important work helping our neighbors get a home. Tickets can be purchased at: [givebutter.com/whiffs](https://givebutter.com/whiffs).

**Stay tuned for the Moth Stories and Potluck**; it will be re-scheduled in January. We still are looking for a couple of storytellers for our Moth storytelling night. Everyone has a fun story or two... please share! If you think you can cobble together a 5-minute story, we would love to hear from you (youth group members this also means you). Contact Tom Sherer. ([tesjr299@outlook.com](mailto:tesjr299@outlook.com)) and we can discuss.

**The 2026 Stewardship Campaign** We are deeply grateful to the 191 members and friends who have come forward with commitments so far of \$481,343, or 74% of the 2026 goal of \$650,000. Without the continuing generosity of our congregation we could not support the missions and ministries of our church year to year. Contributions from individual members and friends provide funding for over 75% of our annual needs. We hope that those who have not yet responded will do so generously. If you have not received our letter and commitment card, please call the church office (860-434-8686) and we will remedy that! **THANK YOU!**



# We need you in the FCCOL Choir!

Yes, you!

Here at The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme we don't demand vocal perfection—we just require enthusiasm and a willingness to stand in the general vicinity of people who *might* know what they're doing. Think of it as vocal social distancing, but for harmony.

## Why Join?

- **Guaranteed Seating:** You get a prime, reserved seat every Sunday. No more fighting for that coveted spot near the back exit!
- **Built-in Alibi:** If you accidentally doze off during the sermon, everyone just assumes you were deep in contemplative prayer about the sheet music. (Disclaimer: We cannot guarantee a successful alibi if you snore.)
- **Instant Community:** Join a group of people who are contractually obligated to smile at you, even when you sing that one note the composer probably didn't intend.
- **Heavenly Upgrade:** Scientists have proven that joining a choir instantly gets you bumped up a notch in the queue for the afterlife. Probably.

## What We're Looking For:

- **Sopranos:** People who can hit notes only dogs can hear.
- **Altos:** The backbone, the glue, the real heroes who make the sopranos sound less like squeaky toys.
- **Tenors:** We assume you exist, but mostly we just appreciate your effort.
- **Basses:** If you can say "Amen" without your voice cracking, you're hired.

**Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Sheffield Auditorium and Sundays at 9:15am in the Meeting House.

Your earplugs are ready. Your dog will thank you for practicing somewhere else.

Sign up today! The angels are literally begging us for backup.

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