



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 23, 2025

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”** arr. J. Linker & J. McFadden
Old Lyme Ringers with Carlene Gerber, organ

*Processional Hymn: #526 “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

*Call to Worship:

The house of faith has many rooms where we have never been;
There is more space within God's scope than we have ever seen.
We dare not limit God's domain to what our creeds declare,
or shrink from probing things unknown lest God should not be there.
Confident in this expansive house of faith,
Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Order for the Reception of New Members

*Hymn: #354 “Lord, We Would Be Instruments of Loving Service”

Children's Message Gavin Lodge

Congregational Song: # 364 “This Little Light of Mine”
(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Moment for Stewardship Annabelle Coppola

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Thanks to Thee, O Lord”** by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

*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"

Two systems of musical notation for a two-part setting. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The second system continues the same parts. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "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!"

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

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 53: 3-4, I Peter 3: 18b-20, The Apostle's Creed

Sermon: No Condemnation, Part II: "He Descended Into Hell; On the Third Day
He Rose Again"

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: # 401 "Amazing Grace"

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.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 53: 3-4

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases.

I Peter 3: 18b-20

He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.

The Apostle's Creed (probably formulated in the middle of the 5th century)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Old Lyme Bell Ringers

The Introit: **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”** arr. J. Linker & J. McFadden

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving season the Old Lyme Ringers and Carleen Gerber at the organ are playing an exciting arrangement of the hymn tune *St. George's Windsor*, found in our hymnal as Hymn #526.

Choir Anthems

Offertory Anthem: **“Thanks to Thee, O Lord”** by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Thanks to Thee, O Lord, for Thou, O Lord, led Israel, Thy people, with Thee thru the sea. Like a flock it passed thru, Thy guiding hand protected it, Thy loving kindness led it thru the sea. Thanks be to Thee.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

We then, as members of this Church, gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in love and sympathy, to join with you in the ministries of grace to neighbors near and far, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the life of faith.

This morning we are pleased to welcome as new members:

Margery Connor

Diane Abrams

Lynn Carlson

(on the cover: watercolor by Jane Ludington)

The flowers this morning are given by Ok Park in loving memory of Tom Johnston.

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*The host for the Fellowship hour this morning is Julie Martel.*

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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 24th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

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

**Hanging of the Greens** *Friday November 28th at 10:00 am.*

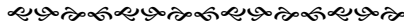
**Homeless Hospitality Center Concert at FCCOL** *Sunday, November, 30th at 4:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse. See below for more details.

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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.

Stay tuned for the Moth Stories and Potluck Dinner: 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) and we can discuss.

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign We are deeply grateful to the 199 members and friends who have come forward with commitments so far with \$509,903, or 78% 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!**



December Events to Save on your Calendar

Adult Forum with Sarah Lufler:

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity on Plans with Old Lyme,
December 7th following the 10:00 am service in the Sheffield Auditorium.

A Quiet Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 in the Meetinghouse.

Church Potluck Dinner

Friday, December 12th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share.

Memorial Service for Mary Broughton

Saturday, December 13th at 2:30 pm in the Meetinghouse.

God's Neighborhood Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21st at 10:00 am in the Meetinghouse.

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24th at 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

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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