

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gathered 1635, Open and Affirming since 2007

Walton Place
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Today	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
	Holy Communion, Deacons Fund and Food Trunk offering
8:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary
12:00 noon	Chapel reserved
12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary reserved
Monday	
9:30 a.m.	Fusion Dance Class—Dining Room
6:30 p.m.	Missions-Room308
Tuesday	
7:00 p.m.	Rainbow Café – Room 308
Wednesday	
12:00 noon	Sanctuary Open for prayer and meditation (until 2:00 p.m.)
Thursday	
10:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop (until 3:00 p.m.)
Saturday	
11:30 p.m.	Stamford EATS
Next Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary
12:00 noon	Second Sunday Walk
12:00 noon	Chapel reserved
12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary reserved

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday-Friday, 12 noon—Dining Room
Overeaters Anonymous: Monday-Friday, 12 noon—Room 309
Al-Anon: Wednesdays, 12 noon—Room 308
The church building and office are open weekdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Church Directory

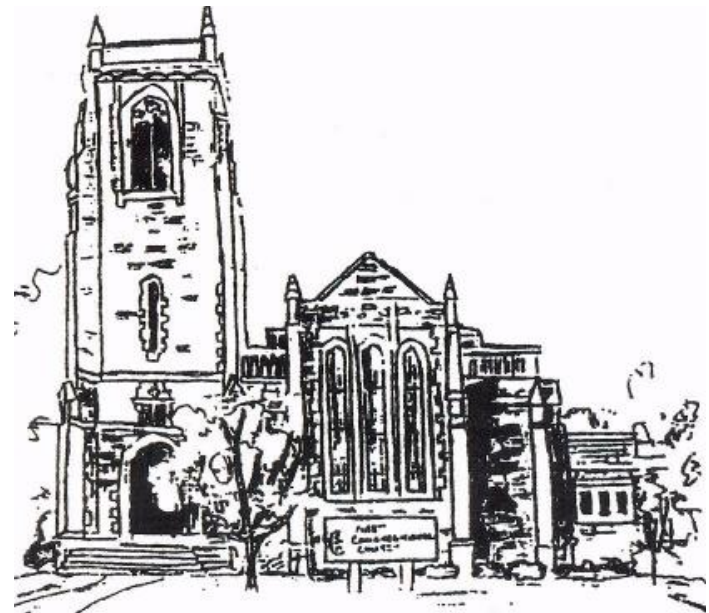
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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 3, 2013



*No matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome in this
United Church of Christ congregation.*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 3, 2013

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**All that are able please stand.*

Please silence cell phones.

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PRELUDE

Timothy Wallace

WELCOME

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Psalm 91: The Psalm of Protection

Music: Timothy Alexandre Wallace

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have good news today! God knows where we are and calls to us,
offering new life.

Jesus calls to us, wherever we are, no matter what we were doing.

“Zacchaeus hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today”

Your past does not matter; God has a place for you and for me.

”Peter, come follow me and I will make you fish for people.

Matthew, leave your tax booth and follow me!”

**We come to celebrate good news today! God, who knows who we
are and where we are, offers us new life!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

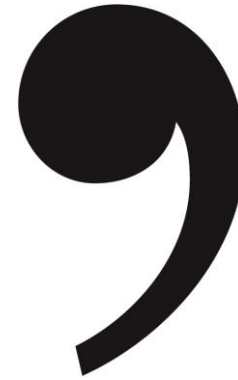
For All the Saints

Chalice #637

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have
left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent. Have mercy on us, and forgive us; that we may delight in your
will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE



**To be a spectator of Reality is not enough. The awakened subject is
not merely to perceive transcendent life, but to participate therein;
and for this, a drastic and costly life-changing is required.**

-Evelyn Underhill 1875-1941 Mysticism

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

November 4, 2013

Join us for Hospitality in the Parlor (light refreshments & friendship).



Dear FCC family and friends,

In approximately four weeks, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Just a friendly reminder that we will need your support.

If you and your family, or even your friends, would like to volunteer this year that would be great. Perhaps you would like to make a donation - that would be awesome! Also, as in previous years, we need apple or pumpkin pies from everyone - that would be delicious! Any and all donations are deeply appreciated.

Today if you can spare an hour, we will be polishing some of the silverware for Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you.

Thank you and Blessings.
Thanksgiving Co-Chairs
Ellen Taylor and Warren Richardson.

Keep us informed! If you are hospitalized, please call the church office, and let us know. We would like to include you in our prayers and visit you!

We welcome Children to our worship! Children's bulletins and pencils available; if you prefer, childcare for infants – 5 year-olds available during worship in the upstairs nursery with caregivers, Elfriede Mallin and Margaret Simpson. An usher can direct you. Church school classes for ages 3 thru 12 years old begin after Passing of the Peace – visitors welcome.

Visit our Church Library, located across from the Parlor.

Volunteers are needed to host our hospitality hour after worship. A sign-up calendar is on a table in the parlor, and instructions are posted in the kitchen. Our hospitality chairs, Jan Fuechsel and Lynne Koellner, would be happy to answer any questions.

*GLORIA PATRI

Chalice #35

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen*

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

In the Morning Joy

Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

Blue mist rising from the hollows to the hills. Morning comes, and with it all the joy that morning brings. Gone the weeping, weeping of the long night slowly stills. Morning comes, and with the morning, joy.

Pale sun glowing, drives the darkness from the night. Morning comes, promise for the day. Shadows dancing freely in the breaking light. Morning comes, and with the morning, joy.

Anxious mother, wayward child, lost, alone. Grieving father, lonesome soldier far from home. Heartsick family, weeping through the long dark night, waits for morning, for it comes, and with it, joy.

Bright sun shining burns the rising mist away. Morning comes, full of promise and delight. No more waiting for the warmth of day. Morning comes, and with the morning, joy.

SCRIPTURE

*Psalms 32
Luke 19:1-10*

*Old Testament. pp.506, 507
New Testament, p.82*

SERMON

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Into My Heart

Chalice #304

*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come into to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

INVITATION TO SHARE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Open Prayer

Frances McGovern, soprano

Pepper Choplin

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice #48

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore.*

*HYMN

Come Share the Lord

Chalice #408

COMMUNION

HYMN

Spirit Song

Chalice #352

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

You Are My Hiding Place

Chalice #554

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.
I will trust in you; let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of my God."
You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

POSTLUDE

Timothy Wallace

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*The flowers today are given by Pam Riley,
in loving memory of her brother John H. Judson*

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