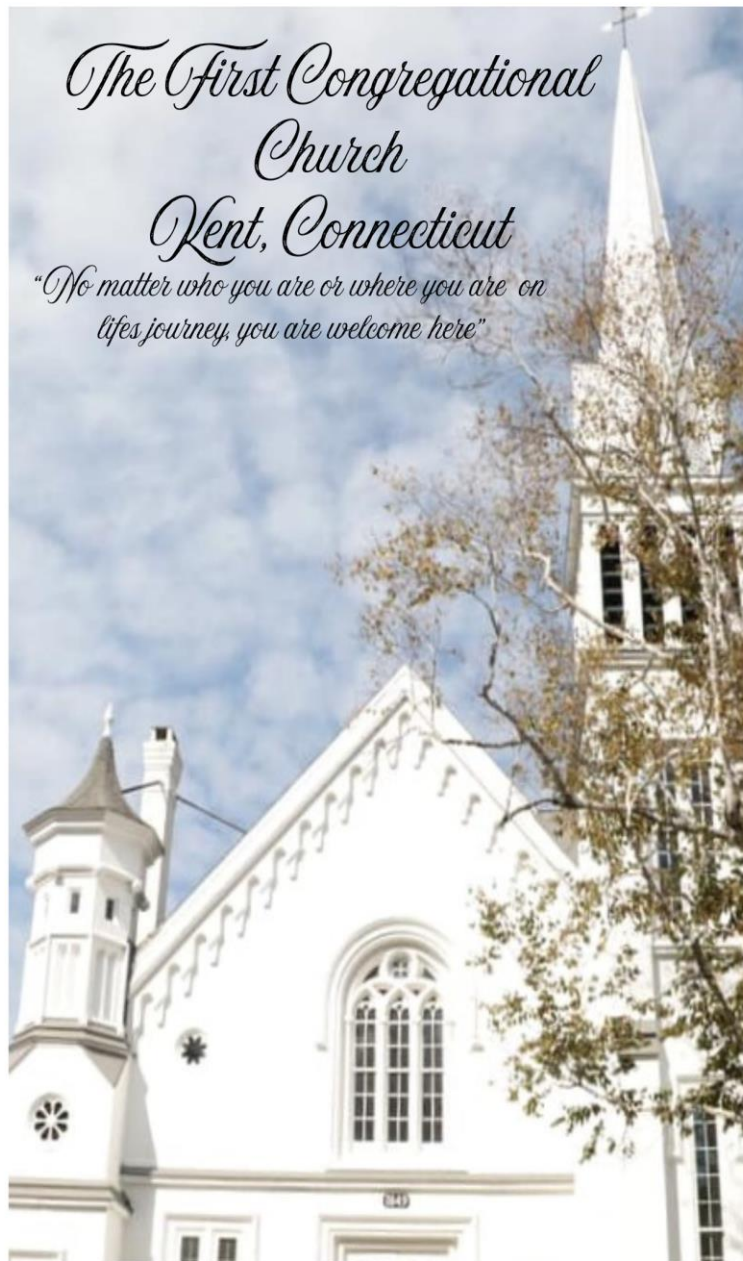




The First Congregational Church

October 19, 2025

Kent, Connecticut

10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship our God,

People: For there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Leader: One God and Father of all,

People: Who is above all, and through all, and in all.

Leader: We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,

People: Bearing with one another in love.

*HYMN #68

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise his name - I'm fixed upon it - name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar, hither by thy help I've come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have called us to this place to hear the promise of your holy word. Draw us deeper into your presence, and send us out to love and serve, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (#734)

*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, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE:

First Timothy 2:1-7

SERMON

*HYMN #470

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian Sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind
and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Anthem:

Doxology (#34)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #473

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arm's he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt

Organist: Bob Keck

Deacon of the Month: Kathleen Robey

Video Team: Bethany Keck

WE WELCOME ALL who are worshipping with us via the internet
and in person. Guests are invited to sign the guest book in the back of
the sanctuary and/or fill out a Pew Card and place it in the offering
plate.

Prayer List: Peggy, Barbie's Family, Betty, The Thornton Family, Joel, Our Community, Those affected by natural disasters, those whom we hold in our hearts.

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Church office hours:

Monday/Thursday 1:30-3

Tues/Wednesday/Friday 9am-1pm

Pastor John's Office hours: In office Tues/Wednesday 11am-1pm

Thursdays at Wilson's 2-4pm

Coffee Hour- What does coffee hour mean to you? For most it is about fellowship. Please sign up to host and support the fellowship of our church. Nothing fancy is needed. Just start the coffee add some cheese and crackers or cookies and let the conversations start.

Bible Study- Meets every Monday at 7pm via zoom. If interested in joining let Pastor John know.

Book Club- The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming. With over a million copies sold, this classic work is essential reading for all who ask, "Where has my struggle led me?" A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on an unforgettable spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. The challenge to love as God loves, and to be loved as God's beloved, will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and is here represented with a vigor and power fresh for our times. The meeting is scheduled for October 29th.

The First Congregational Church New Milford presents:

I hope you know by now that we are hosting
the world-famous **Yale Whiffenpoofs**
In concert November 8th, 2025 5:00 pm
**This will benefit maintenance of our historic, iconic
192-year-old steeple**



Every year, 14 Yale seniors are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs. Formed in 1909, they are **the world's oldest and best known collegiate a cappella group.**



When the Whiffenpoofs formed, our Steeple was already 76 years old, and a landmark of our town!

This is a big thing!

The Whiffenpoofs perform **more than 200 concerts each year.** Their characteristic white tie and tails, paired with their enthusiasm and humor, have become iconic for audiences all around the United States and across the world. Recent Whiffenpoof performance venues include **Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House, the Rose Bowl, and Lincoln Center.** The Whiffenpoofs have reached a television audience of more than 175 million via appearances in NBC's **The SingOff, The West Wing, The Today Show, 60 Minutes, Gilmore Girls, Jeopardy!, Saturday Night Live, Glee, and Hell's Kitchen.**

This is a time to sing!

Sing (or talk) to your family, friends and neighbors about this! Music fans, live performance fans, even Gilmore Girl fans would all like to hear about this! It is a one-hour performance of pure joy, at a convenient time that will allow dinner plans in town or back at home!

This is a time to bring!

We want you to bring as many people as possible to fill our space, and make this a successful fundraiser for the maintenance of our iconic steeple. Our \$25 per person (at the door) is very reasonable compared to other venues.