



The First Congregational Church  
Chappaqua, New York  
United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church



**"Godspell...Act 2...Maybe?  
A special service by Bible Stories Live!"**

March 8, 2026 • 10:00 am



## Welcome to FCC — We're So Glad You're Here

“All Are Welcome” isn’t just a slogan - it’s how we live. Whether you’re grounded in faith or full of questions... Young or old, neuro-diverse or otherly-abled... Whatever your race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, political views, marital status, income level, or background - You can belong here. We believe every person is a child of God, and every voice is essential to who we are as a family of faith.

**Maybe you’ve gone to church your whole life - or maybe this is your very first time in a place like this.** Either way, we’re grateful you’re here. It takes courage to show up, especially if church has ever felt like a place of hurt, judgment, or confusion. We hope this community feels different. As a congregation of the United Church of Christ, we’re rooted in a rich history of Christian faith and justice.

As a church, we seek to follow Jesus and explore what that means in today’s changing world. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey—curious, committed, cautious, or questioning—we’re grateful you’re here to grow with us.

If you're worshipping in person for the first time, we invite you to fill out a **Visitor Card**. Prayer requests can also be written and handed to an usher.

### **Worshipping online? Have a question or want to get more involved?**

Pastor Siobhan would love to hear from you at [pastorsiobhan@fcc-chappaqua.org](mailto:pastorsiobhan@fcc-chappaqua.org). To receive our weekly *Thursday's Word* newsletter, contact [office@fcc-chappaqua.org](mailto:office@fcc-chappaqua.org).

### **And yes, children are joyfully welcome in worship!**

Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs”* (Mark 10:14). We believe children aren’t just the future of the church—they help reveal the heart of God right now. Their voices, questions, wiggles, giggles—and yes, even cries or joyful shouts—are welcome here. We celebrate the life they bring, even when it doesn’t follow the script. Children are invited to receive communion or a blessing and may also join our Sunday School program (September–June), if families choose. *For more information you can reach our Director of Christian Education Jonathan Riedel at [cc@fcc-chappaqua.org](mailto:cc@fcc-chappaqua.org)*

**We hope you feel at home, for truly your presence is a blessing to us.**

#### Our Mission Statement

*“With open hands and open hearts, we care for each other and the wider world through prayer, connections and compassion. We are compelled by our faith to follow in the path of Jesus Christ, by both listening to and spreading God’s love to all people.”*

#### Our Vision Statement

*“In living our faith and guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we seek to be known as an open and safe place of peaceful reflection and tolerant dialogue. We also seek to lead our community as a voice of hope to foster individual and social compassion.”*

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FCC Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:30 pm

**If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Katy Cates at 914-584-7722**

Find us on YouTube: [@fccchappaqua7354](https://www.youtube.com/@fccchappaqua7354) and Facebook: [fcc-chappaqua.org](http://fcc-chappaqua.org)

*First Congregational Church*  
*Sunday, March 8, 2026 • 10:00 am*

Opening Song *You Are The Light of the World*

Welcome

Centering Music *Day By Day*

Song *Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord*

*...Come! My friends! Brothers, sisters, and siblings in God! Pray a prayer of confession with me!*

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: Stop. This is the beginning.

**All: The beginning, Lord? The beginning of what?**

One: You have learned your lessons, well. Now the work begins.

**All: Lord, we have the strength. Lord, we have the courage.**

One: Will you be so ready when the time has come?

**All: Yes, Lord. With the help of God.**

One: Then come, let us worship God together!

**All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise God in the Highest!**

*...Then let us invoke the blessing of our Holy Mother and Father. Pray with me.*

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (*using debts*):

God of Wisdom and God of Mercy, fill us with your presence and bring us peace of heart. Save us and redeem us! Bring your Kingdom near and open your doors. Guide us to your side and teach us how to live in glory. Hear this prayer we lift to you... ***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 and ever. Amen.***

Song *Turn Back O Man*

*...Come! My friends! Brothers, sisters, and siblings in God! Pray a prayer of confession with me!*

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**All: Lord, along our path we have stumbled. We have lost our way. We have even thrown stones. Forgive us. Redeem us. Show us a better way. In this moment of personal prayer and reflection, we lift to you what is weighing on your hearts.**

Words of Assurance (*responsively*):

One: To all who confess their sins, and repent from wrongful ways, God shows mercy and grace.

**All: Hosannah! God saves us! We are forgiven!**

One: So, with the weight of our hearts lifted, and only God's love between us, let us now rise and greet one another! My brothers, sisters, and siblings...May the Peace of God be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Song *Alas, For You*

Song *By My Side*

*...Father, in this time of quiet contemplation, I have heard the prayers of your people. May their hearts be one with mine, now as I lift them to you.*

Prayers of Our People

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

*We Beseech Thee*

*...Friends! Rise as we receive this bounty!*

Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*.... Pray with me, a prayer of consecration!*

Unison Prayer of Consecration

**Gracious God! You have heard our song and heard our prayers. We long to serve you and serve our people. We long to be in your kingdom and to build a beautiful city. Take these gifts and take our talents and use them for your will! Lord, thy will be done! Amen.**

Song *Beautiful City*

Passing of the Flowers

Song **On the Willows**

Closing Song *Long Live God / Prepare Ye the Way*

Benediction

*...My brothers, sisters and siblings! The seed has been planted! The prophecies have been fulfilled. Go now...out into the world. The work is ours! The Kingdom of Heaven is near. THIS...is the beginning!*



We thank all who have participated in our morning worship service and in the auxiliary functions.

- Nancy Roche is our Host Deacon
  - Mark Barth is our Liturgist
- Esther Gates and Kim Russell are our Ushers
- Christina Yedowitz-Nessel is Hosting Sunday Fellowship

**Please join us for coffee/snacks and fellowship in the Centennial Hall following worship.**



## Calendar



### TODAY Sunday, March 8

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**10:00 am Worship - Bible Stories Live!**  
(CH/YouTube)

**11:15 am Sunday Fellowship**

**11:15-11:45 am Choir Rehearsal (CR)**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, March 9

**9:15 am Play Care**

Tuesday, March 10

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**1:30 pm Staff Meeting**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, March 11

**9:15 am Play Care**

10:00 am Chapp. Garden Club (CH)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, March 12

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, March 13

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, March 14

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

### NEXT Sunday, March 15

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Pastor's Pancakes*



**10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)**

**11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)**

**11:15-11:45 am Choir Rehearsal (CR)**

**4:00-6:00 pm St. Patrick's Day BINGO**

7:30 pm AA (CH)



*First Congregational Church*

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US  
FOR AN EVENING OF FUN

LUCKY

Bingo

NIGHT

Sunday, March 15th / 4pm

Cards \$2 each or 3 for \$5

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED  
FUN PRIZES ALL AGES WELCOME

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210 Orchard Ridge Road, Chappaqua

BINGO						
10	22	35	46	73		
6	25	40	54	71		
14	27		49	74		
7	16	44	59	72		
8	20	43	57	75		

*Feeling lucky? You don't want to miss this!*