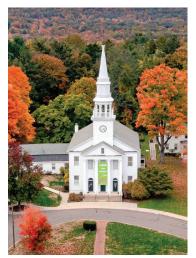
# There's a place for YOU here!



First Congregational Church



The First Congregational Church of Cheshire is a large, forward-thinking Christian congregation founded in 1724. We are a proud member of the United Church of Christ. Our presence on the Green has stood as a beacon of hope and faith for over 300 years.

We are a vibrant congregation seeking to deepen our faith and follow Jesus's example in pursuing justice and caring for each other, the community, and God's world.

# **Open and Affirming**

We declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people. We welcome all who seek to follow Jesus,

including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background.



Worship

Vibrant, inspiring, and faithful worship of God is at the heart of our life together. We hold weekly Sunday services at 10AM and other special services throughout the year. We seek to connect with God through inspiring music, scripture, and poignant preaching that helps people grow in their faith by connecting to Jesus and His message. Services are held inperson and live-streamed. Professional childcare is available.



# Faith Formation

We aim to infuse faith in all ages, providing opportunities to engage in worship, learning, service, and fellowship.

# Children's Ministry

- Sunday morning church school program for pre-k through 8th grade
- Worship participation through music, drama, acolyte service, and storytelling
- · Service projects tailored to younger audiences
- Family fun events, holiday programs, and multigenerational collaborations

# Youth Ministry

- Youth groups beginning in 5th grade
- Confirmation
- $\cdot$  Worship participation
- Summer mission trips



## Adult Learning

There are many opportunities for adult faith formation including Bible studies, book groups, discussion forums, and intergenerational programs. Whether you are an empty nester, new to town, or looking to deepen your faith, there are many ways to connect with others and enrich your life.



#### Music

Music has been part of our church's storied history, and is a living, breathing part of our congregation. Our music program features a wide range of choral, vocal, and instrumental music. We have a dynamic 25-voice Chancel Choir that enriches our Sunday service. We also have musical performances and traditions throughout the year that allow our congregation to join in the power of music.

#### **Meet Pastor James**

Reverend Dr. James Campbell has been our Senior Minister since 2018. He is excited to lead this diverse and engaged congregation. He delivers insightful and biblically-based sermons with humor and grace. He is admired by our congregation for his warm, authentic, and approachable manner.





## Uniting as Community

Our goal is to create a community

shaped by acceptance and welcome. We gather for celebrations, multigenerational programs, and sometimes just for fun. We sponsor multiple community events including:

- Annual Christmas Fair
- Strawberry Festival
- Memorial Music Sunday
- Festival of Carols
- Quiet Christmas



#### Outreach

We are committed to helping feed hungry neighbors, renovating homes for the unhoused, funding basic needs for families in poor communities, providing humanitarian relief, and supporting victims of domestic violence. There are ongoing opportunities for all ages to lend a hand.



### Caring for Creation

We are proud to be designated by the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ as a Green Church which recognizes the work of our congregation to promote and demonstrate environmental responsibility.

For over 300 years we have held true to our values of service, generosity, caring, and mercy. We are proud of our history but not bound to our past.

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Sunday Services at 10AM www.firstcheshire.org 111 Church Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 (203) 272-5323