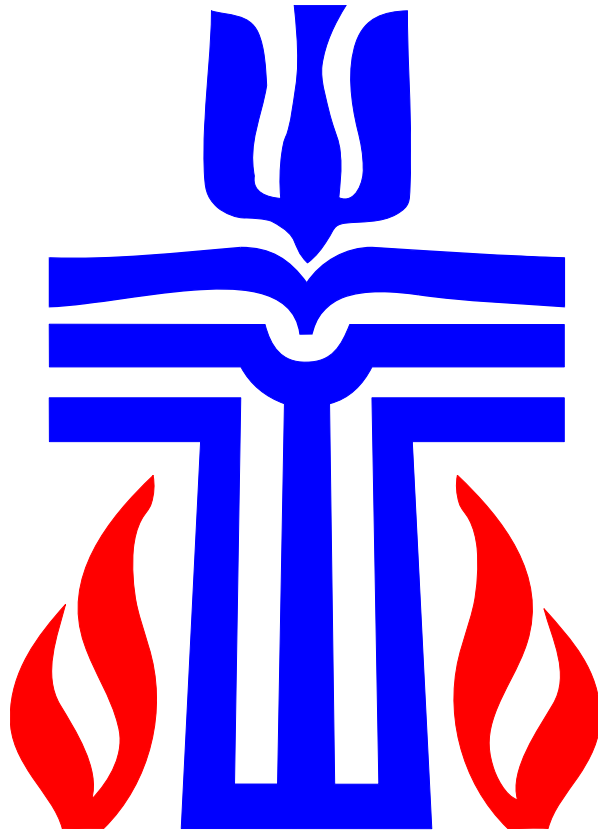


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
GREENWICH



APRIL 27, 2008
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Having commanded Adam to bestow
Names upon all the creatures, God withdrew
To empyrean palaces of blue
That warm and windless morning long ago,
And seemed to take no notice of the vexed
Look on the young man's face as he took thought
Of all the miracles the Lord had wrought,
Now to be labeled, dubbed, yclept, indexed.

Before an addled mind and puddle brow,
The feathered nation and the finny prey
Passed by; there went biped and quadruped.
Adam looked forth with bottomless dismay
Into the tragic eyes of his first cow,
And shyly ventured, "Thou shalt be called 'Fred.'"

—Anthony Hecht

THE PRELUDE

THE CHURCH'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHORAL INTROIT *Out of Deep, Unordered Water* WEISSE FLAGGEN

*Out of deep, unordered water, God created light and land,
World of bird and beast and, later, In God's image, woman, man.
There is water in the river Bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: There is water in the font.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 455** *All Creatures of Our God and King* (st. 1-4)
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Prayer of Confession

A Prayer of Nicholas Ridley (d. 1555)

Lector: Let us bring to God our morning prayer of confession.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, lay not our sins to our charge. Forgive us what is past, and give us grace to amend our lives, that we may walk with a perfect heart before you, now and evermore. For Jesus' sake, hear our silent prayers...**

The Kyrie Eleison

Lo - rd, have mer - cy up - on us.

Chr - ist, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lo - rd, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Institution

The Presentation

The Profession of Faith

The Congregation's Covenant

The Thanksgiving for the Water

The Christening

The Sacrament

The Welcome *The People sing to tune STUTTGART*

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
Live as one who bears Christ's name.**

**Child of God, your loving Parent,
Learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.**

The Presentation of the Light of Christ

The Prayer of Welcome

The Benediction

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

(After the Children's Sermon, children and youth are dismissed to their Sunday school classes)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The 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 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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson for the Day

Genesis 2:4b-25

The People's Response

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Ministry of Music *And God Saw Everything that God Had Made* F. J. Haydn
(from *Creation*)

*And God saw everything that God had made,
and behold, it was very good;
and the heavenly choir, in song divine,
Thus closed the sixth day.*

Achieved Is the Glorious Work

*Achieved is the glorious work;
The Lord beholds it, and is pleased.
In lofty strains let us rejoice;
Our song let be the praise of God.*

The Sermon *The God of Animals, I: The Oldest Profession*

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE # 306 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN**

THE BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Ritual of Friendship

The Offertory Anthem *The Heavens Are Telling* (from *Creation*) Haydn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood*

*The Doxology

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

*The Prayer of Dedication

***THE CLOSING HYMN # 495 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE**

(*Please stand if you are able. ***Latecomers may be seated.)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg, Senior Minister
The Reverend Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Minister
Judy B. Kelly, Director of Membership
Lisa Young, Elder
Linda Zettler, Guest Organist
The Chancel Choir
Camille Gifford, Mezzo-Soprano Soloist; Forbes Woods, Tenor Soloist
Scott Toperzer, Baritone Soloist

WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME VISITORS: It is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us today. Please sign the fellowship pad (located at the aisles of the pews) so that we may send you a personal greeting. Please be sure to join us for refreshments after the worship service.

INFANT/TODDLER CARE & PRE-SCHOOL AGE CARE: Infant/Toddler care is in Room 120 and 121 (first floor to the right of the elevators). Childcare is provided by trained caregivers. Parents will be given a beeper in case of an emergency. Three and four year olds should be dropped off and picked up directly from their classrooms on the second floor.

THE GREETERS this morning are the Woodruff Family: Jack, Pam, Clay & James; and Deacons Anne Hoffman and Nina Yoder.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. If you would like one, please ask an usher.

USHERS SERVING TODAY ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM III: Steve Waters, Captain, Joe Boldt, Dave DeWahl, Laurie Etherington, Jim Himes, Bob Hotchkiss, Scott Piper, Dennis Pipher, Gil Raker, and Nancy Raker.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given in loving memory of Marie K. Corcoran on her 93rd birthday from her children Peter, Kathleen (Keene) and Mona, her grandchildren, Ted and Shannon, and her great-grandson Sam.

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY is John Burriss Pavelski, son of John and Taylor Pavelski. We welcome him into our family of faith.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO Stasha Mills Healy and family on the death of her father, Joshua Redmond Mills, who died Thursday, April 17, 2008 in Mystic, CT. A service will be held Saturday, May 10 at 1 p.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (<http://www.sapc-ct.org/Directions.htm>; Amtrak to New London--let us know if you will take the train), Groton, CT. If you wish to send Stasha and Steven a note of condolence, please address it to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Healy, 90 Prospect St., Greenwich, CT 06830.

THANK YOU ALL for a terrific service of installation last Sunday. It was very meaningful to me as I share in ministry with you, here at First Presbyterian. Thank you to the congregation for the gift of the beautiful red stole. And thank you to the fantastic kitchen crew who hosted a lovely reception following the service. It was a beautiful day that I will always cherish and remember.

Yours,

Susan Arner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN OF A COMMON FATHER: A BRIEF INTRO. TO ISLAM FROM CHRISTIAN & MUSLIM PERSPECTIVES (TODAY-MAY 18): Christians, Jews, and Muslims all trace their lineage to Abraham, their common father, and are thus sometimes called The Three Abrahamic Faiths. Sharing a high veneration of sacred texts, the three faiths are also sometimes called The Peoples of the Book. Despite these commonalities, however, Islam is the least understood here in America. Bring your questions to this four week Academy series, taught by William A. Evertsberg, and Saud Anwar following worship at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel. Dr. Anwar, a Pakistani-American, is a Pulmonary Disease Physician from South Windsor, CT., and Co-Chair of the American Muslim Peace Initiative. Bill and Saud shared a pilgrimage to Israel last year with several Connecticut rabbis, priests, and ministers.

April 27	Introduction to Mohamed and Islam	William A. Evertsberg
May 4	The Hajj and the Qur'ān	Saud Anwar
May 11	A Clash of Civilizations?	William A. Evertsberg
May 18	The Face of Contemporary Islam	Saud Anwar

INQUIRERS' CLASS WITH DR. WILLIAM A. EVERTSBERG: There will be an Inquirers' class this spring for those who wish to explore our Christian faith and consider membership in our congregation. The class will be held this evening, April 27, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., and Sundays, May 4, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., and May 18, at 8:30 a.m. New members will join on May 18 during our worship service. For additional information please call anyone on the Membership Committee: Bee Hawks at (203) 552-0782; Judy Kelly at (203) 869-8686 x 115; Christine Lavin at (203) 637-6877; & Chris Zadik at (203) 869-5215.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (5th-8th GRADE): After church today we will leave for New Roc City, where we'll have lunch and lots of fun! Bring \$25. We'll be back about 4:30 p.m.

F.I.S.H. (9th-12th GRADES): This evening from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. we have Community Service / Mission Outreach night. You need Community Service hours, and we need you too! Come help us cook a meal for Family Re-Entry, preparing food for families with a loved one in prison.

F.I.S.H. MISSION TRIP STOCK is now available for sale. Please support our senior high youth and adults who are going to work for an orphanage in Roatán Island, Honduras this summer and help better the lives of 23 orphans. You may purchase stock from our table at coffee hour, now until we depart, in July. Questions? Please speak with Kibbie Laird—(203) 869-8686 x 119.

MISSION MATTERS: Check the church website, www.fpcg.org, and click on the top-right link, Member Survey Results, to read the data and outcome of the mission survey. Thank you to all who participated in Focus Groups and filled out the mission survey. The committee is working to develop new programs that will represent our churches calling to mission.

W.I.S.H. (WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL SPIRITUAL HOUR): The WISH group meets every Friday for Bible study from 9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Session Room. Our current Bible study is Women of the New Testament.

BIBLE STUDY SPRING SERIES: MAJORING IN THE MINORS—HOSEA AND AMOS: The Reverend Dr. William Evertsberg leads the new Academy Bible Study as we examine the Old Testament Books Hosea and Amos, often listed as among the "minor prophets". The twelve minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible sometimes get shouted down by their better known colleagues Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, but the penetrating words of Hosea and Amos still speak today. Sometimes majoring in the minors is a good thing. Meetings will be held Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and will be repeated Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m., both in the Session Room.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND LUNCHEON: FPCG will be hosting the PSNE meeting on Saturday, May 3. There are various areas where assistance is needed. If you can help with cooking or table setting, please contact Renie Blair (203-637-1807) or if you can be a greeter or help to serve lunch please call Annette Goard at (203-698-1536). Thank you.

UPDATED PLANS FOR ART CIRCLE: Scheduled for Friday, May 9, 8:00 p.m. performance of the Metropolitan Opera's *Macbeth*: bus will leave Collyer Center at 5:30 p.m. The Pre-performance supper will be in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m., where the Reverend Dr. William Evertsberg will lead a discussion about *Macbeth*. Tickets, for those who have reservations, will be distributed at the supper or on the bus. There will be a nominal charge for the supper. All are invited to the supper. For reservations call Winona Mullis (203-618-9850), who is arranging the meal with Charlene Roberson and Mary Lou Sunderwirth-Conner.

PIZZA AND POPCORN! Join us on Friday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. for pizza in Fellowship Hall followed by a showing of *Enchanted* at 6:00 p.m. Fun for all ages! We'll provide pizza, popcorn and drinks and you just come and enjoy the show. RSVP by May 8 to Lee Ganshaw (Ganshaw@optonline.net) or to Lisa Young (rlyoung@optonline.net).

CINCO DE MAYO: Save the evening of Friday May 16, 7:00-10:00 p.m. for this first all-congregation fellowship event in our new Fellowship Hall. We'll savor a home-cooked Mexican meal and enjoy a live pop-music band. There will be opportunities to visit with old friends and to make new ones. A portion of each \$28/person price will be allocated to paying the "citizenship fees" for several highly deserving, severely low-income, Latin American residents of Port Chester who have met all the government's requirements for citizenship but who are unable to save the \$700 (up from \$300 in 2007) that the U.S. government charges each new citizen. Please RSVP to Joshua Thomsen at (203) 860-8686 x110 or at Joshua.thomsen@fpcg.org. Checks should be sent to the church.

FAMILY REENTRY LIBRARY & BALL GAME: You will recall our successful January gathering of clothing for the children of incarcerated fathers in Bridgeport. We have now devised two additional ways for our congregation to assist these sweet but tragically overlooked children. 1) We are creating a children's lending library to be maintained by Family Reentry. We need donated children's books of all kinds, at reading levels for grades 2nd through 8th. Call Nancy Raker at 203-661-8536 for more details. 2) We're taking each of these 27 children to a professional baseball game, the Bridgeport Bluefish, in a wonderful minor league ballpark on June 1. To be a part of our FPCG group, and accompany these children, please contact Bruce Winningham at bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com.

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