

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF  
GREENWICH



MAY 4, 2008  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**MAY 4, 2008 10:00 A.M.**  
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**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Once there were brook trout in the streams in the mountains. You could see them standing in the amber current where the white edges of their fins wimpled softly in the flow. They smelled of moss in your hand. Polished and muscular and torsional. On their backs were vermiculate patterns that were maps of the world in its becoming. Maps and mazes. Of a thing which could not be put back. Not be made right again. In the deep glens where they lived all things were older than man and they hummed of mystery.

–Cormac McCarthy, *The Road*

**THE PRELUDE**                      *Prelude in C Major, BWV 547*                      J. S. Bach

**THE CHURCH'S JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**THE CHORAL INTROIT**                      *Lead Me Lord*                      Wesley  
*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;*  
*make thy way plain before my face.*  
*For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,*  
*that makest me dwell in safety.*

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 488**      *The God of Abraham Praise*                      LEONI

**THE CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Lector:                      The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and to all those who confess their faults. Let us come before the Lord in Prayer.

People:                      **Creator God, Maker of all things both great and small, at the beginning of time, you planted a garden and gave us all good things that life might thrive and prosper, but we confess that we have failed to care for Eden. We have ignored sensible limits and have taken more than our rightful share. Sometimes our ambition outruns our reason, and we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. We have usurped divine prerogative and turned the elemental powers of the universe to violent purpose. Forgive us when we value the love of power over the power of love. In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers...**

## The Kyrie Eleison

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G, then a quarter note A, and a half note B. The second staff begins with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The third staff begins with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The lyrics are: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon 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.**

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## THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FOURTH-GRADE STUDENTS

William Bryce Anderson	Whitney Elizabeth Elmlinger	Kiyana Marsh
Lucas George Bienstock	Macie Madeleine Evans	Alyssa Mulé
Zachary Shepard Boone	Mary Louise Foster	Maitlyn Murphy
Margaret Louise Creech	Eric Todd Ganshaw	Christopher Hogan Peisch
Liam M. Duff	Isabel C. Getz	Leigha Nicole Petuck
Caroline Wallace Dunn	Jasper Edward Graham	Haley Raftery
Alexandra Patten Duryea	Robert Graham Hazlett	Charles Damon Reimers
Laura Elizabeth Edson	Brittany Taylor Loveless	Steven Arthur Werber III
Ian Thomas Edwards		

Bibles are presented today by The Reverend Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Lee Ganshaw, Children's Ministries Committee Chair, Kim Foster and Kathy Evertsberg.

2007 – 2008 Fourth Grade Teachers: Kim Foster, Jeff Evans, Edie Beck, Jennifer Boone, Karen Mehra, Kathy Evertsberg and Taylor Evertsberg.

*(Following Bible presentation, children and teachers may proceed to their Sunday school classes)*

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## THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 3

The People's Response

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Ministry of Music *Look Down, O Lord*

Byrd

*Look down, O Lord, on me, poor one;*

*In thee I live, I move and am;*

*O clear my soul and conscience,*

*That I in thee my peace may find,*

*Rest to my heart, joy to my mind,*

*Freed from my sin and mine offence.*

The Sermon *The God of Animals, II: The First Theologian*

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE # 345** *Dear Lord Creator Good and Kind* (st. 1-4)  
REST

## 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 PEOPLE'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Ritual of Friendship

The Offertory Anthem *O Lord, Increase My Faith*

Gibbons

*O Lord, increase my faith,*

*strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;*

*Endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience,*

*in all my adversity help me to say, Amen.*

\*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. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN # 339** *Be Thou My Vision*

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## THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

*Fugue in C Major, BWV 547*

J. S. Bach

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

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg, Senior Minister  
The Reverend Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Minister  
The Reverend Susan L. Arner, Minister for Mission and Nurture  
Dr. Saud Anwar, Co-Chair, American Muslim Peace Initiative  
Bonnie, Marisa and Christopher Hann, Sunday School Recruiters  
James Markey, Guest Organist  
The Chancel Choir

### **WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WELCOME VISITORS!** It is a pleasure to have you worshiping with us today. Please sign the fellowship pad so that we may send you a personal greeting, and plan 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.

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

**THE GREETERS** this morning are Vicky Clark and her daughters Carrie & Meredith; and Deacons Amy Albright and Nancy Raker.

**USHERS SERVING TODAY ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM IV:** Bob Giambo, Captain, Griffin Dann, Taylor Evertsberg, Ted Karchuta, Doris Leonard, Eleanor Lorig, Chris Loveless, Sharon Portin Parker and Marialiisa Pettengill.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in remembrance of George Yanosik and Margaret Jane Colvin married on May 5, 1897 at First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, by their great-granddaughter, Judith Gail Goss.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** the Creech family—Victor, Kathryn, Kate and Margaret. Victor's mother, and Kate and Margaret's grandmother, Minnie Lou Parker Creech, passed away March 9, 2008. If you would like to send a note of condolence, please address it to Mr. Victor H. Creech, III, 21 Gatefield Drive, Greenwich, CT 06831-3339.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** Margaret Mack. Margaret's father passed away April 10, 2008, in Ohio. Margaret went home to be with her family for the past week. If you would like to send a note of condolence, please address it to Ms. Margaret M. Mack, 4064 61st Street, Woodside, NY 11377-4960, or you may email her at [margmack@aol.com](mailto:margmack@aol.com).

## 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 the second in 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.

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE):** Thank you to all who helped yesterday with the meeting of the Presbytery of Southern New England.

**F.I.S.H. (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> GRADES):** This evening from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. we will have FISH Mission Trip Orientation with trip leader David Goode in the sanctuary. Get your binder, learn about stock, hear about medical shots, passports, etc. **MANDATORY for all going on the trip.** You must come with one parent, and your passport (we need to make copies of it)!

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – we need you! Starting today, we'll have sign-ups for Sunday school teachers for next school year during coffee in fellowship hall. Teaching is an incredibly rewarding experience and essential for the children's Christian education. No previous experience required; we provide all the materials and lots of support. Our new curriculum is easy to use with little prep time needed. Grab a friend, share a class and make a difference. Sign up today to get the class you've always wanted to teach! Contact Lee Ganshaw ([Ganshaw@optonline.net](mailto:Ganshaw@optonline.net)) or Lisa Young ([rlyoung@optonline.net](mailto:rlyoung@optonline.net)) to sign up or with any questions.

**A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL!** The annual Baby Gear event the nursery school ran this year was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who helped to make it so. Over 85 families from the local community came to Fellowship Hall to take home baby gear, clothes and personal care items they very much needed. The event chairs (Amy Albright and Nicki Nardella) and its committee would like to thank the members of the church who generously donated baby items, with a special thank you to Don Hibbard, Reverend Susan Arner, Josh Thomsen, Dr. David Zadik, Jim Hauser, Julio Romero and the rest of the Sexton team. The event would not have been the extraordinary success it was without their individual contributions.

**UPDATED PLANS FOR ART CIRCLE:** Scheduled for this 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, this 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](mailto:Ganshaw@optonline.net)) or to Lisa Young ([rlyoung@optonline.net](mailto:rlyoung@optonline.net)).

**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.

**THE WALRUS AND CARPENTER SOCIETY, a men's discussion group,** will meet next on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the church library, to discuss *The Power and The Glory* by Graham Greene. Dinner (provided by Phil McWhorter – please contribute \$13) will be in the Session room at 8:00 p.m. RSVP to Carolyn Hahn-Re at [carolyn.hahn-re@fpcg.org](mailto:carolyn.hahn-re@fpcg.org) or (203) 869-8686, ext. 111. Thanks for calling ahead if you plan to attend. And thanks for truly showing up if you called ahead. Soda, water, coffee, tea and wine provided. For other libations, bring your own.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 2 through 8. 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 to be a part of our FPCG group, and accompany these children, please contact Bruce Winningham at [bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com](mailto:bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com).

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The Ministers: All Members of the First Presbyterian Church

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