

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
GREENWICH



MAY 25, 2008
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

A dog of our household loved sunsets and would run off in the evenings to the most western part of the shore and sit down on his haunches for the whole show, that pink and peach colored swollenness. Then home he would come trotting in the alpenglow, that happy dog.

–Mary Oliver

THE PRELUDE

Fugue in G minor (Loesser)

J. S. Bach

THE CHURCH'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHORAL INTROIT *Breath on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 285** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Prayer of Confession

John Baillie

Lector: The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and to all those who confess their faults. Let us pray together to the Lord.

People: Loving God, have mercy on us when we fall far short of your intention for our lives.

Lector: Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and guide us toward the persons you would have us to be.

People: Help us to put others before ourselves,

Lector: the things of the spirit before the things of the body,

People: the attainment of noble ends above the enjoyment of present pleasures,

Lector: principle above reputation,

People: and you above all else.

Lector: O God, for Jesus' sake, hear our silent prayers...

The people continue their prayers in silence

The Kyrie Eleison

*Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri

Glory to 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 Children are dismissed to Combined Sunday school classes (K – 3, and 4 – 7)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson for the Day Numbers 22: 21-41

The Response to the Good News

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Choral Ascription of Praise

The Sermon *The God of Animals, Part IV: A Hoarse Horse*

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE # 269** *O God of Bethel by Whose Hand* DUNDEE

THE PEOPLE'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Ritual of Friendship

The Offertory *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace* S. S. Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee,

For thine is the kingdom, power, and the glory forevermore.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Sursum Corda

Lector: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lector: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Lector: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

At the first organ introduction, the congregation will respond with the Sanctus



*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

At the second organ introduction, the congregation will respond with the Memorial Acclamation



*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

To receive the elements, come forward by the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles. Begin with the front rows and move to the back. There are two stations from which to partake. If you prefer to remain seated, an elder will come to you with the elements. Tear the bread and dip it in the chalice. It is appropriate to respond by saying "Amen" upon receiving the sacrament.

The Communion Anthem *Dem wir das Heilig itzt* J. S. Bach
(from Cantata no. 129, *Gelobet sei der Herr* [Praise be to God])

<i>Dem wir das Heilig itzt</i>	To whom we now
<i>Mit Freuden lassen klingen</i>	let "holy" ring forth with joy,
<i>Und mit der Engel Schar</i>	and with the throng of angels
<i>Das Heilig, Heilig singen,</i>	sing "holy, holy,"
<i>Den herzlich lobt und preist</i>	who is heartily honored and praised
<i>Die ganze Christenheit:</i>	by all of Christianity:
<i>Gelobet sei mein Gott</i>	praised be my God
<i>In alle Ewigkeit!</i>	in all eternity!

The Consecration Prayer

***THE CLOSING HYMN** #262 *God of the Ages* NATIONAL HYMN

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE *Allegretto* Young

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

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PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg, Senior Minister
The Reverend Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Minister
Judy B. Kelly, Director of Membership
Kevin L. Estes, Minister of Music and 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 Jean & Phil Hahn; and Deacons Joe Boldt and Nina Yoder.

USHERS SERVING TODAY ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM I: Scott Sternberg, Captain, Beth Bemis, Richard Coons, David Craver, Betty Deming, Bruce Martin, Don Pascal, Bill Riddle and Tom Zeeman.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given in loving memory of Gene Leonard by Doris Leonard and family.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Please keep the members and friends* of our church in your daily prayers. Those in caring partnership through Stephen Ministry, the orphans at the Majken Broby Children's Home in Roatan, Honduras that our FISH will serve this summer, and the children of Family Re-Entry and our project to assist them. In the Presbytery of Southern New England prayer calendar we pray this week for Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Warwick, RI (Rev. Steve Clark). If you would like to be included in this list and the regular prayers of the people during worship, please call (203) 869-8686.

*non-member friends or family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPCG ACADEMY THIS MORNING-- SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2008: The Greenwich Music Festival will present a program on baroque opera and the planned presentation of works of Monteverdi in June. Rob Ainsley, principal conductor for the Festival, will lead the program following coffee fellowship at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This is the last regular Academy presentation of our spring season. Be sure to look for future special programs and do join us in the fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – we need you! We 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) or Lisa Young (rlyoung@optonline.net) to sign up or with any questions.

M.S.Y.G. AND F.I.S.H. YOUTH GROUPS—RSVP now for Bluefish Baseball! Next Sunday, June 1, 2008 – 11:30 a.m. until after the game. We are taking the children of Family Re-entry (those who have a parent in prison) out to the Ballgame! Come with us and bring \$25 for an \$11 ticket and a ballpark lunch. We plan to depart for a Bluefish minor league game after church, eating at the ball park and having a wonderful time. The more the merrier: For Middle Schoolers, at least one parent must come along. If you can make it, please RSVP to Josh Thomsen in the church office (203-869-8686 x110) as soon as possible so we have a head count for tickets and transportation.

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.

SIGN UP TODAY in Fellowship Hall for the **Annual Church Picnic, Hats Off to Summer**, on **Sunday, June 8** following worship. Enjoy an all American barbeque, Dixieland Band, children’s activities and more. Wear a fun hat and casual clothes. Volunteers are needed to help with grilling, set-up and salads. \$8.00 per person; \$25 family; \$5.00 seniors. For more information, contact: Sharon Parker, 203-637-3630. Sign up at Fellowship Hour or send checks to church, attention: Josh Thomsen.

FAMILY RE-ENTRY LIBRARY: You will recall our successful January gathering of clothing for the children of incarcerated fathers in Bridgeport. We have now devised additional ways for our congregation to assist these children. 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, and drop off books during the week.

W.I.S.H. (WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL SPIRITUAL HOUR) has a new day and a new book for Bible study. We will begin a new series called *Resting in God: I Need To Slow Down, But I Can't!* Come for those weeks you can! We'll meet beginning May 29, on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Session Room. Book costs \$10— call Joshua Thomsen in the church office (203-869-8686 x110) to order!

FAMILY RE-ENTRY & BALL GAME: We plan on taking each of these 27 children to a professional baseball game, the Bridgeport Bluefish, in a wonderful minor league ballpark on June 1, 2008. To be a part of our FPCG group, and accompany these children, please contact Bruce Winningham at bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com.

THE WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet next on Friday, June 13, 2008 in the church Library (4th floor). We begin at 9:15 a.m. with coffee fellowship, and the book discussion goes from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. We will discuss *Bridge of Sighs*, by Richard Russo. If you have questions or ideas call one of the group's contact people, Linda Kennedy at (203) 869-1459, and Colleen Giambo at (203) 622-0269.

SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 22— From June 22 - July 27 we will have two summer worship service choices: 10:00 a.m. in the FPCG sanctuary, and 8:30 a.m. at Tod's Point, Old Greenwich in the Seaside Garden. Come as you are, and bring your own blanket/lawn chair. (If you do not have a beach card, just tell the guardhouse staff you are coming to church).

MISSION MATTERS: For Mission Survey results check out the website, www.fpcg.org and click on *Member Survey Results* in the top right corner. The Mission Committee is making progress in six areas: 1. Food, 2. Shelter, 3. Education/Mentoring, 4. Kids, 5. Seniors, 6. International Trips. We look forward to sharing more information soon.

MISSION MATTERS II: Are you interested in participating in a mission trip outside the borders of our country? Call Susan at the church office, 869-8686, to get involved with a planning team from the mission committee to help select the next international trip.

DISASTER RELIEF WORK: The Mission Committee is keeping a watchful eye on the recent disasters in Myanmar and China. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance network is actively preparing ways to help in Myanmar. As opportunities arise to assist these world needs, we will let the congregation know the best way that we can help.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: The Deacon's Senior Luncheon will take place on Friday, May 30, 2008 from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you haven't received your invitation yet and/or would like to attend, please RSVP to Josh Thomsen in the church office at (203) 869-8686 x110 by Tuesday, May 27. Transportation will be provided if needed.



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