

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
GREENWICH



JUNE 1, 2008
THE NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered weak and weary,
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore,
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,
As of some one gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door.
‘Tis some visitor,’ I muttered, ‘tapping at my chamber door –
Only this, and nothing more.’

Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December,
And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor.
Eagerly I wished the morrow; - vainly I had sought to borrow
From my books surcease of sorrow - sorrow for the lost Lenore –
For the rare and radiant maiden whom the angels named Lenore –
Nameless here for evermore.

–Edgar Allan Poe

THE PRELUDE

Grave, Adagio
(from *Sonata II*)

Mendelssohn

THE CHURCH’S JOYS AND CONCERNS

A Celebration of Faithful Ministry

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHORAL INTROIT

When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies

ST. STEPHEN

When morning lights the eastern skies, O Lord, thy mercy show;

On thee alone my hope relies, Let me thy kindness know.

Teach me the way that I should go; I lift my soul to thee;

For refuge from my cruel foe to thee, O Lord, I flee.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

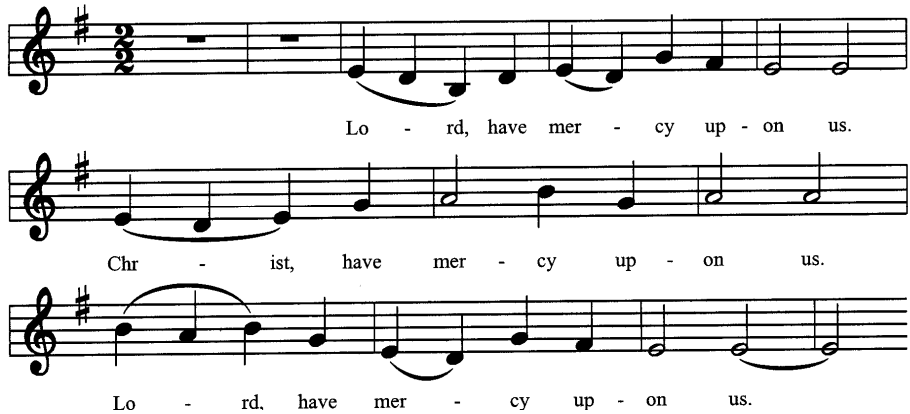
The Prayer of Confession

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 Congregation sings to the tune SICILIAN MARINERS*
Jesus, friend, so kind and gentle, Little ones we bring to thee
Grant to them thy dearest blessing, Let thine arms around them be
Now enfold them in thy goodness, From all danger keep them free.
Thou who didst receive the children to thyself so tenderly
Give to all who teach and guide them, Wisdom and humility,
Vision true to keep them noble, Love to serve them faithfully.

The Presentation of the Light of Christ

The Prayer of Welcome

The Benediction

(The children and youth are dismissed to Children's Chapel)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson for the Day I Kings 17:1-16

The People's Response

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Ministry of Music *Elijah, Get Thee Hence!* (from *Elijah*) Mendelssohn
He Shall Give His Angels Charge over Thee

Elijah! Get thee hence, Elijah! Depart and turn thee eastward: thither hide thee by Cherith's brook. There shalt thou drink its waters; and the Lord thy God hath commanded the ravens to feed thee there: so do according unto his word.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: That they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest;

That their hands shall uphold and guide thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

The Sermon *The God of Animals, Part V: Quoth the Raven, 'Evermore!'*

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** #255 *Now Praise the Lord* ST. ANNE

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 BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Ritual of Friendship

The Offertory Anthem *O Rest in the Lord* Mendelssohn

He That Shall Endure to the End

Oh rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him, and fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

*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** *Allegro maestoso e vivace* Mendelssohn
(from *Sonata II*)

(*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

Don Hibbard, Liturgist

Lisa Young, Elder

Kevin L. Estes, Minister of Music & Organist

The Chancel Choir

Camille Gifford, Mezzo-Soprano 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 Sandy Brumley, Teri James-Brumley, and their son Alec; and Deacons Emily Sternberg and Carola Cammann.

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

USHERS SERVING TODAY ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM II: Wayne Branom, Captain, Noël Bourdin, Marie-Claire Bousquette, Victor Creech, Harry Hawks, Jack Larkin, Phil McWhorter, Rob Rusk, Ralph Wyman and Merle Yoder.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given in loving memory of Lillian S. Tonnessen, beloved wife of Trygve H. Tonnessen, by her husband.

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY are John Turner, son of Tony and Melissa Turner; Mackenzie Reynolds, daughter of Richard and Kirsten Reynolds; and Callum Walker, son of Richard and Christine Walker. We welcome them into our family of faith.

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 Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fall River, MA (Rev. Ed Soares). 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

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—Today 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 have not already RSVP'd, please see Kibbie. We need 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**, next **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 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 x 110) to RSVP and order!

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.

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, (203) 869-8686 x118, 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.

FLOWER DONORS NEEDED: Flower donors are needed for the Chancel Flowers in the sanctuary on the third and fifth Sundays in June. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Hahn-Re in the church office at (203) 869-8686 x111.

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). The 8:30 service will have Sunday school and childcare and the 10:00 service will only have childcare.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church

