

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
GREENWICH



JUNE 8, 2008
THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
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IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I care not for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it.
–Abraham Lincoln

THE PRELUDE

Arioso

J. S. Bach

THE CHURCH'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHORAL INTROIT

God of Compassion

O QUANTA QUALIA

*God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;
Giver of grace for our needs all-availing,
Wisdom and strength for each day do thou send us,
Patience untiring and courage unailing.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

489 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lector: We have come to this holy place to worship a holy God. Let us prepare our hearts by naming those things that burden us. Let us pray together.

People: **God of Mercy, you have given us beauty beyond imagining and mysteries to astonish the eye and mind, but too often we walk the world blind to its wonder. You have given us speech for praise and hearts for worship, but there are too many mute voices and silent tongues. Your creation passes unheeded, and your goodness goes unspoken. We have sought gods of our own making; we have worshiped the insignificant. Come again into our lives, Lord, and open our eyes to your presence in every flaming bush and golden field. For we are the sheep of your pasture and the lambs of your fold. You have made us, and we yours. Hear us now as we confess in the silence of our own hearts...**

The Kyrie Eleison

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.



Cantor: Chri - ste e - lei - son. ALL: CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON.



Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.



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 MINISTRY OF MUSIC *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Alexander/Shaw
Junior Youth Choir

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

(After the Children's Sermon, children and youth may go to their Church School classes)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures Deuteronomy 24-25, Selected Verses

The People's Response

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Lesson from the Hebrew Psalter Psalm 147 - See back page of bulletin

(The choir will sing the first verse; the congregation will join the choir for verses 2, 3, and 4.)

The Sermon *The God of Animals, Part VI: Barnyard Religion*

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** # 294 *Wherever I May Wander* NEW ENGLAND

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 *The Last Words of David* Randall Thompson

*He that ruleth over men must be just,
ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning,
when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;
as the tender grass springing out of the earth
by clear shining after rain.*

Alleluia. Amen.

II Samuel 23: 3-4

*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 RECESSIONAL HYMN** # 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (st. 1-4) DIX

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Dance

Richard White

(*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 & Nurture

Judy Kelly, Director of Membership

Kevin L. Estes, Minister of Music & Organist

The Chancel Choir

The Junior Youth Choir

Helen Ji, cello

Alan Johnson, timpani

Deane Prouty, percussion

The Junior Youth Choir

Alex Binnie

Macie Evans

Brittany Loveless

Kate Creech

Katie Gordon

Will Rusk

Margaret Creech

Maxx Grossman

Ellie Zadik

Whitney Elmlinger

WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE GREETERS this morning are Laurie Etherington and Barbie McKelvey; and Deacons Tony Correale and Liz Kaneko.

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 by Ralph and Toni Wyman in memory of their parents, Josef & Hertha Novak and Hans & Stella Wyman.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS to members of the Junior Youth Choir for their faithful participation in choir this year. They celebrated their year of singing yesterday, when they traveled to New York City for lunch and a Broadway Musical. Thank you to the following accompanying parents who made this trip possible: Kathryn Creech, Kim-Marie Evans, Christy Gordon, Stacy Loveless, Haley Rockwell, Robert Rusk, Chris Zadik and their director Forbes Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is **Hats Off to Summer!** Join us **today, June 8**, following worship, across the street on the lawn at Collyer Center. If it rains we will be in the Fellowship Hall. 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 and salads. \$8.00 per person; \$25 family; \$5.00 seniors.

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. (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP—GRADES 5 – 8): Join us this afternoon from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Tod’s Point for the End-of-the-Year Beach Party! Meet at the flagpole by the second concession stand, and we’ll head to the picnic area for a cook-out. Feel free to bring a towel and swim suit, but remember the water is still chilly...brrr!

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.

BACKPACKS FOR HONDURAS! Our FISH will be taking backpacks down to each of the 23 children who live in the Majken Broby Children's Home. Each backpack should include: underwear, socks, shoes for school, a play outfit, a church outfit, a soccer shirt, a deflated soccer ball, and a note from your family. All backpacks should be returned no later than July 1 to the church in the church office. Would you like to sponsor a child? Please look for our table at the church picnic today! Thanks in advance for your help, these backpacks were an enormous hit last year!

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 have begun 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 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: 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.

FLOWER DONOR NEEDED: We need a flower donor for the Chancel Flowers in the sanctuary on the fifth Sunday in June (June 29, 2008). If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Hahn-Re in the church office at (203) 869-8686 x111.

THE WALRUS AND CARPENTER SOCIETY, a men's discussion group, will meet next on Thursday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the church library, to discuss *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid. Dinner (provided by John Roberson – please contribute \$13) will be in the Session room at 8:00 p.m. Soda, water, coffee, tea and wine provided. For other libations, bring your own. RSVP to Carolyn Hahn-Re at 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.

THANKS FROM FAMILY RE-ENTRY: Wow! What a fabulous afternoon! First Presbyterian and Family Re-Entry together – 100 strong – celebrated a glorious June 1 at the Bluefish Ballpark in Bridgeport. Messages continue to arrive expressing most heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for this happy gathering. We owe a very special thank you to Bruce Winningham, Elder for Mission, who spent hours coordinating every detail with the Family Re-Entry Program. And thank you to all who helped in making the game a memorable occasion in which these children “felt embraced and valued.”

SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 22

Two Summer Worship Service Choices from June 22 - July 27:

1) 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. (If it rains, service will be at the church.) Will have Sunday school and childcare available.

2) 10:00 a.m. in the FPCG sanctuary
Childcare only – No Sunday school.

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The Ministers: All Members of the First Presbyterian Church

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We are a Stephen Ministry Church



O Sing Ye Hallelujah

PSALM 147

John B. Dykes, 1877

1. O sing ye hal - le - lu - jah! 'Tis good our God to praise;
2. The star - ry hosts he num - bers, he calls them all by name;
3. The heavens with clouds he cov - ers, he sends the cheer - ing rain;
4. He sends his swift com - mand - ment, and snow and ice en - fold

'Tis pleas - ant and be - com - ing to him our songs to raise;
His great - ness and his wis - dom his won - drous works pro - claim;
The slopes of all the moun - tains he fills with grass and grain;
The world, and none are a - ble to stand be fore his cold.

He builds the walls of Zi - on, he seeks her wan - dering sons;
The meek he lifts to hon - or, he hum - bles sin - ful pride.
To beast and bird his good - ness their dai - ly food sup - plies;
A - gain he gives com - mand - ment: the winds of sum - mer blow,

He binds their wounds and com - forts the bro - ken - heart - ed ones.
Give thanks to him and ut - ter his prais - es far and wide.
He cares for all his crea - tures, at - ten - tive to their cries.
The snow and ice are melt - ed, a - gain the wa - ters flow.