



First Presbyterian Church  
of Greenwich



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:30 AM • Sanctuary

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“There may be a theology of nature, gathered by painful, and slow, and sometimes doubtful processes from what man sees around God in external nature and the course of history, and what he sees within God of nature and of grace.”*

*Benjamin Warfield*

## PRELUDE

*Claire de Lune and Reverie*  
Jeb Dennis, piano

Claude Debussy  
(1862-1918)

## WELCOME

Mark Barger Elliott

## CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 8

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**All: The moon and the stars that you have established;**

One: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

## \*HYMN

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Hymn 20

William Henry Monk  
(1823-1889)

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, every one. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky; [Refrain]

4 God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

**\*INVITATION TO PRAYER**

Lynn Barger Elliott

"Prayer is a surge of the heart," observed St. Therese of Lisieux. "It is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Let us pray.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Psalm 121**

One: O Lord, at times we lift our eyes to the hills and wonder from where will our help come.

**All: Help us, we pray, to remember how the Psalmist teaches our help comes from you,**

One: who made heaven and earth.

**All: That you neither slumber nor sleep as you watch over us.**

One: So accept, we pray, all our anxiety and doubts about the future,

**All: Trusting indeed this is your world, and you are ever present, now and forevermore.**

One: Hear our silent reflections and confessions.

**\*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.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*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.*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Mark Barger Elliott

**ANTHEM**

*God Be in My Head*  
Margaret Mack, soprano

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

**\*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.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Lynn Barger Elliott

**\*HYMN**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
Hymn 366

Rowland Hugh Prichard  
(1811-1887)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 6:25-33

Mark Barger Elliott

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*From Sand to Stone: Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount-8*

**ANTHEM**

*Seek Ye First*  
Margaret Mack, soprano

Karen Lafferty  
(b. 1948)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Hymn 14

Conrad Kocher  
(1786-1872)

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies. [Refrain]

2. For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light. [Refrain]

5. For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

Refrain:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

## \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata in E Major, BWV 566*  
Jeb Dennis, organ

Johann S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

*\*Please stand if you're able.*

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### WELCOME!

We are delighted you are joining us in worship! Founded on Easter Sunday in 1881, the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich is to nurture and empower people in all stages of life to be Christ's disciples and to actively serve those in need.

We invite you to learn about our congregation including our choir programs (Chancel, Handbell, Young Disciples, and Children), Mosaic program for children, Nursery School, education opportunities for all ages, service projects, and support of programs that meet in our building including Abilis, which provides assistance to young adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

Our current COVID protocol is we are mask optional, and we ask those in the balcony, for the time being, to please wear a mask.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott  
Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott  
Margaret Mack, soprano  
Jeb Dennis, pianist/organist

### USHER TEAM 1

Hearst Zhang (Captain), Carol Barber, Diane Brown,  
Peter McWhorter, Tami Nelson, Thomas Nelson,  
Mark Weisenborn

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** – We pray for all those impacted by gun violence; the people of Ukraine; our friends in Haiti, Amy Holms (Lesley Craigie); Paula Jensen, Adolfo Paniagua; Jeff (Barbara McKelvey); George Hallenbeck; Adrienne Perry; Shelly Jones (Carolyn Hahn-Re); Gloria Wadsworth.

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### MUSIC MINISTER ANNOUNCEMENT



The Music Minister Nominating Committee is pleased to announce on behalf of Session that Dr. Caroline Worra will start as FPCG Music Minister on September 1, 2022. Caroline was responsible, along with her husband Kreg Gotshall, current Bass section leader for FPCG, for Performing Arts, Concert and Bell Choirs, Vocal Ensembles, and many other musical activities, for 17 years at Stanwich School. Caroline and Kreg were section leaders in the Chancel Choir at Second Congregational Church Choir for 14 years. Caroline received her Doctor of Music from Indiana University in Vocal Performance, with Minors in Choral Conducting and Music Education, her Master of Music from the University of Missouri and her

Bachelor of Arts in Piano and Vocal Performance from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Caroline has a particular passion for working with children and youth.

## NEW FPCG MUSIC CAMP with Dr. Worra and Mr. G.

Two sessions • August 8-12 & 13-17 • 4:00-6:00 PM (K-12) • 6:00-8:00 PM (Adults)

Looking for a fun activity for yourself or your K-12<sup>th</sup> grade child? If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument during our new FPCG Music Camp, contact Dr. Worra: [caroline.worra@fpcg.org](mailto:caroline.worra@fpcg.org).

## SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF FPCG

To assist in reaching our 2022 pledge goal, 11 families - from longtime members to recently joined - have extended a challenge match of \$100,000. To date, nearly 40 individuals and families have pledged an additional \$100,000 toward our goal. Thank you.

**1+1=3**  
FPCG Spring Campaign

## FAITH ENRICHMENT

The **Women's Book Group** is open to FPCG members and friends. Join us on **Friday, August 19 at 9:15 AM** for coffee and catching up, and book discussion from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, in the church library on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Our current book is *The Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka. For more information, please contact Colleen Giambo at [cgiambo@gmail.com](mailto:cgiambo@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

**NEW FAMILIES@FIRST** • This month we are launching a new program for families to connect with each other and our congregation. Mark your calendars and join us for our next event:

**FAMILIES@FIRST**

**Thursday, August 18 • Family Service Event • All ages are welcome!**

In partnership with the Mission Engagement Committee, Families @ First are invited to enjoy dinner together and then to prepare 500 pounds of rice and bean packets for our Mission Partner Neighbor to Neighbor.

- **5:30 PM** – Tomatillos taco bar in the Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM** - Service project for Neighbor to Neighbor in the Foyer.

## MISSION ENGAGEMENT SUMMER OF SERVICE: 1001 HOURS

1001 hours of service is our goal...and First Pres is almost there!

**FPCG SUMMER OF SERVICE**  
**1001 HOURS**

Help us meet our goal in August by preparing or serving meals for Kids in Crisis (KIC) and Pacific House, helping Afghan children get ready for a new school year and by packing 500 pounds of rice and bean baggies for Neighbor to Neighbor.

As of August 1, 85 First Pres members have committed 903 hours to mission by sending \$12,000 worth of boots, clothing and bedding to Ukrainian refugees, attending a Night with Summits Education, volunteering for the Red Cross Blood Drive, going on a mission trip to Jackson, Mississippi, helping to resettle Afghan evacuees, and preparing meals for Kids in Crisis (KIC) and Pacific House.

Help us close in on our goal in August by preparing meals for Kids in Crisis (KIC) and Pacific House, helping Afghan children get ready for a new school year and by preparing 500 pounds of rice and bean packets for Neighbor to Neighbor.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE AN IMPACT THIS SUMMER

### **PACIFIC HOUSE – Thursday, August 11**

**1:30 - 4:30 PM** • Cook in the FPCG kitchen. Children 12 and older accompanied by an adult are welcome.

**5:30 - 7:00 PM** • Serve at Pacific House, a shelter for men and young male adults. Adult volunteers only. If you would like to help, contact Carol Barber at [cbarber@cyburban.com](mailto:cbarber@cyburban.com).

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – Thursday, August 18** • Families@First service event, see details on page 6.

### **KIDS IN CRISIS (KIC) – Wednesday, August 24**

Join us in the church kitchen (4:00-5:00 PM) to prepare a meal which we will bring to KIC's site in Cos Cob from 5:00-6:00 PM to share with the children and the KIC staff. Contact David DeWahl at 203-561-0806; or [daviddewahl@gmail.com](mailto:daviddewahl@gmail.com). Ideal volunteer opportunity for ages 12+ with an adult.

### **HELP WITH AFGHAN FAMILY RESETTLEMENT**

Great opportunities to serve for all ages!

Our congregation has assisted with the resettlement of 18 members of the Naziri Family (ages 4 months – 70+ years), who were evacuated from Afghanistan in August 2021. To learn how you can become part of their incredible journey, contact: Bruce Winningham ([bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com](mailto:bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com)); Wayne Atwell ([rwayneatwell@aol.com](mailto:rwayneatwell@aol.com)); Amy Dana ([amyadana27@gmail.com](mailto:amyadana27@gmail.com)).





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A big thank you to First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Connecticut for helping us out. We received 10 pairs of shoes and will soon distribute them to the defenders of Ukraine. Thanks to help Ukraine with us and konrad flejter for organizing the shipment. [Uliana Bolgachenko](#) Konrad Flejter



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS • 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

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