

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENWICH



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 29, 2024  
10:00 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8

**PRELUDE** *Adagio from Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 73* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
(Arr. by Jeb Dennis)  
Jeb Dennis, piano

*Prelude in G Major, BWV 550* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Jeb Dennis, organ

**OPENING BELLS/  
INTROIT** *Got the Love of Jesus in my Heart!* George William Cooke (1884-1951)  
Jubilate Choir, Summit Sounds,  
Steeple Band, and Chancel Choir

**WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**All: In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.**

One: God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** The Rev. Andre Castillo

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God, our Strength and Savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst even now. We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God's help. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

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.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Tara Church

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Delano Copprue

**All:** If we are uncertain and weary, speak to us, O God. If we are grounded and hopeful, speak to us. If our faith feels solid and steady, speak to us, and if our faith feels shaky and tentative, speak to us. Keep speaking through your holy Word, O God, that we may find our voice in yours. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 124

p. 572 OT

**ANTHEM**

*Prayer of Saint Francis*  
Chancel Choir  
Jeb Dennis, piano

René Clausen  
(b. 1953)

**SECOND LESSON**

Mark 9:38-50

p. 45 NT

**One:** This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

“Common Ground”

Dr. DeGarmo

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from* Barmen Declaration

**All:** As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God’s Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

**\*HYMN 293**

*Loving Spirit*

OMNI DIE (Corner)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**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.

**OFFERING**

**Ritual of Friendship:** *Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

**ANTHEM***Allegro Spiritoso*  
Clarion RingersGreg Underwood  
(1971-2017)**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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****\*HYMN 804***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

**\*CHARGE AND  
BLESSING****CHORAL RESPONSE**Amen  
Chancel ChoirRené Clausen  
(b. 1953)**POSTLUDE***Fugue in A Minor, BWV 561*  
Jeb Dennis, organJohann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

\*Please stand as you are able

**WELCOME!**

We are delighted you are joining us in worship! Founded on Easter Sunday in 1881, First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich embraces our mission to nurture and empower people in all stages of life to be Christ's disciples and to actively serve those in need. All children may join the *Time for Young Disciples* during the service and then be dismissed together for Sunday School. Nursery care is available in Room 220 for children under three.

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; Rev. Andre Castillo; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Jeb Dennis, organ/piano; Heather Antonissen, Director of Bells Choir; Jubilate Choir, Summit Sounds, Steeple Band, Chancel Choir; Dr. Delano Copprue, reader.

**Usher Team 3:** Steve Waters (Captain), James Waters (Deputy), Abe Carey, Tony Kane, Kathy Myer, Ellie Ritch Galatioto, Justine Schwartz, Jackson Waters, Vaughn Waters, Sandy Waters.

**Cover Art:** Praying Hands, or Study of the Hands of an Apostle, Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528).

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia and Haiti; St. Marc School in Haiti; Carola Cammann; Adrienne & Don Perry; the families of Thomas Fong, Russ Harden, Sandy Herman and Karen Joyella.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today, September 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Edna Anderson Chapel**  
**John Winthrop’s “Model of Christian Charity”**

In his account of John Winthrop’s “A Model of Christian Charity,” long-time Princeton University history professor Dan Rodgers notes, “Winthrop’s ‘we shall be as a city upon a hill’ seems to hold in its grasp what the future would bring for the United States: its magnet status for a world of immigrants, its economic ascendancy, and its rise to world leadership.” Yet is this view supported by the original, seventeenth-century document?

For this Academy, we are encouraged to read and reflect on Winthrop’s “[A Model of Christian Charity](#),” beforehand as we collectively consider the enduring legacy of America’s “most famous lay sermon.” Dr. Delano R. Copprue is a professor of humanities at Manhattan School of Music in New York City, where he serves as department chair. He holds two master’s degrees and a doctorate in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University. A specialist in nineteenth-century American literature, Delano has published widely on various aspects of history, philosophy, literary criticism, music, and popular culture. An ardent proponent of lifelong learning, he enjoys studying the humanities, hearing the cadence of scripture, and watching the New York Mets with his very famous wife — Margaret Mack, soprano.

## ACADEMY

**Sunday, October 13, 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

**Preview of the FPCG Fall Metropolitan Opera Trip - *Il Trovatore* by Giuseppe Verdi**

Written at the height of Giuseppe Verdi’s career, *Il Trovatore* (*The Troubador*) is one of his most powerfully passionate and magnificent musical scores. Join our music minister, Dr. Caroline Worra, as she talks us through the four acts of the opera, featuring arias and ensembles sung by our very own Chancel Choir members, accompanied by Jesse Pieper on the piano.

There are still 9 tickets left for the FPCG Opera Trip to see *Il Trovatore* at the Metropolitan Opera on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The FPCG Nominating Committee is searching for time and talent. Michelle Binnie, Lilian Eng, Judy Kelly, Hellen Kim, Bob Giambo, and Kate Minchin invite you to email candidates’ names or self-nominations for a 3-year term on the Session or Board of Deacons starting January 2025 and for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) which is expected to begin this Fall and to involve a major time commitment (including weekly meetings) as it searches for a new senior pastor. Emails can be sent to [nominating@fpcg.org](mailto:nominating@fpcg.org) where all the committee members will receive the email. We appreciate your help in compiling names for our consideration.

## FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations of flowers to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion are always welcome and help to beautify the Sanctuary. On Mondays, the deacons distribute the flowers to members and friends who might need some cheering. If you would like to make a dedication one Sunday, please be in touch with Erin Moore in the business office ([erin@fpcg.org](mailto:erin@fpcg.org) or (203) 869-8686). You may also sign up for a donation online [Flower Dedications](#) or by scanning the QR code.

## MISSION ENGAGEMENT

**PACIFIC HOUSE COOKS:** Join the FPCG team to cook and serve meals for men and young male residents of Pacific House on the second Thursday of every month. Cook in the FPCG kitchen from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. or serve at Pacific House from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Contact Carol Barber: [cbarber@cyburban.com](mailto:cbarber@cyburban.com); (914) 490-6621.

**DRIVERS NEEDED FOR CALL-A-RIDE:** Have a few hours a week to assist elderly members of our community? Drivers are needed! Email or call Terry Lohmeyer: [terryhl@aol.com](mailto:terryhl@aol.com), (203) 249-9412.

## FALL NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND RECEPTION

Interested in becoming a member of FPCG? Please join us for our fall new member orientation session on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. We'll gather for a light supper in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm and begin our orientation at 6:30 p.m. (Childcare is provided.) Those attending orientation will be welcomed by the congregation at a New Member Reception during worship on Sunday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. To RSVP for the orientation session, please scan and complete the interest form found here or contact Emily Sternberg at [emily@thesternbergs.net](mailto:emily@thesternbergs.net).

## STEWARDSHIP 2024

We are grateful for the tremendous support we have seen for Stewardship 2024, but the last mile is always the hardest! We currently stand at **155 pledges totaling \$1,136,503.22** toward our budget of \$1.2 million. If you have not yet pledged or if you can do more to help us make our goal, let us know at your earliest convenience. Please mail your pledge card to the church, make your pledge at [2024 Stewardship](#) or email your pledge or any questions to Elder for Stewardship Brian Pennington at [stewardship@fpcg.org](mailto:stewardship@fpcg.org). Thank you!

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Join us monthly on a Friday morning for fellowship and book discussion in the Church Library on the 4th Floor. We will meet on October 18 to discuss **The Personal Librarian**, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray and November 15 to discuss **James: A Novel**, by Percival Everett. We gather at 9:15 a.m. for coffee and discussion starts at 9:30 am. Contact Colleen Giambo at [cgiambo@gmail.com](mailto:cgiambo@gmail.com) for more details.

FYI: The November book, **James: A Novel**, was chosen by Greenwich Reads Together. Percival Everett will be speaking at Greenwich Library's Berkley Theater on Wednesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

## RED CROSS INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE



- Give patients a reason to be thankful! Come to give blood with the Red Cross at our Interfaith drive and get a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. PLUS, you'll be entered for a chance at a \$7K gift card! There will be 2 winners. Come to First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich (1 West Putnam Avenue) on Saturday, November 2 from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. Sign up now at [rcblood.org/donate](http://rcblood.org/donate) and use code FPCG, use the QR code, or call 800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## MUSIC NOTES

**The Sweet Sounds of FPCG:** Thank you to everyone that joined us for our All-Age **Welcome Home Recital** last weekend! We had a wonderful variety of music including Christian contemporary, pop, musical theater, classical piano/voice, and opera arias! If you would like to participate in our All-Age **Thanksgiving Recital** on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. (the weekend before Thanksgiving), feel free to let me



know! I'm happy to accompany you!



**Reading the First at First:** Are you interested in reading the First Lesson on Sunday mornings? Please contact me and we can figure out which Sunday (or Sundays) might work best for you!

**Thank you!** Dr. Caroline Worra – Music Minister

## FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE BIBLE (Group Led Bible Study)

**Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the library.** - Join the women of FAB, beginning October 9th, for a 6-week Scripture and video study of *Hidden: Finding Delight in Your Life with Christ* by Allison Allen. In a world that equates significance with being seen, we will learn how to rest in God's acceptance and admiration by studying lesser-known Biblical characters who served God's greater purpose by living a "life hidden with Christ in God." Col 3:3 FAB is a weekly, multigenerational women's group for fellowship and conversation. Feel free to attend one or all of our meetings. RSVP to Renee Lux ([reneelux@gmail.com](mailto:reneelux@gmail.com)).

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

As Deacons, our ministry is one of compassion, witness, and service. It includes services such as hospital visits, meal deliveries, an altar flower to celebrate a birth, arranging rides to worship and generally being available to hear any concerns or questions you may have. Please don't be shy about reaching out on your own behalf, or perhaps on behalf of another member of our church who may benefit from a meal, a visit, or just a word of encouragement. Contact the church office at (203) 869-8686, x110, contact one of our pastors, or email our Deacon Co-Moderators, Julie Mather ([matherct@msn.com](mailto:matherct@msn.com)) and Ginger Boldt ([gboldt1774@gmail.com](mailto:gboldt1774@gmail.com)) if you hear word of someone in need from among our congregation.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday School 2024-2025- This fall we will be continuing a curriculum based off the lectionary, *Whirl* by Sparkhouse. It will make it easy for kids to make connections between Sunday school and the church year.

**Reminder: After Worship, please pick up your children, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger, in their Sunday school classrooms. They will not be dismissed until a parent/caregiver arrives. Middle schoolers, 5<sup>th</sup> and up, can dismiss themselves.**

Sunday School Classrooms:

Pre-K/Kindergarten: Room 221

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Room 343

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 344

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 4<sup>th</sup> floor Youth Room

\*Childcare is provided for children 3 years and younger in room 220 starting at 9:30 a.m.

## COMMUNITY NIGHT – EVERY WEDNESDAY



**2024 - FPCCG  
COMMUNITY NIGHT**

**ALL ARE INVITED EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR FELLOWSHIP AND DINNER FOR ALL, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND ALL-AGE MUSIC REHEARSALS.**

Childcare provided from 5:00-7:00 in Room 121.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WITH TARA**  
5:00-5:30 - bible-based programming with fellowship, creative arts, games, & snacks!

**BELL CHOIRS WITH HEATHER**  
5:00-6:00 - Clarion Ringers (advanced and intermediate)  
6:30-7:00 - Holy Ringers (beginner and intermediate)

**MUSIC WITH CAROLINE AND KREG**  
5:30-6:00 - Jubilate Choir (Pre-K-Grade 4), Summit Sounds (Grade 5-8), and families sing, play, and dance to fun songs  
6:00-6:30 - Summit Sounds (Grades 5-8) and Advanced Vocal Ensemble (Grades 9-12) sing and/or play advanced music with microphones and solos

**DINNER FOR ALL**  
6:00-7:15 - Enjoy a meal with friends and family in Fellowship Hall

**STEEPLE BAND WITH CAROLINE AND KREG**  
6:30-7:00 - play and sing Christian Contemporary Music

**CHRISTIAN CONTEMPORARY SING-A-LONG**  
6:45-7:00 - After your meal, enjoy listening, singing, or playing with The Steeple Band. We'll end with a prayer.

**CHANCEL CHOIR WITH CAROLINE AND JESSE**  
7:15-7:30 - organize music in folders and warm-up  
7:30-8:45 - rehearse classical music for each Sunday

**Even if you cannot join us on Wednesday evenings, practice recordings will be sent and you can rehearse with us on Sunday mornings before the 10:00 service.**

**SUNDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
8:30-9:00 - Bell Choir (once a month)  
9:00-9:30 - Chancel Choir  
9:30-9:55 - Children/youth/families/Steeple Band  
9:55 - all ages meet in the front row to ring the opening bells

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## LEADERSHIP

### Session

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Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor  
Laura Geffs, Clerk of Session

Wayne Atwell	Ryan Kim	Elizabeth Peyton
Linda Cha	Debra Mecky	Stephanie Schnabel
Lilian Eng	Kate Minchin	Sue Sproule
Layne Grindal	Mary M. Parette	Emily Sternberg
Helen Ji	Brian Pennington	Steve Waters
		Nancy Yao

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### Board of Deacons

Ginger Boldt and Julie Mather, Co-Moderators

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS · 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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Ministers: All members of the congregation.