

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENWICH



Day of Pentecost  
Confirmation Sunday  
May 19, 2024  
10:00 AM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I feel that whenever I need him, God is always there by my side.* – Clara Ziebarth

## PRELUDE

*Adagio, et chorale varie op. 4*  
Jess Pieper, organ

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

## OPENING BELLS/INTROIT

*God Is So Good*  
Singers, Ringers and Steeple Band

ANON

## WELCOME

The Rev. Andre Castillo

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Tate Bieger & Jack Crosby

One: Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said...

All: **“Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

One: Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered...

All: **“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

One: And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

All: **We are the Church – praise be to God!**

## \*HYMN 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G.  
DeGarmo

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ziebarth

Clara

All: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. Too often we have failed to welcome into our hearts your quickening Spirit of love and power. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. Wash away our sins; send rain on our dry ground; bend our rigidity; inflame our cold hearts; anoint us for witness; and direct our wandering feet into your ways. Amen.**

## \*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lilly Olson

One: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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.*

**THE PEACE**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Lynda Cha, Elder for Children's

Ministries

**Margo & Clay Cole and their son, Grayson**

Presentation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

**SOLO**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

Sarah Knott, mezzo-soprano

*I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.*

*I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

*When you hear the wonder of the word I'll be there to cheer you on.*

*You'll be raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Bode McGraw

All: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 2:1-21

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

**ANTHEM**

*God So Loved the World*

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Chancel Choir

**SECOND LESSON**

1 John 4:7-21

Griffin Olson

One: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*God Is Love*

The Rev. Andre  
Castillo

**SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**

Lilian Eng, Elder for

Nominating

Presentation of the Confirmands

*Tate Bieger Griffin Olson*

*Jack Crosby Lilly Olson*

*Annabelle Kim William Sproule*

*Robert "Bode" McGraw Clara Ziebarth*

Statement of Purpose

Questions of Membership

Prayer with the Laying on of Hands

*(Families of the Confirmands are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

William Sproule

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**

*Jubilation*  
Clarion Ringers

Mary Kay Parrish (b. 1940)

**\*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.*

OLD  
HUNDRETH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 69**

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

AM

HERE I

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL  
RESPONSE**

*Amen\**  
Chancel Choir

Jesse Pieper (b. 1986)

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in 7*  
Jesse Pieper, organ

John Rutter (b. 1945)

\*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* and return to sit with their families. There will be no Sunday school today. Nursery care is available in Room 220 for children under three.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; The Rev. Andre Castillo; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Jesse Pieper, organ associate; Heather Antonissen, Director of Bell Choirs; Confirmation Class of 2024

**Usher Team 4:** Matthew Lorig, Captain; Helen Ji, Deputy; Hagar Chemali; Jonathan Larken; Julie Lorig; Eleanor Lorig; Timmy & Brian Lorig; Judy Soto; David Zadik

**Flowers:** The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Lindley DeGarmo in honor of his wife, Sarah Finlayson, as they celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary tomorrow.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel and Palestine; Afghanistan; Ukraine; Haiti; St. Marc School in Haiti; Adrienne & Don Perry; Gloria Besthoff; Carola Cammann

## STEWARDSHIP 2024

We are grateful for the tremendous support for **Stewardship 2024**, but the last mile is always the hardest! We currently stand at **140 pledges totaling \$1,117,910** toward our budget of \$1.2 million. To achieve the last 7% it is vital we hear from every single member so your Church can sustain our ministry, mission and spiritual education programs. If you have not yet pledged or if you can do more to help us make it to our goal, please mail your pledge card to the church, make your pledge at [FPCG.org](http://FPCG.org), or email your pledge or pledge increase to Elder for Stewardship Brian Pennington at [stewardship@fpcg.org](mailto:stewardship@fpcg.org). **Thank you!**

## OUR DESTINATION IS IN SIGHT

So many of you have shared your thoughts and feelings by completing the Church Assessment Tool (C.A.T.). You have our gratitude. Rest assured that your responses are 100% confidential. If by chance you have not completed the assessment yet, you have just two more weeks to make your voice heard. **HOW ABOUT DOING IT TODAY!** If you need a paper copy, please stop by the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. If you have questions, please contact Dr. DeGarmo at [lindley.degarmo@fpcg.org](mailto:lindley.degarmo@fpcg.org) or (443) 564-5125.

Many thanks from the Congregational Assessment Committee: Michelle Binnie, Lee Ganshaw, Layne Grindal, Tom Hipp, Liz James, Nancy Lomazzo and Chris Zadik.

## THIS WEEK

**MINISTER'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY, MONDAYS AT 7 PM:** Minister's Virtual Bible Study will not meet this week but will resume Monday, May 27 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. If you would like to receive an email reminder of the class and Zoom link on Monday afternoon, please notify Dr. DeGarmo at [lindley.degarmo@fpcg.org](mailto:lindley.degarmo@fpcg.org).

**WEDNESDAY IS COMMUNITY NIGHT AT FPCG:** ALL are welcome to **COMMUNITY NIGHT** every Wednesday between 5:00-8:45 PM! Join us for DINNER-FOR-ALL in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:15 PM. **Only two Community Wednesdays left until September – May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 PM or serve at Pacific House from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. 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.

**SUPPORT STUDENTS AT ST. MARC:** The crisis in Haiti worsens daily, schools remain the last hope for providing support security, and normalcy for students and communities. Donating to St. Marc ensures that students have quality, comprehensive education including highly trained educators, enriched curriculum, school supplies including textbooks, pencils/pens, notebooks and more. Donating will also allow for health screenings and basic health care services, and school meals provided. Use the link or QR code to donate: [Support St. Marc — Summits Education](#)

**BLOOD DRIVE JUNE 15:** Be a summer hero! When you give blood with the Red Cross, you'll feel good knowing your donation can help save a life. Plus, give at our Interfaith blood drive on June 15 & get a \$15 e-gift card in thanks. Book now at: [rblood.org/donate](http://rblood.org/donate) using code: FPCG. Appointments are open to donate between 8:00 am and 1:15 pm in Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich (1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT).

You can also sign up by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Heroes are needed!

## 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

## ACADEMY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**“JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED,” FAITH & OVERCOMING RACIAL BIAS: MAY 26 AT 11:20AM:** Please join us in Fellowship Hall as we discuss the book “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman with Rev. Dr. Derrick McQueen. In the book Thurman interprets the teachings of Jesus through the experience of the oppressed, and he discusses nonviolent responses to oppression. We will discuss how this book helped shape the civil rights movement and changed our nation’s history forever. As we struggle today with issues of poverty, racism and spiritual disengagement, Thurman’s discerning reading of the message of renewal through self-love, as exemplified in the life of Jesus, resonates powerfully once again. This book is available on Amazon and there will be a few copies at the church desk to borrow.

## COMING UP AT FPCG

**MISSION TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 22-28:** Ages: Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and older (middle school students welcome with an accompanying parent). Cost: \$775 (scholarships available). Space is limited! **Deadline for sign-up is May 17.** For more information and to reserve your spot, scan the QR code or contact [andre.castillo@fpcg.org](mailto:andre.castillo@fpcg.org).

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP:** Registration now open for the FPCG 2024 Vacation Bible Camp for ages 4 to 11! Scan the QR code to join us for five days of games, crafts.

## MUSIC NOTES

\*Our “Amen” for the Choral Response today is newly composed by our own Jesse Pieper. We are honored to sing this world premiere as a tribute to this wonderful confirmation class of 2024.

### **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Community Night with DINNER-FOR-ALL.**

**You are also welcome to listen to, or participate in, any of our Wednesday night music rehearsals!**

5:00 – Clarion Ringers with Heather – Sanctuary

5:30 – Family MUSIC TIME (children/youth of all ages) with Caroline & Kreg – 4<sup>th</sup> floor choir room

6:00 – Advanced Vocal Ensemble for Youth with Caroline & Kreg – 4<sup>th</sup> floor choir room

6:30 – Steeple Band with Caroline & Kreg – 4<sup>th</sup> floor choir room

6:30 – Holy Ringers with Heather – Sanctuary

7:15 – Chancel Choir with Caroline – 4<sup>th</sup> floor choir room

### **Next Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM** – Chancel Choir rehearsal for “Gloria”, “Everytime I Feel the Spirit”, and “Amen” – Sanctuary

**9:30 AM** – Singers, Ringers, and Steeple Band rehearsals for “Dona Nobis Pacem” – Rehearsal will begin in the Sanctuary and then move to Fellowship Hall...feel free to join in anytime you arrive.

**9:55 AM** – Singers and ringers of all ages meet in the front row of the Sanctuary

**10:00 AM** – Ring the opening bells and then sing/ring/play the all-group introit “Dona Nobis Pacem”





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