

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENWICH



Confirmation Sunday
May 18, 2025
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.”*

Psalm 30:4

PRELUDE

Schmücke Dich o liebe Steele, BWV 634
Jesse Pieper, organ

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Love, Love, Love
Chancel Choir, Jubilate Choir,
Summit Sounds, and Steeple Band

Herbert Brokering
(1926-2009)

OPENING BELLS

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has been so gracious to us, showing new mercies upon us every morning.

All: **May the way of the Lord be known in all the earth.**

One: Let the people praise you, O God.

All: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase. God has blessed us richly.

All: **Let all the ends of the earth praise the Lord. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth
Verses 1, 4, 5

DIX

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of glory, you call us to confession and repentance, graciously inviting us back to abundant life in you. Yet in our brokenness, we have believed that our own efforts and good fortune make us righteous. Remind us again that only you can save. Remind us that righteousness comes from you, alone. For our righteousness is as filthy rags before you. As we search our hearts to root out pride and folly, Lord, hear our prayers.

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news of the gospel is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Know this, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**
PATRI

GLORIA

**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

Tony Kane

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the
Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what
you say to us today. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 148:1-14

p. 582 OT

ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus
Chancel Choir

Giovanni Pierluigi
da Palestrina
(ca. 1525-1594)

Translation: As the deer longs for running water,
so longs my soul for Thee Lord.

**SECOND
LESSON**

John 13:31-35

p. 108 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Love Hurts”

Rev. Castillo

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Lilian Eng, Elder

for Nominating

Presentation of the Confirmands

James Armstrong Fraser Harman Blake O'Hara
Caleb Cha Griffin Hart Jack Reid
Alden Charette Jasper Larken Jackson Waters
Luke France George Loverro Abby Winig
Meadow France Kit MacLean

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.)

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

ANTHEM	<i>Dance of the Blessed Spirits, from Orfeo and Eurydice</i>	Christoph Willibald Gluck
	Jeb Dennis, piano	(1714-1787)
		(arr. Ignaz Friedman)

*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

*HYMN 69	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	HERE I AM (Schutte)
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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE	Psalm 150 Chancel Choir	G.S. Talbot (1875-1918)
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POSTLUDE	Easter Sarabond Jesse Pieper, organ	Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
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** 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

Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; Rev. Andre Castillo; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministry; **Tony Kane, reader; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Jeb Dennis, piano solo; Chancel Choir; Jubilate Choir; Summit Sounds, Steeple Band.**

Usher Team 4: Mathew Lorig (Captain), Helen Ji (Deputy), Hagar Chemali, Mitchell Etter, Jonathan Larken, Julie Lorig, Eleanor Lorig, Timmy & Brian Lorig, Judy Soto, David Zadik.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti and Sudan; St. Marc School in Haiti; Jim Joyella, Linda Kennedy, Arline Lomazzo, Adrienne & Don Perry, Elly Schafer (mother of Renée Lux), Nancy Raker, Catherine Stahl. Yvonne Williams, Cassandra Fountain and the families of John Hopley, Caroline Larken, Gil Raker, Ralph Wyman and the Benincasa family.

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 (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 (203) 249-9412.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join interim pastor Lindley DeGarmo for a virtual Bible study of the sermon text for the upcoming Sunday on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. **Focus text this week: John 10:22-30.** Meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82203791684> Passcode: 408515.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Join us for fellowship and book discussion in the Church Library on the 4th Floor. We gather at 9:15 a.m. for coffee and discussion starts at 9:30 a.m. Contact Colleen Giambo at cgiambo@gmail.com for more details.

June 20 – The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime and a Dangerous Obsession, by Michael Finkel

STEWARDSHIP

As we reflect on the blessings God has entrusted to us, we are reminded that all we have belongs to Him. Our stewardship campaign is an opportunity to give back to God with grateful hearts, supporting the ministries that make a difference in our church and community.

To date, we have received 147 pledges totaling \$856,412, 71% towards our \$1,200,000 goal.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can respond. Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or you can give online through our church website. Let's join together in giving generously, knowing that every gift helps further God's work among us.

"All that we have is Thine Alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee."

FPCG UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for August 4–8, 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (lunch included!) because Jesus Jamboree is back, and it's better than ever! This year, we're diving into the stories of the ultimate Old Testament influencers—Ruth, Esther, Jonah, David, and Moses. These legends knew how to stay faithful, fearless, and full of faith no matter what life threw at them

Get ready for a week packed with games, music with Dr. Caroline Worra and Kreg Gotschall, crafts, and epic Bible adventures as we explore how these trailblazers made waves that still inspire us today.

Don't miss the chance to hang with friends, learn something new, and create memories that will last longer than Jonah was in the fish!

RSVP now by scanning the QR code to save your spot, because this is THE event of the summer.

Let's make 2025 a year to remember!

Any questions? Email Tara@fpcg.org

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. We warmly invite you to reach out on your behalf, or perhaps on behalf of another church member who may benefit from a meal, a visit, or just a word of encouragement. Contact the church office at (203) 869-8686 X 110, or one of our pastors, or email our Deacon Co-Moderators, Ginger Boldt (gboldt1774@gmail.com) and Julie Mather (matherct@msn.com). Your well being is important to us.

FIRST SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION

We are offering rides to and from church on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month (May 4, June 1), so members can participate in Communion, worship, and fellowship. Call Bob Giambo (914) 434-4832 to arrange transportation. We look forward to having you join us!

FIRST 4 FOOD

Imagine the warmth and comfort of homemade soups delivered right to your door! Our dedicated volunteers are ready to bring love and care to members recovering from physical, emotional, or other challenging situations. Need a meal? Feeling inspired to cook or deliver? Reach out to Renie Blair at (203) 637-1807 and be part of this heartwarming initiative.

ACADEMY

Coming soon! *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

Sponsored by Faith & Overcoming Racial Bias

June 1, 2025, 11:20 am

Please join us in Fellowship Hall as we discuss the book, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H. Cone, with Rev. Dr. Derrick McQueen. This book is available on Amazon and there will be a few copies at the church desk to borrow.

INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE

Every drop of kindness counts. Do good: Give blood! Come give on June 14th & get a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. PLUS, you'll be entered for a chance at a \$7K gift card (2 winners)! Make an appointment now for the Red Cross Interfaith blood drive on Saturday, June 14, 8:00 am to 1:15 pm in Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church.

Sign up to give at rcblood.org/donate using code: FPCG or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All blood types needed!

[For additional information or questions about the blood drive on Saturday, June 14, please email Ross Ogden at ogdenr@optonline.net or call 203-622-9171.]

SPRING CONCERT

ENJOY MUSIC OF ALL STYLES
BY PERFORMERS OF ALL AGES

THE SWEET SOUNDS OF FPCG

MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND
SPRING CONCERT



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

**SUNDAY, MAY 25TH
11:30
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**JOIN US
FOR A FUN
AFTERNOON
OF MUSIC**

PLEASE CONTACT DR. CAROLINE WORRA, MUSIC MINISTER, IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING - CAROLINE.WORRA@FPCG.ORG

LEADERSHIP

Session

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

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Pennington		
Lynda Cha	Ryan Kim	Elizabeth
Peyton		
Lilian Eng	Debra Mecky	Stephanie
Schnabel		
Lee Ganshaw	Kate Minchin	Sue
Sproule		
Layne Grindal	Mary M. Parette	Emily
Sternberg		
		Nancy Yao

Session members may be contacted at session@fpcg.org. Messages go to all Session members.

Board of Deacons

Ginger Boldt and Julie Mather, Co-Moderators

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