

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENWICH



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024  
10:00 AM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God can heal your broken heart, but you have to give Him all the pieces. – Unknown*

### PRELUDE

*Nocturne in D-flat Major,  
Op. 27 No. 2*  
Jeb Dennis, piano

Frederic Chopin  
(1810-1849)

*Sketch in F Minor*  
Jeb Dennis, organ

Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)

### WELCOME

The Rev. Andre Castillo

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our hearts are steadfast: we gather to give thanks to the Lord among all peoples.

**Many: We will sing praises to God among the nations.**

One: God's steadfast love is higher than the heavens.

**Many: The faithfulness of God reaches to the clouds.**

One: Be exalted, O God, and let your glory be over all the earth.

**Many: May God's children be lifted to brand new life. Let us worship the Lord!**

### \*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*Verses 1, 2, 5*

DIX

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

### \*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Because we were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, we are also raised to new life with him. Believe the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

**\*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**

Carolyn Hahn-  
Re

**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**

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

p. 516-517 OT

**SECOND LESSON**

James 1:17-27

p. 229 NT

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*First Fruits*

Rev. Andre Castillo

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**OFFERING**

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

**ANTHEM**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
(from Cantata)  
Caroline Worra, soprano  
Jeb Dennis, piano

John Carter (b. 1930)

**\*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**

**COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

**O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons to new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be a sign of his life and all that we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 295**

*Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare*

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens  
(1823-1881)

\*Please stand as you are able

Jeb Dennis, organ

**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. This Sunday Sept 1, will be our last large group Sunday school in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor youth room.

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

The Rev. Lindley DeGarmo; The Rev. Andre Castillo; Dr. Caroline Worra, Minister of Music; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Jeb Dennis, organ/piano; Carolyn Hahn-Re, reader.

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

## 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 at [fpcg.org](http://fpcg.org).

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia and Haiti; St. Marc School in Haiti; Carola Cammann; Adrienne & Don Perry; Charlene Roberson.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Russ Harden. Condolences may be sent to Liz Harden, 155 Field Point Road, Greenwich CT 06830.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Thomas Fong. Condolences may be sent to Lilian Eng, 78 Pond Place, Cos Cob CT 06807.

## 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.

## FALL NEW MEMBER ORIENTAION AND RECEPTION

Interested in becoming a member of FPCG? Please join us for our fall new member orientation session on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00pm. We'll gather for a light supper in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm and begin our orientation at 6:30pm. (Childcare is provided.) Those attending orientation will be welcomed by the congregation at a New Member Reception during worship on Sunday, October 20 at 10:00am.

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).

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

**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 September 20 to discuss “**Legacy**” by Uche Blackstock, MD, 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 am 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 PM. Registration for this event will open in September.

## ACADEMY PROGRAMS

**Sunday, September 15, 11:30 a.m. First-hand Stories of Ukrainian Refugees and Children.** Of the 3.5 million refugees who fled to Poland following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, almost a million remain today. Join Academy after Worship for a presentation in Fellowship Hall by Barbara Pritchard Baker (pictured, left, with the Vice Counsel of the Ukrainian Consulate based in Poland) on the experiences and stories of Ukrainian refugees in Poland and the numerous NGOs and small local organizations supporting these women, helping them find jobs, learn Polish and English, and providing other varied needed services. Barbara is a Stephen Minister at FPCG with a career in medical communications. She is a resident of Greenwich and a board member of the non-profit, non-political Delegation for Friendship Among Women, with whom she recently travelled to Poland.

### **Sunday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. 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.

## 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 **154 pledges totaling 1,135,003** toward our budget of \$1.2 million. If you have not yet pledged or if you can do more to help us make it to our goal, we ask that you let us know at your earliest convenience. Please mail your pledge card to the church, make your pledge at [FPCG.org](http://FPCG.org), or email your pledge or any questions to Elder for Stewardship Brian Pennington at [stewardship@fpcg.org](mailto:stewardship@fpcg.org). Thank you!

## 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.

## MUSIC

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday evening, September 4th, for music rehearsals! We will prepare special music for Homecoming Sunday on September 8th!

**5:00 - Bell Choir with Heather (sanctuary)**

**5:30 - Children/youth/families with Caroline and Kreg (4th floor)**

**6:00 - Youth with Caroline and Kreg (4th floor)**

**6:30 - Steeple Band (4th floor)**

**7:30 - Chancel Choir (4th floor)**

Also, if you are interested in being a reader during any of our services this year, feel free to let me know!

Caroline Worra ([caroline.worra@fpcg.org](mailto:caroline.worra@fpcg.org))

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

As September is almost here, it is crucial that all parents register their children for Sunday school/church database. Please take the time to fill out this form so we can effectively place your children into our programs this fall. This form contains vital information to keep your children safe at fpcg. Please use this link to sign up: [2024-2024 children & youth registration](#) or use the [QR code](#)!

**HOMECOMING 2024**

**KIDS IN CRISIS YOUTH SOCIAL**



## LEADERSHIP

### Session

Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo, Moderator  
Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor  
Laura Geffs, Clerk of Session

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Linda Cha  
Lilian Eng  
Layne Grindal  
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Ryan Kim  
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Nancy Yao

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