

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH

GREENWICH TIME, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1962



Millionth Pint Of Blood—Mrs. Douglas Campbell of Cat Rock Rd., center, gave her 15th donation at the Feb. 1 Blood Bank of the Greenwich Chapter, Red Cross., and it proved to be the millionth pint in the State of Connecticut Red Cross Program. Mother of three, she has been a donor since 1951. Pictured with Mrs. Campbell are Mrs. Stephen Porter, Blood Program chairman from 1949-60, and Richard S. Hart, present chairman, who is holding a commemorative plaque which will be permanently placed in the Greenwich Chapter House.—Photo by Hood

June 14, 2026, 10:00 AM

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here—with whatever joys, questions, or tears you bring today—as we worship God, who welcomes us all! You are invited to listen for God's Spirit speaking through the music of the Prelude as we prepare our hearts for worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“If we do not transform our pain, we will most assuredly transmit it.”
Richard Rohr

PRELUDE

“Nun lob Mein' Seel' den Herren”

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116

One: We love the Lord, because God has heard our voices and supplications.

All: **God's ear is inclined to us, therefore we will call on the Lord as long as we live.**

One: We suffer in despair and anguish, crying out, “Lord, save us!”

All: **God comes to our rescue, lifting up the brokenhearted.**

One: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

All: **We walk before the Lord in the land of the living. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Holy God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too often the desires of our own hearts. We have left undone that which you call us to do; and we have done those things which you call us to resist. Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore us to abundant life according to your promises. Grant that we may live a holy, just, and humble life. We pray to your glory, and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

~ Prayer continues in silence. ~

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Loving God, we gather in your holy presence in order that we might hear your voice and be led in your Way. To that end, 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.**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-8

p. 155 NT

ANTHEM“And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

And then, then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh.
 And your health shall speedily spring forth then, and the glory of the Lord
 shall be thy reward.

Lord, our creator, how excellent thy name is in all the nations!
 Thou fillest heaven with thy glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:1-23

p. 10 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON*My Substitute Teacher****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Psalm 116:12-19

All: **What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

HYMN 465What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

One: Almighty God, you have called us into fellowship as the Church of Jesus Christ, and you have blessed us and enriched our lives through your Holy Word and Sacraments. You strengthen us and inspire us by your Holy Spirit toward lives of mutual love and service. For all this, and, above all, for the gift of your Son and our salvation:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For those who lead and those who follow; for Elders and Deacons; for committees and officers:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For ushers and greeters, for prayers and readers, for those who serve communion, for musicians and choirs, for singers and bell ringers:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For cleaners and dusters, for maintainers and fixers, for those who cook and those who eat:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For administrators and helpers, for counters and record keepers, for bulletin editors and envelope stuffers:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For those who give and those who pray, for those who plan and those who guide; for those with wisdom and those with inspiration:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For youth workers and youth, for parents and grandparents, for loving neighbors and sisters and brothers in Christ:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For our past and for our future, for the many ways that we embody Christ for the needy in the world, for mission and ministry and for a purpose for being the Church:

All: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: Keep us ever close to your Holy Word and Sacraments, that we might find strength to endure to the end.

All: **We dedicate our lives to your service.**

One: Make us one in the body of Christ, that we may acknowledge with gratefulness the importance of all our members and all our gifts for the mission that you give us.

All: We dedicate our lives to your service.

One: Blessed Lord, we thank you for all the good people of faith that you have raised up among us for the work of the gospel. Multiply our gifts by your Holy Spirit. Be in our hands and our minds and our words that we might bring your love to the world. Prosper our work to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Pendaneni (Love One Another)

Cathy Moglebust

*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

All: Gracious God, for all your gifts, both seen and unseen, we give you thanks. May our offerings be acceptable in your sight; a mere portion of what you have so generously given to us. We pray that you would do more with them than we could ever ask or imagine. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Congregational response: Alleluia! Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals Op. 101 No. 5

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

** We are invited to rise together in God's Spirit.*

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 are invited to stay in worship and join us on the steps during *Time for Young Disciples*. Children can be picked up following Sunday School in Room 343. **Childcare is available for those who are three years and younger in room 350.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer, Rev. Andre Castillo; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministry; Caroline Worra, Minister of Music; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Heather Antonissen, Director of Bell Choirs; Chancel Choir; Clarion Ringers: Scarlett Allegro, reader.

Team 4: Mathew Lorig (Captain), Helen Ji (Deputy), Jonathan Larken, Julie Lorig, Eleanor Lorig, Timmy & Brian Lorig, Caroline Peyton, Elizabeth Peyton, Judy Soto, David Zadik..

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Members: John Awdziewicz, Carola Cammann, the Campbell Family, Laura Eskandar, the Hampton Family, Carolyn Hopley, Bev Jomo, Ann Koontz, Ki Lee, Kimber Lee, the McKelvey Family, Eric Moy, Winona Mullis, the Nicholas Family, Adrienne & Don Perry, the Raker families and the Spada family, Charlene Roberson.

Friends: Dimitrios Apostolou, Cassandra Fountain, the Cadwallader Kelsey family, Julian Ketelsen, Carol & Bill Maloney, Elly Schafer and Mike Long.

If you or someone you know would benefit from being added to our weekly Prayer List, please don't hesitate to reach out to our church office at info@fpcg.org.

JOIN US TODAY

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall - Serving God Under Siege

Since 1997, Tavriski Christian Institute, founded in Kherson, has trained leaders for ministry in Ukraine and across Central Asia. The Institute's work of spreading the gospel in Russia and Central Asia has resulted in over a thousand graduates becoming pastors, chaplains, and ministry leaders. Despite two forced relocations within Ukraine since 2022, Tavriski Christian Institute continues leading ministry training in Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Karakalpakstan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, and beyond.

Earlier this year, Valentyn Syniy, president of Tavriski Christian Institute, visited First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich and offered a moving meditation on what it means to serve God in times of war. "I realize," he notes, "that the realities described in the book may differ from your experience. However, I hope that this honest conversation will help anyone who is experiencing wounds from the losses we face in life, who is looking for a way to their home — a home where you are accepted and where you can be yourself. The war taught me to value people. People are usually much more fragile, and their recovery much more difficult, than we sometimes think."

All are invited to join Adult Education elder Dr. Delano Copprue for a consideration of Valentyn Syniy's notable book [Serving God Under Siege: How War Transformed a Ukrainian Community](#) and to be inspired by this testament of transformation brought forth by scripture and compassion. Excerpts and reading notes will be shared at the Academy.

4:00 p.m. - Installation of Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

5:00 p.m. - Cocktail Reception in Fellowship Hall

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 further information. Here is the upcoming Women's Book Group selection:

June 19	<i>When We Cease to Understand the World</i> , by Benjamin Labatu
July 17	<i>Kin</i> , by Tayari Jones
August 21	<i>Life & Death & Giants</i> , by Ron Rindo

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 or at (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 and riders are welcome!

If you are in need of our services, either as a rider or volunteer please reach out to us:

[Facebook Call A Ride](#) +1 203 661 6633

We have provided 8000 drives for 369 individuals in the past year. You can now follow us on Facebook.

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 Moderator, Julie Mather (matherct@msn.com). Your wellbeing is important to 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.

FIRST SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION - We are offering rides to and from church on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month so that 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.

BEACH SERVICE AND SUMMER SCHEDULE

Starting June 21 at 8:30 a.m. we will kick off our Summer Beach Service at Greenwich Point Park (Tod's Point) in the seaside garden. Bring a chair and get comfortable as we worship together in nature. Worship in the Sanctuary will be at 10:30 a.m. and will continue through Sunday, July 26, 2025.

Please note there will be no beach service on July 5 but there will be a service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

PILGRIMAGE TO IONA ABBEY

Pastor Seth will lead a pilgrimage to Iona Abbey! Dates: August 26 – September 6, 2026. The centerpiece will be living in the Abbey for a week, sharing worship, conversation, and other rhythms of life and faith in that ancient "thin place." On the way out to the Isle of Iona (western Scotland) we'll experience other sites of historical and spiritual significance, all as a catalyst for us to consider how we live faithfully in our time and place. Scan the QR code for additional information and registration form.



ALL MUSIC FANS TAKE NOTE

Wouldn't you fancy a trip into NYC to see a show where you will know one of the players???

This summer, Fred Schlick, our tenor soloist, will be performing in an Off-Broadway, kid-friendly, musical comedy from Thursdays through Sundays from June 19-July 26 (no shows on the July 4 weekend). **Bone Wars** is a derived from a true story about the tumultuous and strange relationship between the Gilded Age founders of Paleontology, O.C. Marsh and Edward Drinker. Fred will play the Western explorer Buffalo Bill and an edgy Brontosaurus named Bronto.



The theater (The Players Theatre, 115 Macdougall Street, New York, NY 10012) is right next to Washington Square Park. To obtain more information about the show and its venue and to purchase tickets in advance, click on the QR code.

COMMUNICATIONS

In the past few weeks, we have received input from members about their aspirations for First Pres from a brief survey and an hourlong discussion after church on May 31. To see the results from the survey, scan the QR code on the top for personal reactions about the church and scan the QR code on the bottom for how we would want Greenwich to see us.



At its June meeting, Pastor Seth will lead a conversation about these results with the Session. The input will influence the design not only of the website, but a new logo, and its brief tag line.



The new website is expected to go live in late August.

A variety of dynamic church websites have been reviewed and discussed by a steering committee of staff with the Elder for Communications, Sandy Waters, and past Elder for Communications Diane Brown. They are considering a site map and will soon be gathering content to contribute to the design.

STEWARDSHIP: The 2026 Generosity Challenge

“Be Generous and Willing to Share” (1 Tim. 6:18)

We are currently in the midst of our **Generosity Challenge**. Our goal is to greet our new leadership with a "good foundation" for the future by reversing the downward drift in our average pledge. We are challenging every household to pray about moving "one step up" into a new **Generosity Circle**: *Covenant Circle (\$1,000)*, *Cornerstone Circle (\$2,500)*, *Stewardship Circle (\$5,000)*, *Deacon's Circle (\$10,000)*, *Pastor's Circle (\$15,000)*, *Apostle's Circle (\$25,000)*, or *Knox Circle (\$50,000)*.

Progress Update:

- **Total Pledges Received:** 144
- **Total Amount Committed:** \$1,113,868.00
- **Progress Toward Our Goal:** 86%

Remember, these Circles are not for public recognition; they are a private commitment between you and God. I know the levels, you know your heart, and God knows our needs. If you haven't yet turned in your pledge, please join us as we build this foundation together.

To pledge, visit church's website: www.fpcg.org/2026stewardship

Email the Elder for Stewardship, Brian Pennington, at stewardship@fpcg.org

Email Director of Operations, Erin Moore, at erin@fpcg.org or call 203 869 8686 ext. 123.

CONNECT WITH MEMBERS: USE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!!

Do you want to

- call another FPCG member on the phone?
- send an email to someone you met at church?
- send a note of sympathy or a Christmas card to a church friend?
- update or correct your church information?
- add a photo to your Profile?



Check out the Church Directory on the church website, www.fpcg.org. Click on the **About** tab, then **Member Resources**, and then **Directory**. Use your email address as a **USER NAME** and create a **PASSWORD** to gain access.

Need help or have questions? Email Sandy Waters, Communications Elder, at swimwaters@gmail.com.

LEADERSHIP

Session

Rev. Dr. Seth E. Weeldreyer, Senior Pastor
Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor
Michelle Binnie, Clerk of Session

Philip Carrone	Liz James	Elizabeth Peyton
Delano Copprue	Jim Joyella	Lori Mulcare
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Board of Deacons

Julie Mather, Moderator

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We are a Stephen Ministry Church.

