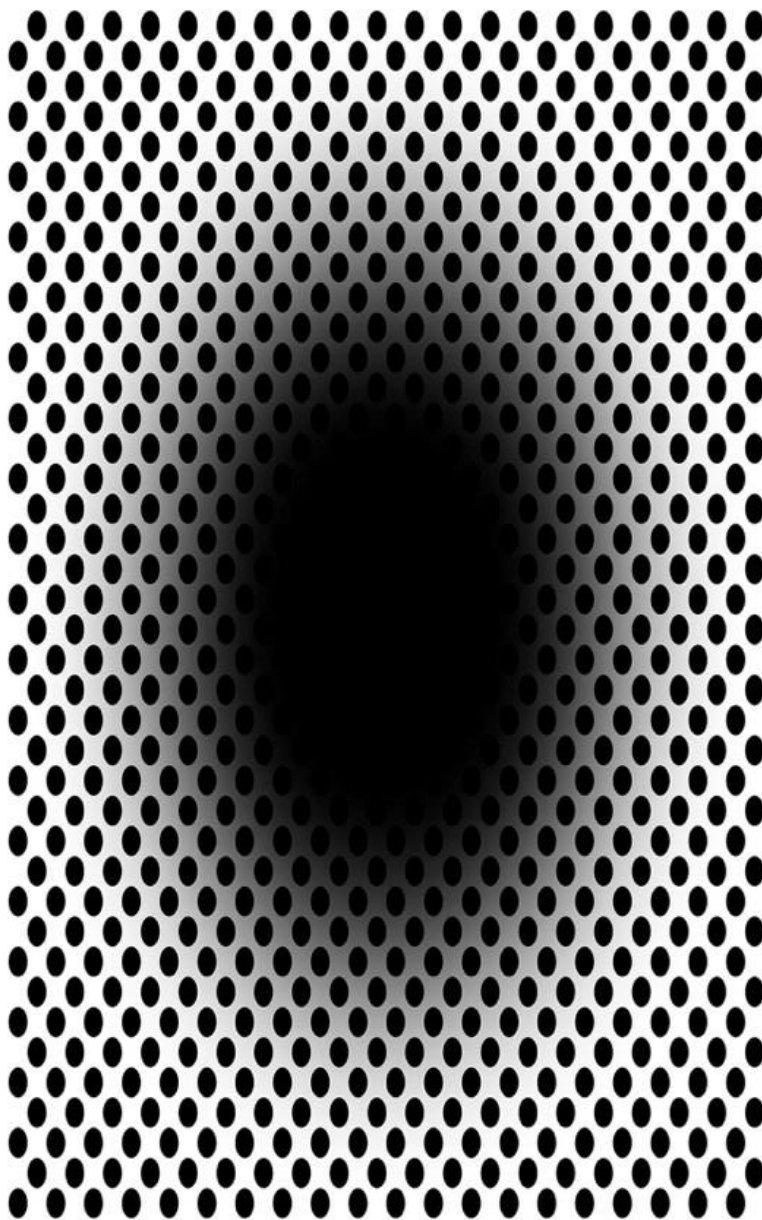




First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich



Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

One of the main tasks of theology is to find words that do not divide but unite, that do not create conflict but unity, that do not hurt but heal.

— Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE

IV. Adagio from Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 42

*Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)*

Eddie Zheng, organ

Opening Bell - Jubilate Choir

WELCOME

Lynn Barger Elliott

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Paul wrote these words to the church in Ephesus, “I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

All: With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

One: There is one body and one Spirit—

**All: Just as we were called to the one hope that belongs to our call—
one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”**

One: Come, Let us worship in the unity of the Spirit.

*HYMN

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

Hymn 361

*INVITATION TO PRAYER

Andre Castillo

“The more you pray,” observes pastor and author Rick Warren, “the less you’ll panic. The more you worship, the less you worry. You’ll feel more patient and less pressured.” Prayer invites us to pause and to reorient our lives around what is important. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O Lord, we come before you aware of the moments in our lives,

All: Where we chose fear over faith, anxiety over assurance, and grievance over grace.

One: Help us to step back from thresholds in our lives that lead us in wrong directions,

All: And to step forward in the directions of hope, faith, and love.

One: Hear our silent reflections, confessions, and petitions:

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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.*

CALL TO OFFERING

Mark Barger Elliott

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me
(in English & Chinese)

William Batchelder Bradbury
(1816-1868)

Jubilate Choir, Summit Sounds, Steeple Band, Chancel Choir

Susie Huang, soprano (singing in Chinese);

Helen Ji, cello

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

***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**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders

Lynda Cha

Lilian Eng

Debra Mecky

Kate Minchin

Mary Mulcare Paretti

Emily Sternberg

Nancy Yao Maasbach

Deacons

Hamish Allan

Olivia Brooks Allan

Carolyn Cleveland

Bob Giambo

Nancilee Holland

Stacy Loveless

Margaret Mack

Sihang Zhao

Constitutional Questions to Elders & Deacons

Prayer of Ordination & Installation

Charge to the Newly Ordained & Installed Elders & Deacons

***HYMN**

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

John Zundel (1815-1882)

Hymn 761

V. 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Liminal Life - The Threshold of Unity

Lynn Barger Elliott

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art
Téa Licon, alto (singing in Korean)
Chancel Choir

Stuart K. Hine
(1898-1989)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

Alexander Robert Reinagle

Hymn 318

(1756-1809)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

V. Toccata from Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 42

Charles-Marie Widor

Eddie Zheng, organ

(1844-1937)

All are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for the postlude.

**Please stand as you are able.*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Mark Barger Elliott

The Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott

The Rev. Andre Castillo

Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister

Eddie Zheng, Organ Associate

Jubilate Choir, Chancel Choir, Steeple Band

Helen Ji, cello

Téa Licon, alto

Susie Huang, soprano

USHER TEAM 2

Jon Charette (Captain)

Ross Ogden

Nancy Freeman

Sam Marasso

Julie Mather

Rob Rusk

David Zapata

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for all those impacted by gun violence; Ukraine; Haiti; Paula Jensen, Adolfo Paniagua; Jeff (Barbara McKelvey); George Hallenbeck; Adrienne Perry; Shelly Jones (Carolyn Hahn-Re); Robert Feeley (Anna Goldoff); Laura Lewis (Chris Loveless); Zang & Shen Families (Linda Zang & Tricia Reville); Deb Walker (Linda Zang & Tricia Reville); Rudy Hroziencik and family on the death of his wife Peg; Dana Rodriguez and family on the death of her mother, Lorelei Perez; The Smith family on the death of Eugenie Smith; Judy Goss and family on the death of her father, Dean Goss; Friends and family of Rev. Dr. George Pera.

STEWARDSHIP 2023 CAMPAIGN



Our pledge goal is \$1,250,000 to further our mission in 2023. Reaching this benchmark will enable us to increase our Mission giving from 7% to 8% (of pledges received) and increase funding of our growing Music, Children and Youth programs by 10%. To date, we have received 90 pledges totaling \$848,550 with those who pledged last year increasing their pledge 10%. We are pleased to share we have also exceeded our goal of receiving financial support of \$150,000 in the month of December.

Music & Wednesday Night Live



ADULT EDUCATION AT WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

The Spiritual Child – February 1, 8 and 15, 5:30-6:00 PM

Successfully raising a child in today's world can at times be a challenge. Have you wondered, "How can I help my child's sense of wonder, awe and spirituality grow?" Drawing from the work of Lisa Miller and her book *The Spiritual Child: The New Science on Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving*, join us for conversation and shared insights led by Rev. Lynn Barger

Elliott, Pastor, consultant and professor on this subject at Calvin University; Michele Olsen, Director of the FPCG Nursery School; and Dr. Kristen Sharma, Child Psychologist.

Next Week: Fiesta celebration with Tomatillo's taco bar!

SOLO ORGAN CONCERT, SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 3 PM

FPCG Organ Associate Eddie Zheng will a program featuring J.S. Bach, Schumann, Franck, Guilmant, Messiaen, and Widor, at Union Church of Pocantico Hills, in Tarrytown, NY 10591.

New Member Class

FEBRUARY 5, 11:15 AM - Join us in the Chapel on the 2nd floor after worship as our Pastors share information about our congregation and what it means to join this faith community.

Children & Youth

NURSERY – Childcare is offered for our youngest disciples during all of our worship services. Come to Room 220 (second floor next to the elevator) as early as 15 minutes before worship begins to connect your family and children with our background checked, CPR trained, loving and experienced childcare staff.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES – Every Sunday during 10 AM worship, our young disciples are invited to the front of our Sanctuary for a message from one of our pastors. They are fun and engaging for the whole congregation, and they give us the opportunity to engage in meaningful worship together with all ages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – After the Time for Youth Disciples, children ages Pre-K – 7th grade are invited to age-specific Sunday School classes where we will have fun, engage with the Bible, and grow in our relationships with God and our neighbors. Ages Pre-K – 4th grade must be picked up by a parent or older sibling. 5th – 7th grade will dismiss themselves at the end of worship. Classroom assignments are:

PreK – K: Room 221; 1st – 2nd: Room 344; 3rd – 4th: Room 343; 5th – 7th: Youth Room.

VOLUNTEERS – Did you know our Sunday School classes are almost entirely volunteer-led? That means if you are reading this message, we need your help! Reach out to us with your availability – we would love to get to know you and equip you to help teach our young disciples what a joy it is to be in relationship with Jesus and to be a part of a church family. Email andre.castillo@fpcg.org for more information.

MOSAIC – Join us every Wednesday at 5:00 PM for awesome programming for our Elementary-aged students, led by our Interim Director of Children's Ministries, Tara Church! We'll get to know each other, share snacks and games, sing our hearts out, and engage with Scripture in fresh and interactive ways. The whole family is then invited to stick around at 6:00 pm for an all-church dinner in Fellowship Hall. Email tara@fpcg.org for more information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – Calling all 5th – 7th graders! Middle School ministry meets Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Youth Room. Led by Associate Minister, Rev. Andre Castillo, this is a time of engaging with the Word of God in fun ways and growing in our relationship with God and one another.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALS are held once a month on Friday evenings. Join us from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Youth Room for Bible-based games, fellowship and fun. Dinner is included, and friends are always welcome! Winter/Spring dates are: 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, and 5/19.

Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE BIBLE (FAB) – A GROUP-LED BIBLE STUDY ● WEDNESDAYS 1:30 PM

Beginning February 1, please join the ladies of FAB as they explore the lives of Biblical women including Deborah, Ruth, Esther, and Elizabeth. With the help of a DVD series, the group will discuss the raw and revealing stories of these women and how their lives are relevant to us, today. FAB is a multigenerational women's group that meets weekly in the library for conversation and fellowship. Email reneelux@gmail.com for information or to RSVP.

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 gather to chat at 9:15 am. Our book discussion is from 9:30 - 10:30am. Our February book is *Out of Darkness, Shining Light* by Petina Gappah. We welcome new members!

Mission Engagement

OUR MISSION FOCUS OF THE MONTH - PEHT (PARTNERSHIP TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING)

PEHT is a charitable organization based in Fairfield County, which provides sustainable, long-term support to end human trafficking, through two services:

- **PEHT Residential Home**, a safe, secure home, at an undisclosed location in Bridgeport, CT
- **PEHT Shop**, a social justice retail business in Bridgeport that manufactures and sells products home and pet products hand-crafted by trafficking survivors.

Over the years, FPCG has provided several opportunities for members to support PEHT through financial contributions, as well as time and materials to enhance the PEHT shop and individual rooms at the residence. Watch for additional opportunities to volunteer during Lent. For more information, please contact Lee Ganshaw on the Mission Engagement Committee.

INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE ● FEBRUARY 17, 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Having a readily available blood supply at hospitals is critical for kids fighting cancer, people undergoing surgery, patients living with sickle cell disease, those with traumatic injuries & others. You can help! Sign up to give blood with the Red Cross at our blood drive on Friday, February 17, 11:30 am to 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. 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!

PACIFIC HOUSE COOKS ● 2ND THURSDAYS MONTHLY

Join the FPCG team to cook and serve meals for men and young male residents of Pacific House. Cook in the FPCG kitchen from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, or serve at Pacific House (5:30 - 7:00 PM). If you would like to help, contact Carol Barber at cbarber@cyburban.com.

Elders Class of 2025

LYNDA CHA

Elder for
Children's
Ministry

LILIAN ENG



Elder for Nominating

DEBRA MECKY



Elder for Worship

KATHERINE (KATE) MINCHIN



Elder for Nominating

MARY MULCARE PARETTI



Elder for Nursery School

EMILY STERNBERG



Elder for Membership

NANCY YAO MAASBACH



Elder for Congregational Life

Deacon Board Class of 2025

HAMISH ALLAN



OLIVIA BROOKS ALLAN



CAROLYN CLEVELAND



MARGARET MACK



BOB GIAMBO



NANCILEE HOLLAND



STACY LOVELESS



SIHANG (JOYCE) ZHAO



Nominating Committee Class of 2023

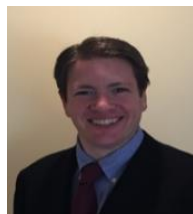
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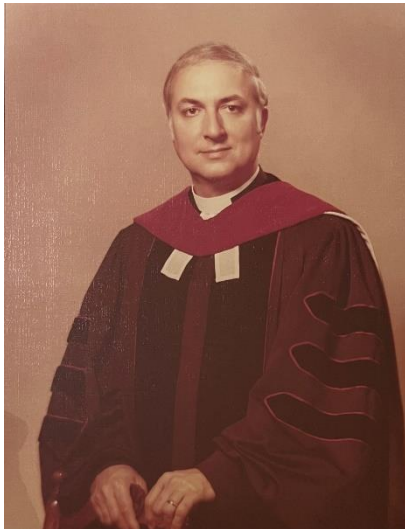


CAROLYN ZIEBARTH



COMING UP IN 2023

January 24	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
January 29	11:00 AM	Lunar New Year celebration during coffee hour
February 5	11:15 AM	New Member Class
February 22	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday
February 26	11:00 AM	Annual Meeting



The Rev. Dr. George A. Pera

December 16, 1929 – January 17, 2023

Rev. George Pera served faithfully as Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich from 1965 - 1978. His ministry is still remembered by many as the very incarnation of his ordination vow to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. May he rest in peace, having been reunited with his beloved Nancy, and as Scripture promises, may the relentless love he displayed, and his many good works follow him. A memorial service will be held in Alexandria, VA, followed by an interment service in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich memorial garden on a date to be determined. Please address condolences to:

Tracy Sanders, 2015 Massey Rd., Memphis, TN 38119, or
David Pera, 3305 Ardley Ct., Falls Church, VA 20041

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