

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.” Psalm 99:9

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV

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Jesse Pieper, organ

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Alleluia/Praise ye the Lord

All-Age Family Choir

Traditional

OPENING CHIMES

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley DeGarmo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come seeking the living God.

All: We come ready to listen and follow.

One: Christ is revealed in glory and grace.

All: Christ meets us on the mountain and on the road.

One: A voice speaks: “This is my Son, the Beloved.”

All: We listen to him and worship with joy.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious and holy God, you reveal your glory, yet we confess that we often look for you only in what dazzles and overwhelms. We crave certainty, clarity, and spiritual highs, and we grow impatient with the quiet work of faith. We divide our lives into sacred and ordinary, seeking you on the mountaintop while overlooking you in the routines of daily life. We confess that we want a Jesus who inspires us more than a Jesus who asks something of us. Forgive us, O God. Free us from measuring our faith by feelings alone. Teach us to listen to your beloved Son, to trust your presence when the light fades, and to follow Christ down the mountain into lives of humble love and faithful service.

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: the God who speaks in dazzling glory also comes to us in mercy and compassion. Jesus Christ draws near, touches us, and says, “Get up. Do not be afraid.” In him, we are forgiven. In him, our fears are met with grace, and our ordinary lives are claimed by God’s love.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Evelyn Friedman
Daughter of Jenna Papaz & Alexander Friedman

Elder Presentation Liz James,
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
Welcome

ANTHEM

John Carl Ylvisaker

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Chancel Choir

(1937-2017)

Dr. Caroline Worra, flute
Jesse Pieper, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shelley Kane

All: Gracious God, as your glory once shone on the mountain, shine now in our hearts and minds. Quiet our fears, still our distractions, and help us to listen for the voice of your beloved Son. By your Spirit, open the Scriptures to us, that seeing more clearly who Christ is, we may follow more faithfully where he leads; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

p. 70 OT

ANTHEM

Alleluia
Chancel Choir

Randall Thompson
(1899-1984)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

p. 18 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“After the Mountaintop”

Dr. DeGarmo

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Declaration of Faith

All: Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Brian Pennington

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.*

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing
Chancel Choir
Jesse Pieper, organ

Martin Shaw
(1875-1958)

*DOXOLOGY

HUNDREDTH

OLD

*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 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Chancel Choir

MISA DELGADO

*POSTLUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, op. 122 no.

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

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Jesse Pieper, organ

*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. **Childcare (Room 350) and Sunday School (Room 343) will remain on the third floor.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; Rev. Andre Castillo; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Dr. Caroline Worra, Minister of Music; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; All-Age Family Choir; Chancel Choir; Shelley Kane, reader; Brian Pennington, stewardship.

Usher Team 3: Steve Waters (Captain), James Waters (Deputy), Abe Cary, Tony Kane, Kathy Myer, Ellie Ritch Galatioto, Tricia Reville, Jackson Waters, Vaughn Waters, Sandy Waters, Linda Zang.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our siblings locally and abroad who are living in areas torn by natural disasters and war; Dimitrios Apostolou, John Awdziejewicz, the Campbell Family, Peggy Dickinson, Cassandra Fountain, Bev Jomo, Cadwallader K., Ki Lee, the McKelvey Family, Eric Moy, the Nicholas Family, Adrienne & Don Perry, Nancy Raker, Charlene Roberson and Elly Schafer.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregation and corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich are called to an annual meeting on Sunday, February 22, immediately following 10:00 a.m. worship, to receive reports from the Ministers, the Session, the Deacons, and other organizations of the church, and to consider any matters which may come before the corporation. The Annual Report will be distributed digitally on Monday, February 16. Hard copies will be available later in the week or on Sunday, February 22.

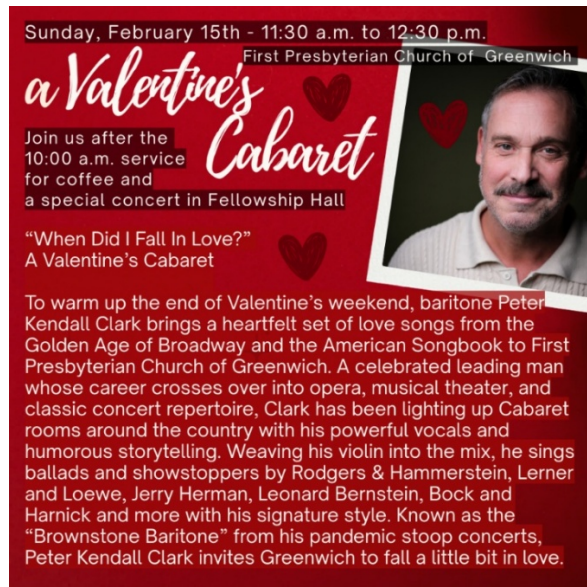
TODAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in Fellowship Hall:

Faith-Inspired Art Show

Join us for a Faith-Inspired Art Show celebrating creativity, faith, and community. Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to share artwork that reflects their faith through painting, drawing, photography, poetry, and more. Art prompts can include Jesus our Savior, God's Creation, God's Love, a favorite Bible story, the FPCG building, and the Cross. Artwork should be dropped off to Tara by **February 13**. Come be inspired and celebrate the many ways faith can be expressed through art.

Concert Hosted by Music Ministries



Sunday, February 15th - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich

a Valentine's Cabaret

Join us after the 10:00 a.m. service for coffee and a special concert in Fellowship Hall

"When Did I Fall In Love?"
A Valentine's Cabaret

To warm up the end of Valentine's weekend, baritone Peter Kendall Clark brings a heartfelt set of love songs from the Golden Age of Broadway and the American Songbook to First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich. A celebrated leading man whose career crosses over into opera, musical theater, and classic concert repertoire, Clark has been lighting up Cabaret rooms around the country with his powerful vocals and humorous storytelling. Weaving his violin into the mix, he sings ballads and showstoppers by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Jerry Herman, Leonard Bernstein, Bock and Harnick and more with his signature style. Known as the "Brownstone Baritone" from his pandemic stoop concerts, Peter Kendall Clark invites Greenwich to fall a little bit in love.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Authentic food dishes prepared by our sextons. The hall will be decorated with art from our children and youth ministries, and we will be treated to a light-hearted Valentine's cabaret concert sponsored by our music ministry program.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18 – Join us for this sacred evening of fellowship and worship, as we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent. A soup and salad dinner is hosted by our Fellowship Committee at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by Ash Wednesday worship in our Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

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.

February 20	<i>Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of our Deadliest Infection</i> , by John Green
March 20	<i>The Correspondent</i> , by Virginia Evans

PARENTS' BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, February 24, 1:30 p.m. – Join fellow parents of all ages as we fellowship together and dive into the Word. We will meet in the fourth floor Library – come as you are! RSVP to andre.castillo@fpcg.org to let us know you're coming and for more information.

MUSIC NOTES

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 1 - 11:30 a.m. - “On Broadway” - Concert featuring “Steeple Band” and our All-Age performers

Friday, April 3 - 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service & “Requiem Solemne” by Johann Michael Haydn

Wednesday, May 6 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Extravaganza

Dr. Caroline Worra - FPCG Music Minister

COMMUNITY NIGHT – ASH WEDNESDAY

Soup and Salad Dinner Begins at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Children’s Program: 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room - Bible crafts, stories, games and fellowship for ages 4 and up. Childcare for 0-3 years is available in Room 121 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

All-Age Family Choir and Instrumentalists: 5:30 p.m. - 4th floor choir room

Clarion Ringers: 5:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Steeple Band: 6:30 p.m. - 4th Floor Choir Room

Chancel Choir: 7:15 p.m. - 4th Floor Choir Room

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.

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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! Email or call Terry Lohmeyer: terryhl@aol.com (203) 249-9412.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Friday, February 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Calling all 5th-8th graders! Come and let your hair down on Friday night. We'll gather for games, grub, and God – a chance to connect with one another and let off some steam after a busy week. Dinner is provided, friends are welcome! To RSVP and for more information, email andre.castillo@fpcg.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Children ages 4-11 are invited to God Made It All Vacation Bible Camp, **August 3-7 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Throughout the week children will explore God's wonderful creation through engaging Bible stories, music, crafts, and play as we celebrate the God who made it all. Lunch and snacks are included. Cost is \$75 for the week. Use the QR code to sign up. For more information contact Tara@fpcg.org.

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.

STEWARDSHIP: The 2026 Generosity Challenge

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

As we move closer to welcoming our new Senior Pastor in April, 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:** 74
- **Total Amount Committed:** \$639,838
- **Progress Toward Our Goal:** 49%

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.

LEADERSHIP

Session

Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo, Moderator

Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor

Michelle Binnie, Clerk of Session

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Delano Copprue
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