

A Service of Installation  
of  
the Presbytery of Southern New England  
for  
the Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
at  
the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, CT



June 14, 2026, 4:00 PM

*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

PRELUDE

Vesper Voluntaries VI-VIII Op. 14

Edward Elgar

WELCOME

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.

All: **How good and lovely it is to live together in unity.**

One: Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.

All: **Grace springs from the ground; hope leans down from heaven.**

One: With all believers and seekers, people in every land, of every language, we gather in praise of God!

All: **This is the day God has made. We rejoice and are glad in it!**

## \*HYMN 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from *The Iona Community*

All: **Loving God, you know us. You know we can be loving and kind.  
And you know that sometimes we get things wrong.  
We see sin's shadow around us in earth, sea and sky;  
among us in life with others broken and hungry, poor and lonely;  
through ways we betray one another and, deep within us, strive against your Spirit.  
We're sorry for times we forget to listen to you, hurt other people,  
and don't care enough for our community and your beautiful world.  
Hear us, in this silence, as we admit our frailty and confess our failings.**

*~ Prayer continues in silence. ~*

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from *Ephesians 2:8, 4:1-3*

One: By grace you have been saved through faith. This is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

One: Lead a life worthy of your calling—with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## \*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.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

from *The Iona Community*

All: **Eternal God, you give your servants in every age gifts of courage, faith, and joyful trust and send people to spread your good news of Holy Love to all people and creation. Grant, we pray, a like spirit to us, as we serve in our place and time, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

p. 90 NT

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“Sing Unto God” from *Judas Maccabeus*

G. F. Handel

Sing Unto God! Let joyful voices raise! A song of gladness with unending praise!

**SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

p. 735 OT

**One:** For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us, alive in our hearts,

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Walking By Heart*

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road? (Luke 24:32)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *The Iona Community*

**All:** **With the whole church, we affirm we are made in God’s image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.  
With people everywhere, we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.  
With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life—  
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 753**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*A Festive Intrada*

Cynthia Dobrinski

**\*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**

from *The Iona Community*

**All:** **God, further your Sacred Purpose through us, to reveal things hidden, restore hope, and  
find new ways to touch lives of all. Increase love, dispel apathy, inspire creative imagination,  
and deepen our commitment to your way of compassion, kindness, and justice. So, we pray,  
by your Divine Will, may we serve as a sanctuary and a light, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**A LITURGY FOR INSTALLATION**

*Statement on Ordination and Installation*

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*Constitutional Questions of the Pastor*

*Constitutional Questions of the Congregation*

**One:** Do we, the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich,  
accept Seth Weeldreyer as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of our congregation  
to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**All:** **We do.**

**One:** Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and  
to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**All:** **We do.**

**One:** Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us;  
to stand by him in trouble and share his joys?

**All:** **We do**

**One:** Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority  
as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**All:** **We will.**

*Prayer for Installation*

*Declaration and Welcome*

## CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

### \*HYMN 314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

### \*BENEDICTION

*Congregational response: Alleluia! Amen!*

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*May the Grace of God Go With You*

Anna Laura Page

May the grace of God go with you, may the love of Christ surround you,  
may God's mighty angel's guard and give you peace.

May God's pardon release you, may the Spirit enfold you,  
may God's mighty angels guard and give you peace. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

*Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter* BWV 650

J. S. Bach

*\* 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. **Childcare is available for those who are three years and under in room 350.**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

### Installation Commission of Presbytery:

Michelle Binnie (Session Clerk, FPC Greenwich), the Rev. Andre Castillo (FPC Greenwich), the Rev. Jim DiEgidio (Honorably Retired), Layne Grindal (Elder / PNC Chair, FPC Greenwich), the Rev. Dr. Scott Herr (FPC New Canaan), the Rev. Chip Low (FPC Yorktown Heights), the Rev. Jenny Peek (Moderator, Presbytery of Southern New England), Bob Spangler (Elder, FPC New Canaan), the Rev. Dr. Shannan Vance-Ocampo (General Presbyter, Presbytery of Southern New England)

### Other Participants:

Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Heather Antonissen, Director of Bell Choirs; Chancel Choir; Clarion Ringers; Ailih Weeldreyer, reader (Fifth Avenue PC, New York).

**Ushers:** James Waters, Hearst Zhang, Carol Barber and Julie Mather.

**Cover Picture:** Photo by Pastor Seth

## TODAY'S OFFERING



The offering today goes to support the Clergy and Candidates for Ministry emergency fund of the Presbytery. The purpose of this fund is to support those who serve the Church when they have an emergency need. This fund is administered by the Presbytery, and supervised by the Commission on Ministry and the Presbytery Treasurer. Thank you for giving generously, either in the plate or QR code.

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