



First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich



World Communion Sunday
October 2, 2022
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel before God in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness.”
– Andrew Murray

PRELUDE

IX. Nimrod from Enigma Variations, Op.36
Eddie Zheng, Organ Associate

Edward Elgar
(1857 –1934)
Transc. Daniel Ficarri

Hudson & Everett McWhorter, Johnny Zampieri,
Amanda & Clara Curtin, bell ringers

WELCOME

Mark Barger Elliott

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The book of Colossians in the New Testament teaches that as “God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,”

All: We seek to “clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

One: In this sacred space we gather to embrace that charge and to live our lives within those divine parameters.

All: Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Hymn 12

Welsh folk melody

*INVITATION TO PRAYER

Lynn Barger Elliott

“Humility,” observed C.S. Lewis, “is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.” Prayer is a means by which we can re-orient our thoughts from pride and hubris to perceiving our lives from God’s perspective. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O Lord, we confess we can often fixate on our accomplishments, our dreams, and a ledger we keep of who has slighted and helped us;

All: Forgive us, O Lord, for perceiving our lives primarily through the lens of our desires and needs.

One: And enable us, we pray, to remember what your son taught, when we invite You to exalt us,

All: rather than seeking to exalt ourselves, we discover purpose and joy.

One: Hear our silent reflections and confessions.

*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

Lynn Barger Elliott

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River, Kum ba yah

Arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman (b. 1953)

Jubilate Singers, Summit Sounds, Steeple Band, Clarion Ringers, and Chancel Choir

***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

Andre Castillo

***HYMN**

God of the Sparrow
Hymn 22

Carl F. Schalk
(1929-2021)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18: 9-14

Mark Barger Elliott

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Witness of Parables: The Exaltation of Humility

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas from Quatre Motets
Frederick Schlick, tenor; Chancel Choir

Maurice Durufle
(1902-1986)

*Where true charity is, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And May we love each other with a sincere heart.*

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

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

***HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Hymn 65

John Hughes
(1873-1932)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I. from Concerto for Two Violins in A Minor, BWV 593 after RV 522
Eddie Zheng, Organ Associate

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
A. Vivaldi (1678-1741)

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

**Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are joining us in worship! Founded on Easter Sunday in 1881, the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich is to nurture and empower people in all stages of life to be Christ's disciples and to actively serve those in need. Our current COVID protocol is we are mask optional, and we ask those in the balcony to please wear a mask.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott
The Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott
The Rev. Andre Castillo
Caroline Worra, pianist/conductor
Eddie Zheng, organ associate
FPCG Chancel Choir
Frederick Schlick, tenor
Jubilate Singers, Summit Sounds,
Steeple Band, Clarion Ringers
Hudson & Everett McWhorter, Johnny Zampieri,
Amanda & Clara Curtin bell ringers

USHER TEAM 2

Jon Charette (Captain)
Ross Ogden
Nancy Freeman
Julie Mather
Rob Rusk
David Zapata

CHANCEL FLOWERS

To dedicate flowers in celebration or memorial, please email: info@fpcg.org.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for all those impacted by gun violence; the people of Ukraine; our friends in Haiti, Amy Holms (Lesley Craigie); Paula Jensen, Adolfo Paniagua; Jeff (Barbara McKelvey); George Hallenbeck; Adrienne Perry; Shelly Jones (Carolyn Hahn-Re); Peg Hroziencik (Liz Harden), Lorelei Perez (Dana Rodriguez), Carola Cammann; Family and friends of Faith Sommerfield, and David DeWahl, Jr and family upon the death of David's father.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

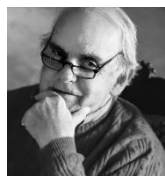
A service for **Gloria Wadsworth** will be held at the Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club on October 2, 2:30 PM

A service for **Faith Sommerfield** will be held in the Sanctuary on October 7, 2:00 PM

A service for **Jane Rider** will be held in the Sanctuary on October 8, 1:00 PM

THIS SUNDAY

Adult Education – 11:30AM -12:15 PM



Join Co-Senior Ministers Mark and Lynn Barger Elliott as they reflect on where to find faith in our world through art, music, words, and dirt. This morning Rev. Lynn will speak on the *Sacred Journey: Reflections on the words of Frederick Buechner*.

Confirmation Kickoff – 4:00 -5:45 PM



Prospective confirmands (8th grade students) and their families are invited to our Confirmation Kick Off today. Grow in your relationship with Jesus, hang out with friends, and learn what it means to be a member at First Pres! Contact Rev. Andre Castillo andre.castillo@fpcg.org

5 PM Chapel – Join us this evening as our Chapel service resumes. This is a contemporary and family-friendly service in the Chapel on the 2nd floor. The service includes music led by our own favorite tenor, Fred Schlick, with Mickey Asamenew on guitar, as well as communion, sermon, and prayers.



Fred Schlick is a New York City based performer, praised for his “tender power” by *Opera Wire*. He has been the tenor section leader at FPCG since 2018 and continues to teach voice and piano in the Greenwich area.



Mickey Asamenew is a multi-instrumentalist who plays as many genres as he does instruments! He is experienced with musical theater orchestras, playing in the pit for productions of *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Peter Pan*, among others.

FELLOWSHIP

FIRST Come FIRST Serve • Oct. 15-Nov. 13

It's time to get together! The ever-popular fellowship dinners are back. We have 5 Hosts already signed up, but need 5-6 more. Dinner menus, themes, date and number of guests are all up to the Host - simple, formal, small, large, whatever. Anyone interested in hosting a dinner any evening between Oct. 15- Nov. 13, please contact: Diane Brown (ditucket@yahoo.com) or Julie Lorig (julie.lorig@gmail.com). You may also find the host signup link on our website homepage at: www.fpcg.org.

WHERE ARE THE PRESBY QUILTERS? Downed by COVID, But Not Out!

Carolyn Han-Re is ready to revitalize our group to make baby quilts for the Neo-natal Nursery of Greenwich Hospital. They are simple and easy to sew on your own time at home and a great opportunity to make new friends. Contact Ginny Campbell: 203-869-2283; Carolyn Hahn-Re: 203-2497072.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

FAITH + OVERCOMING RACIAL BIAS

What is antiracism and what does it require of us? Join this Presbytery-wide virtual course on **Wednesdays, Oct. 5 & 19 and Nov. 2 & 16, 6-8 PM**. The course provides tools to shift from passive learning and awareness of racism to a shared language and active participation in creating more faithful congregations and communities. Contact Rev. Jenny Peek, jennifer.peek@yale.edu PSNE Anti-Racism & Equity Committee Chair.

FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE BIBLE (FAB)

Group-led Bible Study

• Wednesdays • 1:30 PM • Library

FAB is a multigenerational women's group that meets weekly for fellowship and conversation. Please join the ladies of FAB each week as they explore the life of a different woman in the Bible. With the help of a video series, the group will discuss the raw and revealing stories of women such as Leah, Gomer, and Martha; and how their lives are relevant to us, today. RSVP to Renee Lux (reneelux@gmail.com)

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Friday, October 14 • Library

Join us at 9:15 for coffee and catching up, followed by book discussion, 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Church library. Our October book is *Groundskeeping*, by Lee Cole. Contact Colleen Giambo (cgiambo@gmail.com)

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES!



MEET OUR NEW MUSIC MINISTER

The Music Minister Nominating Committee is pleased to announce on behalf of Session that Dr. Caroline Worra will start as FPCG Music Minister on September 1, 2022. Caroline was responsible, along with her husband Kreg Gotshall, current Bass section leader for FPCG, for choirs, musicals, classes, and piano/voice/guitar lessons for K-12th grade for 17 years at Stanwich School. She received her Doctor of Music degree from Indiana University in Vocal Performance, with Minors in Choral Conducting and Music Education.

Thank you to our search committee: David DeWahl Jr. (Chair), Olivia Allan, Margaret Mack, Peter McWhorter, and Marcia Preston.



WELCOME OUR NEW ORGAN ASSOCIATE

Eddie Zheng, New York City native, is an MM and recently graduated BM student of Paul Jacobs at the Juilliard School. Eddie has performed in cities throughout North America, such as New York (St. Patrick's Cathedral), Philadelphia (Longwood Gardens), and Montreal (St. James United). Overseas, he has performed in China at the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing, Beijing Concert Hall, and Beijing Golden Sail Concert Hall. He was the first prize winner of the 2018 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition. He previously held positions as Organ Scholar at Hitchcock Presbyterian, Calvary Baptist, and Rye Presbyterian Church. Eddie also loves cycling, gardening, and brewing espresso.

MAKE MUSIC WITH US AT FIRST PRES! All are welcome. Rehearsals are fun (see schedule on page 7), and a great way to meet people! You'll get weekly emails with practice recordings, so even if you cannot make it to rehearsals, you can still learn the music at home! Come weekly, or whenever you can!

❖ **Jubilate Singers (Pre-K-Grade 2)**

Our youngest music lovers learn songs to share during worship and practice ringing the opening bell.

❖ **Jubilate Singers (Grades 3-5)**

Young musicians lead our Jubilate Singers for once a month singing and ringing the opening bell.

❖ **Clarion Ringers (Grades 6-Adult)**

All musicians improve their music reading skills while playing beautiful music to present in church monthly.

❖ **Summit Sounds (Grades 6-12)**

Singers and instrumentalists blend all styles of music, from classical to Christian contemporary & popular.

❖ **Steeple Band (Grades 9-Adult)**

Music lovers sing and play toe-tapping music with congas, bongos, tambourines, guitars, and lots of smiles!

❖ **Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adult)**

Singers who enjoy classical anthems. We rehearse during *Wednesday Night Live* at 7:30 PM and on Sundays at 9:00 AM in preparation for the 10 AM service. For more information contact: caroline.worra@fpcg.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH



WELCOME TARA CHURCH, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Tara Church is a familiar face to our children and parents. She is a teacher in a 2's classroom at First Presby Nursery School and at First Pres, has led Mosaic, coordinated the Nursery care on Sunday mornings, and taught in our Sunday School. Tara has a degree in Early Childhood Education and Teaching and comes to us with many years of experience with children and Christian Education.

Thank you to the search committee: Andrea Detterick, Chrissy Schwartzstein, Billy Carey, Elder for Children's Ministry, and Andre Castillo, Staff Liaison to Youth and Children Ministry Committee.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES – During Sunday worship, children are invited forward for a message from one of our pastors.

Today, in celebration of World Communion Sunday, young disciples are invited to rejoin their families in the pews after the Time for Young Disciples, as we discover the joy of worshipping together as a family of faith. Childcare will be provided.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6 -8) ● Meets Wednesdays, 7-8 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT *Live*

Our new Wednesday Night Live program launched successfully with over 70 participants for music rehearsals, Christian learning, youth groups, and a family-friendly dinner. Childcare and Study Hall are provided throughout the evening. Speak with any of our Ministers to learn more about this exciting evening for the whole family at First Pres.

WNL Schedule	
5:00 - 6:15	• Clarion Ringers Bell Choir (Grades 6-Adult)
5:00 - 5:30	• Mosaic (Pre-K - Grade 2) • Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5)
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6:00 - 7:00	• Family-Friendly Dinner
6:30 - 7:00	• Summit Sounds - Singers & Instruments (Grades 6-12)
7:00 - 8:00	• Summit Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)
7:00 - 7:30	• Steeple Band - Singers & Instruments (Grade 9-Adult)
7:30 - 8:45	• Chancel Choir - All singers (Grade 9-Adult)

MISSION ENGAGEMENT

PACIFIC HOUSE

Join the FPCG team on the second Thursday of each month to cook and serve meals for men and young male residents of Pacific House. If you would like to help, contact Carol Barber at cbarber@cyburban.com

- 1:30 - 4:30 PM • Cook in the FPCG kitchen.
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM • Serve at Pacific House.

AFGHAN FAMILY RESETTLEMENT

Great opportunities to serve for all ages! Our congregation has assisted with the resettlement of 18 members of the Naziri Family (4 months to 70+ years), who were evacuated from Afghanistan in August 2021. Become part of their incredible journey, contact Amy Dana (amyadana27@gmail.com); Wayne Atwell (rwayneatwell@aol.com); Bruce Wunningham: (bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com)

MISSION FAIR RE-CAP

Thanks to everyone who hosted, visited, and signed up to volunteer. It's never too late to join a team!



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