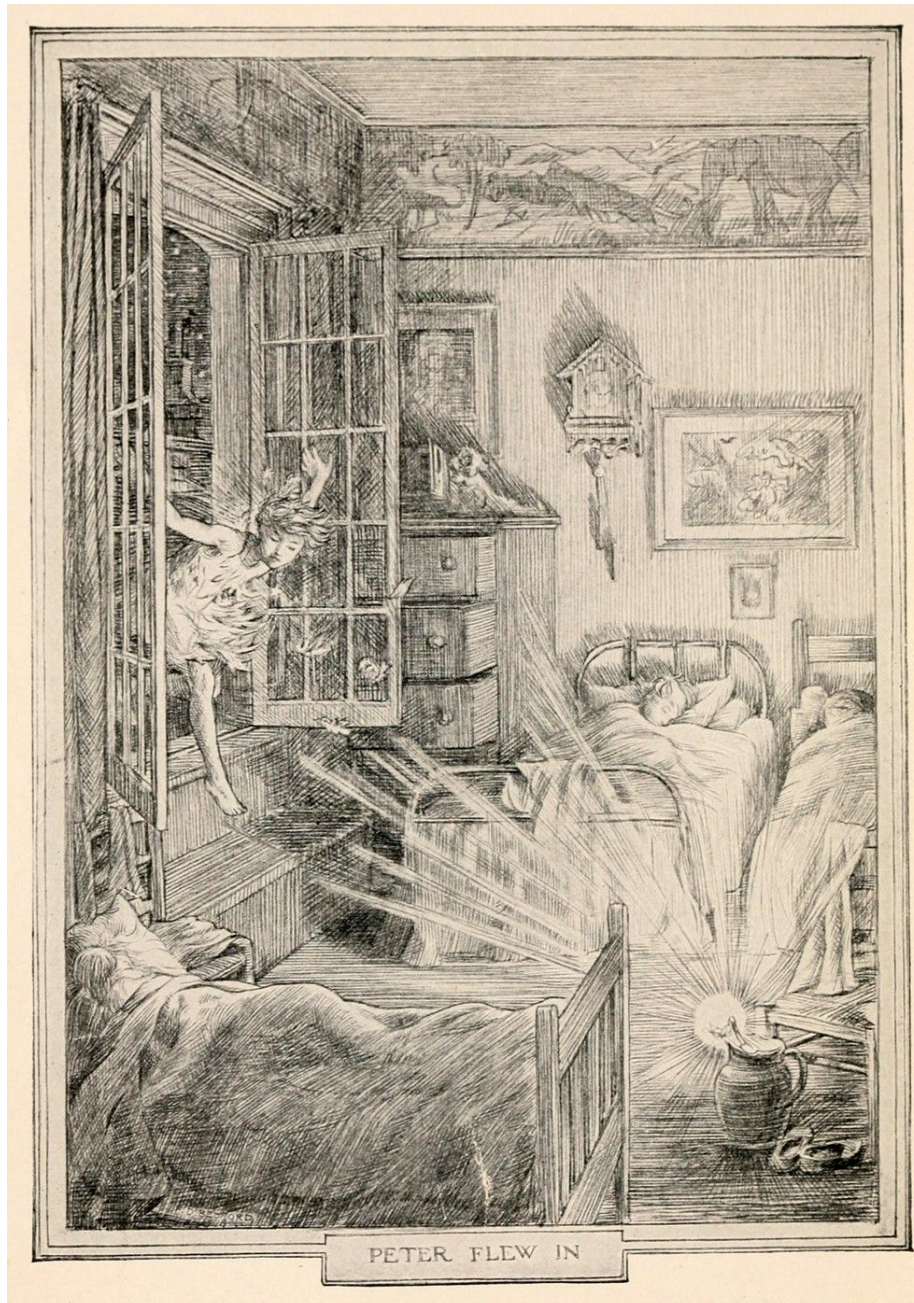


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 2025

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Can anything harm us, mother, after the night-lights are lit?”
“Nothing, precious. They are the eyes a mother leaves behind her to guard her children.”
– Excerpt from *Peter Pan*

PRELUDE

Chaconne in F Minor, P.43
Jeb Dennis, organ

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

The Butterfly Song
All-Age Family Choir

American Folksong

OPENING BELLS

WELCOME

The Rev. Andre Castillo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All: **All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

One: They feast on the abundance of your house,

All: **and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life;

All: **in your light we see light. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Verses 1, 2, 4

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Lord, like a shepherd, you never stop searching for your people. Your care for us anticipates our need. Before we recognized our need of your grace, in love, Jesus gave his life for our forgiveness. Yet we admit the times we have put ourselves in your place and attempted to wrest control from your loving hands. We admit that we have not always trusted your Good News to be good for us. We have pleaded with you to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others. Loving Shepherd, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and, by your Holy Spirit, teach us once again to follow you. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.**

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear the promises of the psalmist: as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Elder Kate

Minchin

Scott Hovey

Son of Lucy and Tommy Hovey

Richard Edwin "Win" Offutt IV

Son of Richard and Courtney Offutt

Presentation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

HYMN 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Carl

Ylvisaker

Verses 1, 2, 4

(1937-2017)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Barbara McKelvey

All: Gracious God, we gather in your holy presence in order that we might hear your voice and be led in the way in which you would have us go. To that end, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight. O Lord, you are our Rock and our Redeemer. Have your way in this place today. In Jesus' name; Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:1-6

p. 725 OT

ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Chancel Choir

(1525-1594)

Translation:

As the hart longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:33-43

p. 88 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tender Shepherd

Rev. Castillo

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tender Shepherd
Liz & Lulu James

Cyril Ritchard
(1898-1977)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

OFFERING

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

ANTHEM

To God Be the Glory
Clarion Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski
(1950-2021)

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Minor, BWV 561
Jeb Dennis, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

*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

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; The Rev. Andre Castillo; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Jeb Dennis, organ/piano; Heather Antonissen, Handbell Choir Director; All-Age Family Choir; Clarion Ringers; Liz and Lulu James, Special Music; Barbara McKelvey, reader; Rev. Erin Keys, Baptism.

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, Renie Blair, Ginny Campbell, Cassandra Fountain, Cadwallader K., Ki Lee, Eric Moy, Adrienne & Don Perry, Nancy Raker, Charlene Roberson, Elly Schafer and David Urion.

JOIN US TODAY – PAGEANT AUDITIONS!

11:15 am – 12:00 pm. Calling all young thespians! Speaking and singing auditions for our annual Christmas Pageant will be held in the second floor Chapel. All those brave enough to audition for a speaking role will have a part! Auditions are not necessary for those who would like a non-speaking role. Preparations are only necessary for those hoping to have a singing role: please come with a song or small group piece you would like to audition with (you can always sing your favorite Christmas carol!). All ages 4+ are encouraged to participate!

FELLOWSHIP – AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Harvest dinners were a wonderful kickstart to our season. We are grateful to all of our hosts who prepared meals and opened their homes to build fellowship at First Presbyterian. Deep gratitude to the Armstrong family, the Waters family, the Hamm family, the Giambo family, and Nancy Yao. Join us after service for a special Fellowship time with a variety of pies to wish everyone a warm and loving season.

SENIOR ENGAGEMENT

The Senior Engagement Committee is organizing a trip to the Emelin Theatre on Sunday, December 14, to see The Nutcracker. We will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. after the service. If you would like to go to see The Nutcracker, please contact Wayne Atwell at rwayneatwell@aol.com.

MUSIC NOTES

Wednesday, NO Community Night this week.

Dr. Caroline Worra - FPCG Music

Minister

Saturday, December 13 - 4:00 p.m. - Christmas Cookie Get-Together

5:00 p.m. - Carols by Candlelight Concert

Friday, April 3 - 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Requiem

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

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.

December 19

Run for the Hills, by Kevin Wilson

January 23

Flashlight, by Susan Choi

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR SENIORS

ROAST A TURKEY, COOK STUFFING, BAKE SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE OR PREPARE CRANBERRY SAUCE, SET UP AND PREP ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AND/OR DELIVER MEALS ON THANKSGIVING DAY
SIGN UP DURING COFFEE HOUR

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.

COMMUNITY NIGHT

There will be NO community night on Wednesday, November 26th, will resume on Wednesday, December 3rd.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., all are invited to join Interim Pastor Lindley DeGarmo online for discussion of the Scripture reading(s) for the upcoming Sunday's sermon. No prior preparation is required, and participants are welcome to join in each week as they are able. Zoom Meeting ID: 859 0258 1495. Passcode: 296934. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85902581495>.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

To donate Christmas flowers in honor of family and friends, you may visit our website at www.fpcg.org/christmasflowers or scan the QR code and fill out the form. The deadline for donations is Friday, December 12

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



UPCOMING EVENTS



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

5th - 12th Grade
Friday, December 5
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Bring a white elephant gift to exchange!
rsvp: andre.castillo@fpcg.org



PARENTS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, December 9
1:30 - 2:30 PM
4th Floor Library

Come as you are, friends are welcome!
rsvp: andre.castillo@fpcg.org

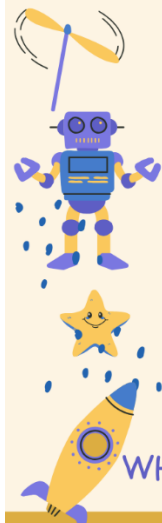
MOMMY (OR DADDY) AND ME



First Presbyterian Church
of Greenwich

MOMMY (OR DADDY) AND ME.... AT FPCG

WHERE LITTLE ONES GROW AND FAMILIES CONNECT.



Mommy & Me Winter Session 2026

Dates: 1/5/2026 - 3/31/2026

Monday and Wednesday Classes

9:30-11am

Age Group: Children 12-36 months and caregivers

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Room 350

Focus: Connection, play, and growth in a welcoming, faith-based environment

SCAN ME



Activities:

Joyful songs

Playful movement

Engaging stories

Simple crafts

Enrollment: Limited spots available; early sign-up is encouraged.

EMAIL TARA@FPCG.ORG with any questions

Class Schedule:

Starts January 5th. No classes on 1/19, 2/16, 2/18, 3/9, 3/11, or 3/16.

LEADERSHIP

Session

Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo, Moderator
Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor
Laura Geffs, Clerk of Session

Wayne Atwell	Jim Joyella	Brian Pennington
Lynda Cha	Ryan Kim	Elizabeth Peyton
Lilian Eng	Debra Mecky	Stephanie Schnabel
Lee Ganshaw	Kate Minchin	Sue Sproule
Layne Grindal	Mary M. Paretti	Emily Sternberg
		Nancy Yao

Session members may be contacted at session@fpcg.org. Messages go to all Session members.

Board of Deacons

Julie Mather, Moderator

Hamish Allan	Carolyn Cleveland	Liz Harden
Olivia Allan	Margaret Copprue	Barbie McKelvey
Wayne Atwell	Bob Giambo	Catherine Stahl
Renie Blair	Carolyn Hahn-Re	Chris Zadik
Diane Brown		

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