

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENWICH



Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2

PRELUDE

Wir danken dir Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 623 J.S. Bach
Jesse Pieper, organ (1685-1750)

I've got the Love of Jesus down in my Heart
All-Age Family Choir Traditional

OPENING CHIMES

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley DeGarmo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the night of uncertainty, we come seeking the Light.

All: We come to the One who knows us and loves us.

One: God so loved the world that God gave a gift beyond our earning.

All: We receive that love with open hands.

One: The Spirit moves like the wind—free, unseen, and life-giving.

All: Breathe on us, O God. Make us new.

One: Come—be born from above. Come—walk in the Light.

All: We come to worship, trusting the God who gives life.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, you love the world before we know how to love you, and you meet us in grace before we can explain our faith. Yet we confess that we often prefer a faith we can manage. We want certainty more than trust, control more than surrender, answers more than openness to your Spirit. We hide in the night—behind fear, pride, or busyness. We say we believe, yet we live as though everything depends on us. Forgive us, O God. Where we cling tightly, teach us to receive. Where we are anxious, teach us to trust. Where we are ashamed, bring us into your light. Renew us by your grace, that we may come to Christ honestly, walk in the light faithfully, and rest in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the Son—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ, we are not met with condemnation, but with mercy; not with rejection, but with invitation; not with shame, but with love. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: 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

Tara Church

MINUTE FOR CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Elder Liz James

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lori Mulcare

All: **Holy Spirit, wind of God, breathe upon us as we hear your Word. Open our minds to understand, soften our hearts to trust, and turn us from the shadows into your light. As you spoke promise to Abraham and new birth to Nicodemus, speak now to us—so that in Christ we may receive grace we cannot earn and follow where you lead. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

p. 10 OT

ANTHEM

“Requiem Aeternam / Kyrie” from *Requiem Solemne*

Johann Michael

Chancel Choir

Haydn

Margaret Mack, soprano solo

(1737-1806)

Heather Antonissen, mezzo-soprano solo

Fred Schlick, tenor solo

Kreg Gotschall, bass solo

Jesse Pieper, organ

English Translation:

Grant them eternal rest, Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. You are praised, God, in Zion, and homage will be paid to You in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, to You all flesh will come.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

SECOND LESSON

John 3:1-17

pp. 93-94 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Two Types of Faith”

Dr. DeGarmo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

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

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace
Kira Sharma, soprano
Dr. Caroline Worra, piano

Arr. By Jay Althouse
(b. 1951)

***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**

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

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

In this season of Lent, Holy God, we thank you for feeding us at this table. We pray for courage and faith, that we might face your message of transformation and let it remake us again in your image. How deep our need for mercy; how deep our joy in learning your grace. We praise you, Triune God. Amen.

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalm 150
Chancel Choir

G. S. Talbot
(1875-1918)

*POSTLUDE

What Wondrous Love is This

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

*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; Margaret Mack, soprano solo; Heather Antonissen, mezzo-soprano solo; Fred Schlick, tenor solo; Kreg Gotschall, bass solo; Minute for Children's Ministry, Elder Liz James; Lori Mulcare, reader.

Usher Team 2: Jon Charette (Captain), Ross Ogden (Deputy), Nancy Freeman, Sam Marasso, Julie Mather, Rob Rusk, David Zapata.

Cover Art: *Christ Instructing Nicodemus*, Jacob Jordaens (1593-1678)

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, the Hampton Family, Bev Jomo, Cadwallader K., Ki Lee, the McKelvey Family, Eric Moy, the Nicholas Family, Adrienne & Don Perry, Nancy Raker, Charlene Roberson and Elly Schafer.

We extend the love and prayers of the congregation to the Hampton family upon the death of Dr. Bill Hampton, long-time member, who passed on February 15 at 100 years of age. Condolences may be addressed to:

Grace Hillman, 25 Lismore Lane, Greenwich, CT 06831.

TODAY

Join us in fellowship hall TODAY after the service as we feature FPCG's Steeple Band, All-Age Family Choir, and children and youth soloists for our ON BROADWAY concert! Band and choir group selections include popular hits from the 1970s to Christian contemporary songs. Our student performers will sing and play piano, guitar, drums as they present musical theatre solos and duets, pop songs, and even classical piano solos as they prepare for The Music Festival this spring!

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

March 4, 11, 18, 25 – Join us for fellowship and worship every Wednesday during Lent. A soup and salad dinner is hosted by our Fellowship Committee.

5:30 p.m. Soup Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service of Worship in the Chapel

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:

March 20 *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans

April 17 *Buckeye*, by Patrick Ryan

May 15 *A Marriage at Sea*, by Sophie Elmhirst

June 19 *When We Cease to Understand the World*, by Benjamin Labatut

MUSIC NOTES

Wednesday, March 4 – Community Night/Lenten Wednesday

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 – LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

Soup and Salad Dinner Begins at 5:30 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.

EASTER FLOWERS 2026

A special way to honor family and friends and acknowledge those for whom we are grateful. Your contributions to the Flower Fund help decorate the Sanctuary. Dedications will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 5. Dedication forms are available in the church office, online on our website <https://www.fpcg.org/easterflowers> or by scanning the QR code.

Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Memo: Easter Flowers.

The deadline for Easter Flower dedications is April 1.

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.

MOMMY & ME – SPRING SESSION SIGN-UP

Registration is now open for our upcoming Mommy & Me session! Join us for a joyful time of connection, play, music, and community. Scan the QR code for registration and full program details Questions? Contact Tara@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.

STEWARDSHIP: The 2026 Generosity Challenge

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

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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:** 82
- **Total Amount Committed:** \$680,458
- **Progress Toward Our Goal:** 52%

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.

To pledge, visit church's website: www.fpcg.org/2026stewardship

Email the Elder for Stewardship, Brian Pennington, at stewardship@fpcg.org

Email Director of Operations, Erin Moore, at erin@fpcg.org or call 203 869 8686 ext. 123

PAINT NIGHT AT FPCG

Date: Friday, March 27, 2026 **Time:** 6:00–8:00 PM **Location:** Fellowship Hall

Join us for a fun-filled Paint Night hosted by Children & Youth Ministries in partnership with Pinot's Palette. Enjoy an evening of creativity with all painting supplies, food, and refreshments included. **Children ages 6 and up are welcome to paint! Childcare will be available for ages 0–5. Pre-registration is required for both children and adult painters.**

Space is limited — reserve your spot early! Questions? Contact Tara@fpcg.org

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If not, please be sure to get your photo posted in the online Church Directory. Those who meet you at the Church want to place your name with your face.

It's easy to do. Go to the [Directory](#). Use your email address as your USERNAME. Create a password. LOG IN. (You will probably only need to do this once, as your phone or computer memory will remember your information.) In the Green Bar at the top of the Directory page, type in your name to search. Your Profile page will come up. At the top right of your Profile, click on the pencil icon to edit it. You may edit your address, your email address, your phone number, AND upload a photo. When you're done, click on the blue SAVE button at the bottom of the page to save your changes. Simple. Do it. Today. Need help? Contact Elder for Communications, Sandy Waters at swimwaters@gmail.com.

LEADERSHIP

Session

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