



First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich



Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 20, 2022

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Knowledge is love and light and vision.

Helen Keller

PRELUDE

II. Carol from Suite for Viola and Orchestra

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Eddie Zheng, Organ Associate

Samuel Rosenthal, viola

Jubilate Choir, opening bell ringers

WELCOME

Lynn Barger Elliott

OPEN DOORS STEWARDSHIP 2023 – MISSION ENGAGEMENT

David DeWahl

CALL TO WORSHIP (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

One: In the Hebrew Scriptures Habakkuk proclaims,

All: “Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

One: For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it will surely come; it will not delay.”

All: Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Joseph Barnby

Hymn 667

(1838-1896)

*INVITATION TO PRAYER

Andre Castillo

Francis Collins, author and scientist, writes, “For me, in my Christian belief, prayer is not an opportunity to manipulate God into doing what you want God to do. Prayer is an opportunity to have a conversation with God to try to get in tune with what God’s will is.” Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Help us this day, O Lord, to open ourselves to your will for our lives and our congregation.

All: Enable us to see your vision for where you would have us dedicate our lives – our time, talents and treasure.

One: Receive we pray our regrets for moments in our lives when we pursued solely our own purposes, rather than asking for guidance as to where and what you would have us do.

All: Here our silent reflections and confessions.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO OFFERING

Mark Barger Elliott

ANTHEM

The Butterfly Song
Jubilate Choir

Ernie Rettino (b. 1949)
Debby Kerner (b. 1951)

***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**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Peyton Lillian Kyle

June 15, 2021

Daughter of Tripp & Kate Kyle

Presentation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

SOLO

Jesus Loves Me

Sarah Knott, mezzo soprano

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Andre Castillo

***HYMN**

Breathe on Me Breath of God
Hymn 286

Robert Jackson
(1840-1914)

SCRIPTURE

I Timothy 1:1-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What's Next First Pres?
Charis: Gracing Our Purpose

Lynn Barger Elliott

ANTHEM

Like as the Hart
Chancel Choir

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision
Hymn 450

David Evans
(1874-1948)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*III. Allegro Moderato from Sonata for Viola da Gamba &
Harpichord in G Minor, BWV 1027*

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Eddie Zheng, Organ Associate
Samuel Rosenthal, viola

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
Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister
Eddie Zheng, Organ Associate
Sarah Knott, mezzo soprano
Samuel Rosenthal, viola
Chancel Choir
Jubilate Choir

USHER TEAM 1

Hearst Zhang (Captain)
Carol Barber
Diane Brown
Peter McWhorter
Tami Nelson
Thomas Nelson
Mark Weisenborn

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Today’s flowers are donated by Meline and David Dickson in memory of her mother, Louise Prescott.

To donate flowers, email:
info@fpcg.org.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for all those impacted by hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Florida and South Carolina, and by gun violence; the people of Ukraine; our friends in Haiti; 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; Robert Feeley (Anna Goldoff); Laura Lewis (Chris Loveless); Patrick Curley (Jenn Particelli), Phyllis Nicholas on the death of her husband Bruce.

THIS SUNDAY

TODAY
Thanksgiving Concert
Classical & Popular Music Performances

THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Join us for a special evening of music, as we begin the week of giving thanks for all of life’s blessings. Solo performances will include piano and organ classics, operatic arias, musical theatre favorites, jazz standards, popular hits as well as a toe tapping Chancel Choir and Steeple Band finale! Performers include FPCG members and friends.

STEWARDSHIP 2023 CAMPAIGN LAUNCH



Our congregation has a 141-year legacy of striving to realize a mission to “empower people in all stages of life to be Christ’s disciples and serve those in need.” To further our mission in 2023 our pledge goal is \$1,250,000. Reaching this benchmark will enable us to increase our Mission giving from 7% to 8% (of pledges received) and increase funding of our growing Music, Children and Youth programs by 10%. To help our church reach this goal we invite you to consider increasing your pledge. People sometimes ask how to calculate such an increase. Our answer is, “discern a number that is both an expression of gratitude to God and one beyond your comfort zone; that number will ground your generosity in gratitude and faith.”

5 PM CHAPEL – Resumes January 15

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE – No meeting on November 23

MUSIC

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Our new Wednesday Night Live program is going strong with over 70 participants for music rehearsals, Christian learning, youth groups, and a family-friendly dinner. Childcare and Study Hall are provided.

We are now preparing for our special *Carols by Candlelight* concerts on December 10 & 14, as well as our three Christmas Eve services. Stay tuned for more information.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE BIBLE (Group-led bible study) – **Wednesdays, 1:30 PM • Library**

FAB is a weekly multigenerational women's group for fellowship and conversation. Join us as we 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, November 18**

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 November book is *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival and Hope in an American City*, by Andrea Elliott. Contact Colleen Giambo (cgiambo@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP

ADVENT FAIR & TREE LIGHTING • **December 4**

All are invited to FPCG's Annual Advent Fair! Join us Sunday, December 4th from 4:00-5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy games, crafts, holiday s'mores and hot cocoa. Then join us from 5-5:30pm for our tree lighting and carol singing. A fun and festive time for the entire family!

WHERE ARE THE PRESBY QUILTERS - Downed by COVID, But Not Out! Carolyn Hahn-Re is ready to revitalize our group to make baby quilts for the Our 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.

New Members

October 30, 2022



Mitchell James Etter joins by reaffirmation of faith. He is an investment analyst and enjoys cycling, running and basketball.



Donald Grunewald joins by reaffirmation of faith. He is a former college president who lives in the Mews. Donald also enjoys life on Cape Cod.



Julie & Chris Hojlo join by reaffirmation of faith. They are parents to Teddy (14), Philip (6), and Leigh (6). They enjoy tennis, skiing, running, and have taught Sunday School. They were introduced to First Pres via the Nursery School.



Jenn & Ryan Particelli join by affirmation of faith. They are the parents of Violet (4). Jenn sings in our Chancel Choir and used to work in marketing. Ryan works in real estate development.



Kristen & Stephen Keyes join by profession of faith. They were members of Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina, MN. Steve works in finance, and Kristen in technology. They are parents of Caroline (1).



Kathleen & George (Tripp) Kyle transfer from Westhampton Presbyterian Church in NY. They are parents of Brooks (3), Thatcher (3), Peyton (1). They both work in finance. She volunteers with Memorial Sloane Kettering.



Elizabeth & John James join by transfer from Brick Presbyterian in New York. They are parents of Louisa “Lulu” (4) and Emmeline (2). Elizabeth is an opera singer with the MET. She participates in musical outreach programs with schools. John is an investment manager and enjoys music, sailing and technology. He volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

MISSION ENGAGEMENT

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR SENIORS – 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

Over 100 guests are expected, along with over 100 homebound meal deliveries. So exciting! Volunteers are still needed to cook stuffing, roast a turkey, or deliver homebound meals. To volunteer, go to fpcg.org or find us in Fellowship Hall. Donations to cover grocery expenses are also welcome. To contribute, send a check to FPCG or look for the big ceramic turkey at coffee hour.

ADVENT GIVING WREATH TO HELP STRUGGLING FAMILIES (Ends Friday, December 9)

You can help Greenwich families who are struggling financially by donating \$25 Walmart or Target gift cards to purchase clothing or toys for their children this holiday season. Cards will be accepted through Friday, December 9, 2022. Drop off cards at the Church Office (3rd floor). For more information, contact Julie Mather at 917-579-1756, or email her at: matherct@msn.com

AFGHAN FAMILY NEEDS AUTOMOBILE

The Naziri Family, who our congregation has assisted with resettlement as Afghan Evacuees, needs a car to get to work. If you have a car to donate, you can receive a tax deduction. For more information, contact: Amy Dana (amydana27@gmail.com); Wayne Atwell (rwayneatwell@aol.com); Bruce Wunningham (bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com).

CHILDREN & YOUTH

TURKEY TROT – Saturday, November 26, 9:30 am

Join with FPCG families at this year's Turkey Trot, in support of the Greenwich Alliance for Education. All are invited to join with other FPCG-ers for coffee and donuts in our first-floor foyer after the race! For more information and to register: <https://greenwichalliance.org/turkey-trot-2022/>



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITIONS! Saturday, November 26, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Calling all aspiring thespians! Auditions for our annual Christmas Pageant will be held in the second floor Chapel. All those who 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 required for those hoping to have a singing role: please come with a solo (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! To RSVP via email: andre.castillo@fpcg.org.

MIDNIGHT RUN ROUND-UP - Thanks to all who donated to and participated in the Midnight Run! Our wish list was fulfilled, and 25 young people packed over 30 care packages for the homeless in NYC. Special thanks to Lee Ganshaw for coordinating all our efforts!



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES – During Sunday worship, children are invited forward for a message from one of our pastors, and then ushered to their respective Sunday school classrooms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Pre-K - 8th grade: *Faith Garden* curriculum is taught by church staff and volunteers.

WHERE TO PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN: Nursery – Grade 4 must be picked up by a parent or older sibling. Grade 5 & up are dismissed on their own. Pre-K and kindergarten: Room 221; Grades 1-2: Room 343; Grades 3-4: Room 344; Grades 5-8: Youth Room, 4th floor.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – (Grades 6-8) meets Wednesdays, 7-8 PM. No meeting November 23.

Dates to Remember in 2022

November 24	Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors
November 26	Christmas Pageant Auditions
November 27	First Sunday of Advent
December 4	Advent Fair & Tree Lighting 4:00 PM
December 10	Carols by Candlelight 4:00 PM
December 14	Carols by Candlelight 7:00 PM
December 18	Christmas Pageant 10:00 AM Messiah Sing-Along 2:00 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00 PM Family-Friendly Service• 6:00 PM Full Festival Service• 10:00 PM Candlelight Service
December 25	Christmas Day, 10 AM

Clergy & Staff Contacts

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