

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



The Resurrection of the Lord
April 5, 2026
11:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“Do not be afraid;
I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.”*

Matthew
28:5-6

PRELUDE

Easter Celebration Hymns
Orchestra and Fairfield County Brass Quintet
Jesse Pieper, organ

“Worthy is the Lamb” from *Messiah*
Chancel Choir
Orchestra and Fairfield County Brass Quintet
Jesse Pieper, organ

G.F. Handel
1685-1759)

OPENING HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

All: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: Let us worship God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to our doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All **Thanks be to God.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

PATRI

GLORIA

*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**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ross Ogden

All: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:1-6 pp. 733-734 OT

ANTHEM “Thine is the Glory” from *Judas Maccabeus* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Chancel Choir
Orchestra and Fairfield County Brass Quintet
Jesse Pieper, organ

SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:1-10 pp. 33-34 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “From Wilderness to Witness” Dr. DeGarmo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

All: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***HYMN 249** *Because You Live, O Christ* VRUECHTEN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* John A. Behnke (b. 1953)
Chancel Choir
Orchestra and Fairfield County Brass Quintet
Jesse Pieper, organ

***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**

***HYMN 248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* ODE TO JOY

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Orchestra and Fairfield County Brass Quintet
Jesse Pieper, organ

***ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN SINGING ALONG WITH THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS ARE INVITED TO COME UP TO THE CHOIR LOFT AND JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR**

St. Anne Fugue, BWV 552)

Jesse Pieper, organ J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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, 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; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Chancel Choir; Melanie Sasaki – violin; Anna Pickens – cello; Helen Ji – cello; Matthew Bauer – timpani;

Fairfield County Brass Quintet - Mike Strange – trumpet, Thomas Zoubek – trumpet, Dan Shapiro – French horn, Will Munro – trombone, Marcia Chithelen – tuba; Ross Ogden, reader.

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

Cover Art: *Women at the Empty Tomb*, Fra Angelico (ca. 1400-1455).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our siblings locally and abroad who are living in areas torn by natural disasters and war; Dimitrios Apostolou, John & Martha Awdziejewicz, the Campbell Family, Cassandra Fountain, the Hampton Family, Carolyn Hopley, Susie Huang, Bev Jomo, Cadwallader K., Ki Lee, the McKelvey Family, Eric Moy, the Nicholas Family, Adrienne & Don Perry, Nancy Raker, Charlene Roberson, Elly Schafer and Mike Long.

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:

April 17	<i>Buckeye</i> , by Patrick Ryan
May 15	<i>A Marriage at Sea</i> , by Sophie Elmhirst
June 19	<i>When We Cease to Understand the World</i> , by Benjamin Labatut

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.

MUSIC NOTES

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

Dr. Caroline Worra - FPCG Music Minister

COMMUNITY NIGHT – APRIL 8

Family Style Dinner Begins at 6:00 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

Steple Band: 6:30 p.m. - 4th Floor Choir Room

Chancel Choir: 7:15 p.m. - 4th Floor Choir Room

WEEKEND OF FAITHFUL SERVICE – APRIL 24-26

FPCG has a rich tradition of supporting both the local community and global initiatives. Members at FPCG will come together in unity during the “Weekend of Faithful Service,” to honor our longstanding tradition of service. We believe that each of us has been blessed with unique gifts and talents providing us with countless opportunities to serve others.

Questions or to sign up: Ganshaw@me.com.

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.

NEW MEMBER/INQUIRERS' CLASS

Are you new to **First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich**, considering making FPCG your church home or just curious? We invite you to join us for our upcoming **New Member / Inquirers' Class** on **Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

This class is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about First Presbyterian—who we are, what we believe, and how God is at work in and through our church family. You'll explore the foundations of the Christian faith from a Presbyterian perspective and discover ways to get connected and grow in your walk with Christ.

Whether you're brand new to Presbyterianism, returning to church after some time away, or simply looking for a place to call home, this class is designed to inform, encourage, and welcome you.

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026 Time: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Childcare: Available upon request Location: Session Room and Library
Dinner will be provided.

If you're interested in attending or would like more information, please contact either Judy Kelly at judybkelly@gmail.com or Philip Carrone at pcarrone@icloud.com.

STEWARDSHIP: The 2026 Generosity Challenge

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

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: 97**
- **Total Amount Committed: \$960,853**
- **Progress Toward Our Goal: 74%**

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.

CELEBRATION AND THANKS TO REV. LINDLEY DEGARMO

It's De-Lightful...It's De-Lovely...It's DeGarmo
April 12, 2026 at 11:00 following worship in Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a celebration of Rev. Lindley DeGarmo and his service to our church over the past two years!

Rev. DeGarmo came to First Presbyterian in 2024 to serve as Interim Senior Minister. He accomplished this with wisdom, insight, and grace. As we prepare to welcome our new Senior Minister, we want to give Rev. Lindley a special send-off on April 12.

Fellowship hour will include special music by Caroline Worra and friends, special food selections made by our most notable cooks and chefs, and special words of thanks and gratitude. Those who would like to bring food to share should contact Kimberly Lee at kimber147@gmail.com.

We will present a Remembrance Book as a permanent record for Lindley to keep. Please see Kimberly Lee after worship to sign the book, or email Renie Blair at renie50013@yahoo.com.

Those who would like to express personal gratitude to Lindley may contribute to a voluntary purse that will be presented to him that day. A monetary gift, of any size, will be a meaningful reminder of the congregation's collective gratitude and affection.

Gifts can be made online by using the QR code [HERE](#). Gifts may also be sent via check made out to The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, "Lindley" in the memo line. Personal notes may be included with monetary gifts online. Questions? Email Jim Joyella at joyellamp@aol.com.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In Loving Memory of

The Reverend and Mrs C John L Bates, Maggie Fawcett and Sheila Abbett by John L. Bates

Max Carey. We love you and miss you by William Carey

Gina Carrone, Paula Green, Joe Masto by Philip Carrone

Our daughter by Alexandra & Daniel Caton

James Mary & Jimmy Mack Bernice Copprue by Margaret & Delano Copprue

Dr. Forbes & Mary Delany, who joyfully contributed to this community,
inspired our family and still do to this day by Christie & Gregg Delany

Loved Ones by Lindley DeGarmo & Sarah Finlayson

Jacqueline Ganshaw. Forever in our hearts, Trevor, Lee, Eric,
Sara and Kaitlin Ganshaw by Lee A. Ganshaw

Maureen Hojlo by Julie Prince Hojlo

Peg Hroziencik and Janet Schofield by Rudy Hroziencik

Catherine H. Ogden, Bill & Ethel Ogden, & Mrs. Ross Hunter by Ross H. Ogden & Family

Mother Julia Penney and my husband Peter by Marcia Preston

John Royster Roberson, David Hall Roberson by Charlene Roberson

Carol & William Hampton by Alice & Rob Rusk, Lisa Hampton, Grace Hillman

Beloved parents and grandparents - Annemarie & Richard Schnabel, Marilyn & Ted Keil.
Always in our hearts and prayers. by Sephanie Schnabel, Brian, Katie & Kristy Keil

Linda, Larry & Ginny, Friends who will be greatly missed but who live on in our hearts
by Kathryn Shorts & David Awad

Dr. Philip J. McWhorter given by his grandchildren

In Honor of

In Appreciation of

What would we do without Caroline! by Barbara Freeman

Rev. Lindley DeGarmo for walking with us and steadying FPCG in a time of change by The Healys

Rev. Dr. Lindley DeGarmo by Julie Maher

Dr. Caroline Worra and Kreg Gotshall - Thank you for all the beautiful music – by Charlotte Shropshire

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