

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENWICH



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Cwm Rhondda"
Jesse Pieper, Organ

John G. Barr
(b. 1938)

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls.
God gathers.
God challenges,
God moves.
God liberates.
God saves.

Many: Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck – trapped! – in our comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you.

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Great is God's faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem. God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. God has turned our mourning to dancing, forgiving us fully and freely. Our souls will not be silent. As forgiven people, we will praise the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hymn 394, Stanza 4

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your Word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen.

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 p. 280 OT

SECOND LESSON Mark 6:14-29 p. 40 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"It Could Cost You Your Head"* Dr. DeGarmo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 835** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* CLOSER WALK

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 *A Scottish Blessing* David Blackwell (b. 1961)
Fred Schlick, Tenor
Jesse Pieper, piano

***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 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Toccata op. 59 no. 5

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

*Please stand as you are able

Jessie Pieper, organ

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. Nursery care is available in Room 220 for children under three.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; Jesse Pieper,organ/piano; Fred Schlick,tenor

Usher Team 4: Matthew Lorig (Captain), Helen Ji (Deputy), Hagar Chemali, Mitchell Etter, Jonathan Larken, Julie Lorig, Eleanor Lorig, Timmy Lorig, Brian Lorig, Judy Soto, David Zadik

FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations of flowers to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion are always welcome and help to beautify the Sanctuary. On Mondays, the deacons distribute the flowers to member and friends who might need some cheering. If you would like to make a dedication one Sunday, please be in touch with Erin Moore in the business office (erin@fpcg.org or (203) 869-8686). You may also sign up for a donation online [Flower Dedications](#) or by scanning the QR code.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia and Haiti; St. Marc School in Haiti; Carola Cammann; Adrienne & Don Perry; Charlene Roberson; the family of Sandy Herman.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The FPCG Nominating Committee is searching for time and talent. Michelle Binnie, Lilian Eng, Judy Kelly, Hellen Kim, Bob Giambo, and Kate Minchin invite you to email candidates' names or self-nominations for a 3-year term on the Session or Board of Deacons starting January 2025 and for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) which is expected to begin in the Fall and to involve a major time commitment (including weekly meetings) as it searches for a new senior pastor. Emails can be sent to nominating@fpcg.org where all the committee members will receive the email. We appreciate your help in compiling names for our consideration.

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 PM or serve at Pacific House from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Contact Carol Barber: cbarber@cyburban.com; (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.

ADULT EDUCATION:

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: Join us monthly on a Friday morning for fellowship and book discussion in the Church Library on the 4th Floor. We will meet on July 19 to discuss the book “**Less**” by Andrew Sean Greer. New members are welcome! Upcoming titles include “**Harlem Shuffle**” by Colson Whitehead (August 16), and “**Legacy**” by Uche Blackstock, MD (September 20). We gather at 9:15 am for coffee and discussion starts at 9:30 am. Contact Colleen Giambo at cgiambo@gmail.com for more details.

FPCG FALL OPERA TRIP: Join the Academy for our fall trip to see the Metropolitan Opera's production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Il Trovatore*, a “turbulent tragedy of four characters caught in a web of family ties, politics and love!” Our bus will leave the church on Saturday, October 26 at 10:15 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. Reservations must be paid in advance before August 20 by check for \$190/pp to FPCG, attention Erin Moore, or online at [FPCG Fall Opera Trip](#). Non-refundable tickets are limited to the first 20 people, so act soon!

STEWARDSHIP 2024

We are grateful for the tremendous support we have seen for Stewardship 2024, but the last mile is always the hardest! We currently stand **148 pledges totaling \$1,128,543** toward our budget of \$1.2 million. If you have not yet pledged or if you can do more to help us make it to our goal, we ask that you let us know at your earliest convenience. Please mail your pledge card to the church, make your pledge at [2024 Stewardship](#), or email your pledge or any questions to Elder for Stewardship Brian Pennington at stewardship@fpcg.org. Thank you!

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 you may have. Please don't be shy about reaching out on your own behalf, or perhaps on behalf of another member of our church who may benefit from a meal, a visit, or just a word of encouragement. Contact the church office at (203) 869-8686, x110, contact one of our pastors, or email our Deacon Co-Moderators, Julie Mather (matherct@msn.com) and Ginger Boldt (gboldt1774@gmail.com) if you hear word of someone in need from among our congregation.

MUSIC

Join Kreg and Caroline for Vacation Bible Camp August 5-9 at FPCG! We will tell tales through song, old and new. VBC participants will be putting on a musical for families on August 9 during 12:30pm pickup and during worship on Sunday August 11 at 10:00am. You won't want to miss out!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: All grades will be combined in the 4th floor youth room for Sunday school. We will piggy-back our VBC theme "All About Paul" while using the curriculum "*Mission Possible*". Sometimes spies are called to go out on seemingly impossible missions. God has given each of us a mission – to tell the world about Jesus. Although it is a big job that may seem impossible at times, with God leading us, our mission cannot fail. Kids will learn that we are on a mission – to share the good news of Jesus.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES? The Children and Youth Ministry programs need your help! We are already gearing up for our Sunday school kick-off in September. If you know anyone who would like to volunteer to help teach our young disciples, please reach out to tara@fpcg.org. No experience is needed! A detailed and easy curriculum to follow will be provided in advance. **If you would like to volunteer, you must have a current background check and child safety training completed. The good news is that it can be done right here at FPCG!** While those under 18 cannot teach our young disciples alone, we encourage them to join our ministry teams and join us in the classrooms as well

CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2024-2025 REGISTRATION: As summer is finally here, we have one very important ask! It is time to update our rosters and databases for the 2024-2025 'school year'. Please take the time to fill out this form so we can effectively place your children into our programs this fall. This form will also contain vital information to keep your children safe at FPCG!

Please use this link to sign up: [2024-2024 Children & Youth Registration](#) or use the QR code!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Registration now open for the FPCG 2024 Vacation Bible Camp for ages 4 to 11! Scan the QR code to join us for five days of games, crafts.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS: Join us for five days of games, crafts, Bible lessons and more as we turn FPCG into a Jesus' Jamboree! This year we will be following the journey of Paul. We will learn how Paul (Saul) turned to God and started his missions. Be a part of the team that will bring this amazing adventure to our kids! All adults and youth (12+) are invited to be camp counselors, workshop, leaders, snack providers and drama actors. Whether you have an hour, a day or a week!

LEADERSHIP

Session

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Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor
Laura Geffs, Clerk of Session

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

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