



First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

10:30 AM • Sanctuary

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“You want to come into my life, the door is open. You want to get out of my life, the door is open. Just one request ... don’t stand at the door, you’re blocking the traffic.”

Unknown

PRELUDE

Prelude & Awakening (world premieres)
Jeb Dennis, piano

Marcia Preston
(FPCG member)

WELCOME

Andre Castillo

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 50)

One: The Mighty One, our Lord and our God, speaks and summons the earth.

All: Out of the Holy City, the Lord’s beauty shines forth.

One: “Hear, O my people, and I will speak!” says the Lord.

All: Let us not forget God; the works of God’s hands; the salvation of the Lord.

One: God calls to the heavens and earth: “Gather to me my faithful ones!”

All: Let us gather in praise to the Mighty One. Let us worship God!

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Hymn 39

William Marion Runyan
(1870-1957)

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. [Refrain]
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

***INVITATION TO PRAYER**

Mark Barger Elliott

Lamentations 3 reminds us that “the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.” We are also confronted every morning with the truth that we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Let us be reminded in prayer of God’s steadfast love, not only to all who awake each day, but also of God’s special grace and forgiveness for all who call upon God’s name in confession. Let us pray:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Mighty God, we give you thanks that by your power you created us, and by your goodness you call us to be your people.

All: We confess that we have lived for ourselves and apart from you.

One: We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.

All: We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

One: In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,

All: That we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***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.

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Susie Huang, soprano

Arr. by Edward Boatner
(1898-1981)

***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**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mark Barger Elliott

·HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Hymn 465

Charles C. Converse
(1832-1918)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
you will find a solace there.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:7-11

Andre Castillo

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Race to the Door

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace
Susie Huang, soprano

Arr. by Jay Althouse
(b. 1951)

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.**

Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

***HYMN**

To God Be the Glory
Hymn 634

William H. Doane
(1832-1915)

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
[Refrain]
2. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.
[Refrain]

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A minor, BWV 561
Jeb Dennis, organ

Johann S. Bach
(1685-1750)

**Please stand if you're 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.

We invite you to learn about our congregation including our choir programs (Chancel, Handbell, Young Disciples, and Children), Mosaic program for children, Nursery School, education opportunities for all ages, service projects, and support of programs that meet in our building including Abilis, which provides assistance to young adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

Our current COVID protocol is we are mask optional, and we ask those in the balcony, for the time being, to please wear a mask.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott
The Rev. Andre Castillo
Susie Huang, soprano
Jeb Dennis, pianist/organist

USHER TEAM 2

Jon Charette (Captain), Ross Ogden, Nancy Freeman,
Julie Mather, Rob Rusk, David Zapata

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – We pray for all those impacted by gun violence; the people of Ukraine; our friends in Haiti, Amy Holms (Lesley Craigie); Paula Jensen, Adolfo Paniagua; Jeff (Barbara McKelvey); George Hallenbeck; Adrienne Perry; Shelly Jones (Carolyn Hahn-Re); Family of Gloria Wadsworth.

MUSIC MINISTER ANNOUNCEMENT



The Music Minister Nominating Committee is pleased to announce on behalf of Session that Dr. Caroline Worra will start as FPCG Music Minister on September 1, 2022. Caroline was responsible, along with her husband Kreg Gotshall, current Bass section leader for FPCG, for Performing Arts, Concert and Bell Choirs, Vocal Ensembles, and many other musical activities, for 17 years at Stanwich School. Caroline and Kreg were section leaders in the Chancel Choir at Second Congregational Church Choir for 14 years. Caroline received her Doctor of Music from Indiana University in Vocal Performance, with Minors in Choral Conducting and Music Education, her Master of Music from the University of Missouri and her

Bachelor of Arts in Piano and Vocal Performance from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Caroline has a particular passion for working with children and youth.

NEW FPCG MUSIC CAMP with Dr. Worra and Mr. G.

Two sessions • August 8-12 & 13-17 • 4:00-6:00 PM (K-12) • 6:00-8:00 PM (Adults)

Looking for a fun activity for yourself or your K-12th grade child? If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument during our new FPCG Music Camp, contact Dr. Worra: caroline.worra@fpcg.org.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF FPCG

To assist in reaching our 2022 pledge goal, 11 families - from longtime members to recently joined - have extended a challenge match of \$100,000. To date, nearly 40 individuals and families have pledged an additional \$100,000 toward our goal. Thank you.

1+1=3
FPCG Spring Campaign

FAITH ENRICHMENT

The **Women's Book Group** is open to FPCG members and friends. Join us on **Friday, August 19 at 9:15 AM** for coffee and catching up, and book discussion from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, in the church library on the 4th floor. Our current book is *The Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka. For more information, please contact Colleen Giambo at cgiambo@gmail.com.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

NEW FAMILIES@FIRST • This month we are launching a new program for families to connect with each other and our congregation. Mark your calendars and join us for our next event:

FAMILIES@FIRST

Thursday, August 18 • Family Service Event • All ages are welcome!

In partnership with the Mission Engagement Committee, Families @ First are invited to enjoy dinner together and then to prepare 500 pounds of rice and bean packets for our Mission Partner Neighbor to Neighbor.

To sign up, please call the Church Office: 203-869-8686.

- **5:30 PM** – Tomatillos taco bar in the Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM** - Service project for Neighbor to Neighbor in the Foyer.

MISSION ENGAGEMENT SUMMER OF SERVICE: 1001 HOURS

1001 hours of service is our goal...and First Pres is almost there!

Help us close in on our goal in August by preparing meals for Kids in Crisis (KIC) and Pacific House, helping Afghan children get ready for a new school year and by preparing 500 pounds of rice and bean packets for Neighbor to Neighbor.

FPCG SUMMER OF SERVICE
1001 HOURS

As of August 1, 85 First Pres members have committed 903 hours to mission by sending \$12,000 worth of boots, clothing and bedding to Ukrainian refugees, attending a Night with Summits Education, volunteering for the Red Cross Blood Drive, going on a mission trip to Jackson, Mississippi, helping to resettle Afghan evacuees, and preparing meals for Kids in Crisis (KIC) and Pacific House.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE AN IMPACT THIS SUMMER

PACIFIC HOUSE – Thursday, August 11

1:30 - 4:30 PM • Cook in the FPCG kitchen. Children 12 and older accompanied by an adult are welcome.

5:30 - 7:00 PM • Serve at Pacific House, a shelter for men and young male adults. Adult volunteers only. If you would like to help, contact Carol Barber at cbarber@cyburban.com.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – Thursday, August 18 • Families@First service event, see details on page 6.

KIDS IN CRISIS (KIC) – Wednesday, August 24

Join us in the church kitchen (4:00-5:00 PM) to prepare a meal which we will bring to KIC's site in Cos Cob from 5:00-6:00 PM to share with the children and the KIC staff. Contact David DeWahl at 203-561-0806; or daviddewahl@gmail.com. Ideal volunteer opportunity for ages 12+ with an adult.

HELP WITH AFGHAN FAMILY RESETTLEMENT

Great opportunities to serve for all ages!

Our congregation has assisted with the resettlement of 18 members of the Naziri Family (ages 4 months – 70+ years), who were evacuated from Afghanistan in August 2021. To learn how you can become part of their incredible journey, contact: Bruce Winningham (bwinningham@northstarpartersinc.com); Wayne Atwell (rwayneatwell@aol.com); Amy Dana (amyadana27@gmail.com).





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A big thank you to First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Connecticut for helping us out. We received 10 pairs of shoes and will soon distribute them to the defenders of Ukraine. Thanks to help Ukraine with us and konrad flejter for organizing the shipment. [Uliana Bolgachenko](#) Konrad Flejter



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS • 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (3:30 PM July-Sept.)

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