

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENWICH



Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“O come, let us sing to the LORD; Psalm 95:1-2
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

PRELUDE

Adagio in A Minor, BWV 564 J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)
Jeb Dennis, organ

Peace Like a River Traditional
All-Age Family Choir

OPENING CHIMES

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley DeGarmo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are thirsty.

All: We come seeking living water.

One: Come, all who are weary of shallow wells.

All: We come longing for deeper life.

One: God meets us in truth, not pretense.

All: We come as we are, known and loved.

One: The hour is coming—and is now here—

All: When we will worship in spirit and in truth.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious and searching God, you meet us at the well of our lives and ask us to tell the truth. We confess that we are thirsty—thirsty for approval, for security, for control. Again and again, we draw water from wells that do not satisfy. We hide behind routines and appearances. We avoid the deeper questions. We worship in ways that feel safe but keep our hearts at a distance. Forgive us for the ways we resist being known. Forgive us for the habits that diminish life in us. Forgive us when we mistake convenience for living water. In this season of Lent, teach us to come to you honestly. Free us to worship you in spirit and in truth. Create within us a spring of water that flows toward mercy, courage, and love. We pray in the name of Christ, who knows us completely and loves us still.

***MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Hear the good news. The One who asks us for a drink is the One who gives us living water. Jesus does not turn away from our thirst. He does not condemn us in our truth. He meets us there—with mercy. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are known and forgiven. In Him, the spring of grace is already flowing.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John James

All: Holy God, by your Spirit, open your Word to us—and open us to your Word. Shape us by Christ's truth and love. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

p. 64 OT

ANTHEM

“Domine Jesu Christe / Quam olim Abrahae”

Johann Michael

from *Requiem Solemne*

Haydn

Chancel Choir

(1737-1806)

Lesley Craigie, soprano solo

Heather Antonissen, mezzo-soprano solo

Liz James, tenor solo

Kreg Gotschall, bass solo

Jeb Dennis, organ

English Translation:

Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the punishments of hell and from the deep lake. Deliver them from the mouth of the lion, lest Tartarus swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness: but let the standard-bearer Saint Michael bring them back into the holy light which you once promised to Abraham and his seed.

SECOND LESSON

John 4:5-26

pp. 94-95 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“*Staying at the Well*”

Dr. DeGarmo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From The Confession of 1967

All: **God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**

***HYMN 438**

Rock of Ages

TOPLADY

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

“Hostias / Quam olim” from *Requiem Solemne*
Chancel Choir
Heather Antonissen, mezzo-soprano solo
Liz James, tenor solo
Kreg Gotschall, bass solo
Jeb Dennis, organ

Johann Michael
Haydn (1737-1806)

English Translation:

We offer prayers and sacrifices of praise to you, Lord: you receive them on behalf of those souls whose memory we recall today; cause them, Lord, to pass from death to the life which you once promised to Abraham and his seed.

***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**

***HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude in E Minor, BuxWV 142
Jeb Dennis, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

*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, Minister of Music; Jeb Dennis, organ/piano; All-Age Family Choir; Chancel Choir; Lesley Craigie, soprano solo; Heather Antonissen, mezzo-soprano solo; Liz James, tenor solo; Kreg Gotschall, bass solo; John James, reader.

Usher Team 3: Steve Waters (Captain), James Waters (Deputy), Abe Cary, Tony Kane, Kathy Myer, Ellie Ritch Galatioto, Tricia Reville, Jackson Waters, Vaughn Waters, Sandy Waters, Linda Zang.

Cover Art: *Christ and the Samaritan Woman*, Jacek Malczewski (1854-1929)

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, Susie Huang, 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, or Dr. Alice Rusk, 54 Byram Shore Road, Greenwich, CT 06830

TODAY

Grab a cup of coffee and a slice of cake during coffee hour today to celebrate Randy Ante's 32 years of service to this congregation. Randy is the church's Facilities Manager. Thank you, Randy!!

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

March 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 11 – 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

Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo, Moderator

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