

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them ... We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

~ Declaration of Independence

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in—to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

~ Abraham Lincoln

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. ... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. ... I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2026, 10:30 AM

*We worship God, who welcomes us all!*

*Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome, with whatever joys, questions, or tears you bring today.*

*We listen for God's Spirit speaking through music of the Prelude as we open our hearts for prayer and praise.*

*\* We are invited to rise together in God's Spirit. \**

**PRELUDE**

*Antiphon III, Op. 18, No. 3*

Marcel Dupré

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: From all directions and conditions of life in our community, our nation, our world;

**All: from canyons of struggle, summits of joy, and centers of faith, you gather us, God.**

One: This is God's world, the earth and all people. How good and lovely it is to live together in unity.

**All: Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.**

**This is the day that God has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*HYMN**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

GLORY HALLELUJAH

**My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.**

**He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of grace are stored.**

**He has loosed our faithful service as disciples of the Word.**

**His truth is marching on.**

**Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat.**

**He is sifting out the hearts of all before the judgment seat.**

**O, be swift, my soul, to answer, O, be jubilant, my feet.**

**His truth is marching on.**

**Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!**

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea.**

**With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.**

**As He died to make us holy let us live to make all free.**

**His truth is marching on.**

**Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**All: In sovereign love, God, you created the world good  
and made everyone equally in your image, to live as one community.**

**But we ignore your commandments to love and serve.**

**We violate your image, in others and ourselves. We accept lies as truth.**

**We rebel against your gospel promise and the ways of Jesus –**

**his generous hospitality toward people of every race and status, even enemies.**

**We exploit neighbor and nature, threatening death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**In your everlasting love, God, act with justice and mercy to redeem us and all creation.**

*~ Prayer continues in silence. ~*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

One: Friends, trust in Jesus, who proclaimed God's reign—preaching, teaching, healing, eating with outcasts, and forgiving. God raised Jesus, breaking the power of sin and evil. Loving us still, God frees us and binds us together as the body of Christ, the church.

**All: We belong to God! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ!**

One: In a broken and fearful world, God's Spirit feeds us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. The Spirit gives us courage to pray, listen, and work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, strive to serve Christ in daily tasks of holy and joyful lives.

**\*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**

**All: God of all who wonder, question, and believe, by the gift of your Spirit open our eyes and ears, and soften our hearts in the hearing of your Word. So may we abide in your love and abound with inspiration for new life, as we aspire to bear your promise of peace to all people. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Samuel 5:1-10

p. 279 OT

One: Word of God, for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO**

*Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*

Irving Berlin

"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 11:28-30. 12:1-4, 22-25

p. 12 NT

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*A Declaration of Interdependence*

"Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself can stand."  
(Matthew 12:25)

**\*HYMN 339**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

**OFFERING**

*Ritual of Friendship: Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

**\*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**

**All: Holy God, we're not here to worship the past. We're here to anticipate your future—  
all we might be and do. In the lineage of saints long before us, guide our generous service,  
using these resources you entrust to us that all life may flourish, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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.**

One: We praise you, dear God, with joyful hearts lifted high ... with your faithful throughout earth,  
in heaven, and of every time and place who praise your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Now lest we believe ... all who would follow him to live and pray together:

**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.**

*Words of Institution*

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer After Communion*

**All: We thank you, God, for these gifts of your grace, uniting us in holy mystery.  
May we, who share the bread and cup, embody the presence of the risen Christ,  
bringing life to others and giving light to the world. May we ever increase  
the fullness of your peace, as inhabitants of earth and citizens of your heavenly realm. Amen**

**\*HYMN 338**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*Congregational response: Alleluia! Amen!*

**POSTLUDE**

Mov. 3, "The Alcotts" from *Sonata No. 2*

Charles Ives

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministry; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Margaret Mack, soprano; Delano Copprue, 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 Picture:** Photo by Pastor Seth.

## 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 are invited to stay in worship and join us on the steps during *Time for Young Disciples*. Children can be picked up following Sunday School in Room 343. **Childcare is available for those who are three years and younger in room 350.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Members:** the Cele Halsey Family, Kimber Lee, Winona Mullis, Ann Koontz.

### Friends:

*To focus our collective desire to care, we will plan to announce new prayer concerns each week, keeping members and friends on our Prayer List for three weeks. If you or someone you know would benefit from being added to our weekly Prayer List, please don't hesitate to reach out to our church office at [info@fpcg.org](mailto:info@fpcg.org).*

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Join us for fellowship and book discussion in the Church Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cgiambo@gmail.com) for further information. Here is the upcoming Women's Book Group selection:

July 17      *Kin*, by Tayari Jones  
August 21    *Life & Death & Giants*, by Ron Rindo



## MISSION ENGAGEMENT

**Pacific House:** 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](mailto:cbarber@cyburban.com) or (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 and riders are welcome!

If you are in need of our services, either as a rider or volunteer please reach out to us:

[Facebook Call A Ride](#) +1 203 661 6633

We have provided 8000 drives for 369 individuals in the past year. You can now follow us on Facebook.

## BEACH SERVICE AND SUMMER SCHEDULE

**Our Summer Beach Service is held at Greenwich Point Park (Tod's Point) in the seaside garden. Bring a chair** and get comfortable as we worship together in nature. Worship in the Sanctuary will be at 10:30 a.m. and will continue through Sunday, July 26, 2025.

## PASTOR VACATION

**Pastor Seth** will be on vacation through Sunday, July 19, returning to church on Monday, July 20. For emergency pastoral needs contact Pastor Seth until Pastor Andre returns to church on Wednesday, July 8.

## PILGRIMAGE TO IONA ABBEY

Pastor Seth will lead a pilgrimage to Iona Abbey! Dates: August 26 – September 6, 2026. The centerpiece will be living in the Abbey for a week, sharing worship, conversation, and other rhythms of life and faith in that ancient “thin place.” On the way out to the Isle of Iona (western Scotland) we’ll experience other sites of historical and spiritual significance, all as a catalyst for us to consider how we live faithfully in our time and place. Scan the QR code for additional information and registration form.



## 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](mailto: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.

## STEWARDSHIP: The 2026 Generosity Challenge “Be Generous and Willing to Share” (1 Tim. 6:18)

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:** 148
- **Total Amount Committed:** \$1,139,618.00
- **Progress Toward Our Goal:** 88%

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](http://www.fpcg.org/2026stewardship)  
Email the Elder for Stewardship, Brian Pennington, at [stewardship@fpcg.org](mailto:stewardship@fpcg.org)  
Email Director of Operations, Erin Moore, at [erin@fpcg.org](mailto:erin@fpcg.org) or call 203 869 8686 ext. 123.

## MUSIC NOTES

Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 9th in preparation for Homecoming Sunday on September 13th! We look forward to welcoming anyone that would like to join in on the musical fun! Feel free to contact me anytime!

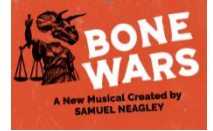
Dr. Caroline Worra - FPCG Music Minister



## ALL MUSIC FANS TAKE NOTE

Wouldn't you fancy a trip into NYC to see a show where you will know one of the players???

This summer, Fred Schlick, our tenor soloist, will be performing in an Off-Broadway, kid-friendly, musical comedy from Thursdays through Sundays from June 19-July 26 (no shows on the July 4 weekend). **Bone Wars** is derived from a true story about the tumultuous and strange relationship between the Gilded Age founders of Paleontology, O.C. Marsh and Edward Drinker. Fred will play the Western explorer Buffalo Bill and an edgy Brontosaurus named Bronto.



The theater (The Players Theatre, 115 Macdougall Street, New York, NY 10012) is right next to Washington Square Park. To obtain more information about the show and its venue and to purchase tickets in advance, click on the QR code.

## CONNECT WITH MEMBERS: USE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!!

Do you want to

- call another FPCG member on the phone?
- send an email to someone you met at church?
- send a note of sympathy or a Christmas card to a church friend?
- update or correct your church information?
- add a photo to your Profile?



Check out the Church Directory on the church website, [www.fpcg.org](http://www.fpcg.org). Click on the **About** tab, then **Member Resources**, and then **Directory**. Use your email address as a **USERNAME** and create a **PASSWORD**.

Need help or have questions? Email Sandy Waters, Communications Elder, at [swimwaters@gmail.com](mailto:swimwaters@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH REGISTRATION FALL 2026

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR CHILDREN  
AND YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION. KEEPING  
YOUR FAMILY'S INFORMATION UP TO DATE HELPS US  
STAY CONNECTED AND PREPARE FOR A GREAT YEAR  
AHEAD!

EMAIL [TARA@FPCG.ORG](mailto:TARA@FPCG.ORG) FOR ANY QUESTIONS



## LEADERSHIP OF OUR CONGREGATION

### Session

Rev. Dr. Seth E. Weeldreyer, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor  
Michelle Binnie, Clerk of Session

Philip Carrone	Liz James	Elizabeth Peyton
Delano Copprue	Jim Joyella	Lori Mulcare
Lilian Eng	Ryan Kim	Stephanie Schnabel
Lee Ganshaw	Kimberly Lee	Sue Sproule
Layne Grindal	Brian Pennington	Sandy Waters

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### Board of Deacons

Julie Mather, Moderator

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Diane Brown	Carolyn Hahn-Re	Judith Riggs
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Ministers: All members of the congregation.

Our Vision:

*We are a growing community of love and compassion, centered on Christ,  
inspired by faith and hope, devoted to serve in today's world.*

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