

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“We all dream a lot – some are lucky, some are not. But if you think it, want it, dream it, then it’s real.” Lyric from- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

PRELUDE *Prelude on hymn tune Rhosymedre* R.V Williams (1872-1958)
Jesse Pieper, organ

OPENING BELLS/INTROIT *Sing a Joyful Song* Timothy G. Bushong
Singers, Ringers, and Steeple Band

WELCOME The Rev. Andre Castillo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When life takes us into hard places,

Many: God will be our refuge.

One: When life makes heavy demands on us,

Many: God will be our strength.

One: When life starts to feel uncomfortable,

Many: God will be a very present help in trouble.

One: Let us worship God, who is with us and for us!

***HYMN 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

***CALL TO CONFESSION** The Rev. Lindley DeGarmo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, you call us to be pilgrims, to follow you in a journey of faith, but we are not so good at taking directions. You promise to be with us, even when life takes unexpected turns, but we would prefer to rely on our own maps. We cling to our comforts and to our routines, even when they fail us. And so, we lose our way. Our joy slips away, and we grow uncertain and anxious. Forgive us, O God, and put our feet back on the way that leads to life. Through Christ we pray.

*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.

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**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *Nina Fletcher, Selina Fletcher, Alexandra and Daniel Caton*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Emily Sternberg,
Elder for Membership

All: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:1-11

The Rev. Andre Castillo

One: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

FPCG Presents:

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

*Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister, and Director of Joseph
Tara Church Director of Children’s Ministries and Co-Director of Joseph*

*Jeff Cooney, percussion; Marcia Cooney, costume designer; John James, color list posters; Kathryn Curtin,
Choreography.*

Cast:

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| <i>Alexa Abramoff</i> | <i>Philip Hojlo</i> |
| <i>Ainsley Affinito</i> | <i>Elizabeth James,</i> |
| <i>Bailey Affinito</i> | <i>Narrator</i> |
| <i>Pippa Allan</i> | <i>Lulu James</i> |
| <i>Karina Armstrong</i> | <i>Jagger Levine</i> |
| <i>Valeria Baker</i> | <i>Andrew Mulcare</i> |
| <i>Ryder Cole</i> | <i>Julie Mulcare</i> |
| <i>Rowan Cooney</i> | <i>Katie Paretti</i> |
| <i>Dylan Cunningham</i> | <i>Claire Paretti</i> |
| <i>Teagan Cunningham</i> | <i>Violet Particelli</i> |
| <i>Amanda Curtin</i> | <i>Jack Pickens</i> |
| <i>Clara Curtin</i> | <i>William Pickens</i> |
| <i>Breit Delany, as Jacob</i> | <i>Fred Schlick, as Joseph</i> |
| <i>Kirby Delany</i> | <i>Sloane Shropshire</i> |
| <i>Adeline Grindal</i> | <i>Lily Schwartz</i> |
| <i>Kreg Gotshall, as</i> | <i>Jack Schwartz</i> |
| <i>Pharaoh</i> | <i>Kira Sharma</i> |
| <i>Leigh Hojlo</i> | <i>Vivienne Sharma</i> |

Chancel Choir:

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| <i>Amy Albright</i> | <i>Elaine LaMour</i> |
| <i>Heather Antonissen</i> | <i>Diana Lasala</i> |
| <i>Carolyn Cleveland</i> | <i>Margaret Mack</i> |
| <i>Lesley Craige</i> | <i>Mary McDowell</i> |
| <i>Jeb Dennis</i> | <i>Debra Mecky</i> |
| <i>Colleen Giambo</i> | <i>Jenn Particelli</i> |
| <i>Carolyn Hahn-Re</i> | <i>Debra Quay</i> |
| <i>Susie Huang</i> | <i>Judy Soto</i> |
| <i>Nancilee Holland</i> | <i>Bill Stadel</i> |
| <i>Terence Hyde</i> | <i>Queenie Wong</i> |
| <i>Sarah Knott</i> | |

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WAVE THE COLORED FLAGS WHEN THE CAST WAVES THEIRS! *

OFFERING

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

ANTHEM

Come Away, Swing Low
Holy Ringers

Arr. Vickie Smith

***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 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***CHORAL REPONSE**

I've Got The Joy, Down In My Heart

George William Cooke
 (1884-1951)

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Flat Major
Op. 99, No. 3
 Jesse Pieper, organ

C. Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; The Rev. Andre Castillo; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Jesse Pieper, organ associate and pianist; Heather Antonissen, Director of Bell Choirs; Chancel Choir; Jubilate Choir; Summit Sounds; Steeple Band

Usher Team 1: Hearst Zhang (captain), Diane Brown, Carol Barber, Peter McWhorter, Kate Minchin, Heidi Novak, Scott Sternberg

Cover Art: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (2023)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel and Palestine; Afghanistan; Ukraine; Haiti; St. Marc School in Haiti; Carola Cammann; Adrienne & Don Perry; Alonso Martinez

NEW MEMBER BIOS

Nina Fletcher: Nina is joining by [Profession of Faith](#). She has two children, Winifred (10) and Henry (8), and they reside in Greenwich. Nina was born in the Philadelphia area and currently serves as General Counsel for YipitData. Nina is joining today with her sister Selina and looks forward to becoming a part of the FPCG community of faith.

Selina Fletcher: Selina is joining by Profession of Faith. She has a daughter, Pierce (1), and they live in Darien. Selina and her sister Nina were born and raised outside Philadelphia and are excited to be joining FPCG together.

Alexandra and Daniel Caton: Alexandra and Daniel are joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. They have a daughter, Penelope (10 mos.) and are new to Greenwich, having lived in New York City and London. Alexandra works for Pfizer and Daniel at Jeffries. They look forward to having Penelope baptized at FPCG.

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 at **135 pledges totaling \$1,102,650** toward our budget of \$1.2 million. It is vital we reach this goal so your Church can plan and sustain our ministry, mission and spiritual education programs. 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 FPCG.org, or email your pledge or any questions to Elder for Stewardship Brian Pennington at stewardship@fpcg.org. **Thank you!**

THIS WEEK

MINISTER'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY, MONDAYS AT 7 PM: Rev. Dr. Lindley DeGarmo leads a discussion of the scriptural text for the upcoming Sunday's sermon on Zoom. This week's text is John 15:9-17. Questions for reflection: (1) The English language has limited words to express different understandings of love. What kind of love is Jesus describing? (2) When have you felt so much love for somebody or something that you wouldn't dream of hurting them no matter what? If you've never felt that way, do you believe that type of love is possible? (3) Can love be produced by command? How does Jesus expect us to do so? Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89235137915>. Passcode: 044865

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.

SUPPORT STUDENTS AT ST.MARC: The crisis in Haiti worsens daily, schools remain the last hope for providing support security, and normalcy for students and communities. Donating to St. Marc ensures that students have quality, comprehensive education including highly trained educators, enriched curriculum, school supplies including textbooks, pencils/pens, notebooks and more. Donating will also allow for health screenings and basic health care services, and school meals provided. Use the link or QR code to donate: [Support St. Marc — Summits Education](#)

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.

ACADEMY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE BIBLE (GROUP-LED BIBLE STUDY): Wednesdays, April 3 through May 15 (except May 8) at 1:30 p.m in the Library (4th Floor)

Join the women of FAB, beginning April 3rd, for a six-week study of *Untangle Your Emotions* by Jennie Allen. FAB is a weekly, multigenerational women's group for fellowship and conversation. Feel free to attend one or all of our meetings. RSVP to Renee Lux (reneelux@gmail.com).

“Jesus and the Disinherited,” Faith & Overcoming Racial Bias: May 26, 2024 11:20 am

Please join us in Fellowship Hall as we discuss the book “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman with Rev. Dr. Derrick McQueen. In the book Thurman interprets the teachings of Jesus through the experience of the oppressed, and he discusses nonviolent responses to oppression. We will discuss how this book helped shape the civil rights movement and changed our nation’s history forever. As we struggle today with issues of poverty, racism and spiritual disengagement, Thurman’s discerning reading of the message of renewal through self-love, as exemplified in the life of Jesus, resonates powerfully once again. This book is available on Amazon and there will be a few copies at the church desk to borrow.

MUSIC

Wednesday, May 1st – WEDNESDAYS@FPCG – ALL are welcome to COMMUNITY NIGHT every Wednesday between 4:30-8:45 PM! Join us for music rehearsals, children’s programming, and DINNER-FOR-ALL in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:15 PM.

Sunday, May 5th

8:30 AM – Clarion Ringers rehearsal for “Now All the Vault”

9:00 AM – Chancel Choir rehearsal for “If Ye Love Me” and “Amen” (sanctuary)

9:30 AM – Singers, Ringers, and Steeple Band rehearsal for “Love Each Other” (we will begin in the Sanctuary and then continue rehearsing in Fellowship Hall – join in when you arrive – ALL FAMILY MEMBERS INVITED to sing and play!)

9:55 AM – Bell ringers of all ages meet in the front row of the sanctuary

Sunday afternoon, MAY 5th – CONCERT – 3:00 to 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary

What happens when you roll Beethoven, his Ninth symphony, the popular "Ode to Joy", a choir, soloists, a pianist, and a 200th birthday into one? A concert worth attending at First Presbyterian

Church, Greenwich: Sunday, May 5th, 3:00PM! Come join concert pianist Jeb Dennis performing the rarely heard Franz Liszt piano transcription of the complete Beethoven Ninth Symphony, with its familiar "Ode to Joy" finale. He will be joined by members of FPCG’s own esteemed Chancel Choir including section leaders Caroline Worra (soprano), Heather Antonissen (alto), and Margaret Mack (tenor) with solo quartet by Lesley Craigie (soprano), Sarah Knott (alto), Frederick Schlick (tenor), and Kreg Gotschall (bass), Nearly 200 years ago, on May 7, 1824, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was first performed in Vienna, where his sacred mass *Missa Solemnis* had also premiered exactly a month earlier. The Ninth was the first symphony to use voices alongside instruments: the final 4th movement, with its world-famous "Ode to Joy" theme, features four vocal soloists and chorus. The text was adapted from the "An die Freude (Ode to Joy)", a poem written by Friedrich Schiller in 1785. Now enter the 19th-century pianist, composer and conductor (later priest!) Franz Liszt (1811-1886). He garnered world fame as a touring virtuoso, and champion of other composers' music (including his own son-in-law Richard Wagner). His heart held a special place for Beethoven's works...and even his financial donations, contributing funds towards constructing the Beethoven Monument statue still standing in Beethoven's hometown of Bonn, Germany. Perhaps Liszt's greatest contribution to his hero Beethoven is arranging all the master's 9 symphonies for solo piano. On May 5th, you'll hear Liszt's re-creation of the complete Beethoven Ninth Symphony, with all its instruments and voices imitated by one piano and ten fingers for the first 3 movements, and the "Ode to Joy" finale with our own Chancel Choir and soloists! We look forward to seeing you there!

COMING UP AT FPCG

MISSION TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 22-28: Ages: Rising 9th graders and older (middle school students welcome with an accompanying parent). Cost: \$775 (scholarships available). Space is limited! For more information and to reserve your spot, scan the QR code or contact andre.castillo@fpcg.org.

CHALK THE WALK: On Saturday May 11, drop by between 12-4pm. Stay as little or as long as you would like! Let’s show our love for God and our church! Chalk and stencils will be waiting for you!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY: Sunday, May 12 our congregation will be led by our very own children and youth. They will guide us through our service with sermons, scripture, music and more! We are so proud to see how far our young disciples have come this year.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS · 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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We are a Stephen Ministry Church.



Ministers: All members of the congregation.

