**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Summer Office Hours June 19-Sept 1:Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri: 9 -1p.m.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

**10:00 AM Worship; Rev. Paul E. Gilmore preaching** 10:15 AM Children’s Summer Activities for K and up 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast and Fellowship

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

2:00 PM Meditation Group

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

9:30 AM Leadership Team 8:00 PM Men’s A.A.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

9:15 AM A.A. (closed discussion) 10:30 AM A.A. (open discussion)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

**10:00 AM Worship; Rev. Mary Marple Thies preaching** 10:15 AM Children’s Summer Activities for K and up 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast and Fellowship

11:00 AM Stewardship Committee

**NEW CANAAN FOOD PANTRY**

Items in need now due to low/no stock are Cookies, Brownie Mixes, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Kids Juice Boxes, Kids Snacks, Toothbrushes, Bar soap. **No beans or soup are needed.** Please drop these items in the shopping cart at the back of the Sanctuary and Robin Lewis and Paul Hartley will make sure they are delivered to the New Canaan Food Pantry.

# GATHERING

Please prayerfully allow the silent, sacred space of the sanctuary and the quiet stirrings of the Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

# All who are able are invited to stand.

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2017**

**PRELUDE** *“Andantino”* Denis Bèdard

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Paul E. Gilmore Minister: In our search for communities in which to belong,

# People: God makes known to us our sisters and brothers.

Minister: When we are lonely,

# People: God whispers, “Come closer,” inviting us into God’s heart.

Minister: when we hunger for crumbs of hope,

# People: God feeds us with life that is meaningful and filled with joy.

Minister: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN No. 507** *“I Come with Joy”* DOVE OF PEACE

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

# By your mercy, O God, restore the circle of humanity we have broken by our acts and attitudes of exclusion and indifference. When we trade the deepest longings of our humanity for the bondage of seductive false security; when we forsake the audacity of our faith for the conformity of trivial pursuits, O God, forgive us.

**Our Ministers:**

All members of First Presbyterian Church

**Our Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Paul E. Gilmore, Pastor

Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families

**Our Staff:**

Victoria Shields, Director of Music; Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir Director Michelle Olsen, Church Administrator; Tina St. Armand, Office Manager Erika Hagan, Administrative Assistant for Children and Youth Ministries Kuky and Andres Pereira, Operations/Security Managers

*Rev. T. Guthrie Speers, Jr., Pastor Emeritus Mrs. Marilyn J. Ballantine, Minister of Music Emerita*

Time of silent confession…

# DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 579 *The 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.**

* **THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

# People: And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you with words and signs of God’s reconciling peace.

\* **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

# Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please sign the card and pass it to your neighbor. As you pass it back, take note of who is here so we can become better acquainted.

Visitors, please give your address, telephone, and e-mail information.

# CHILDREN INVITED TO SUMMER PROGRAM

**T H E W O R D FIRST LESSON –** Psalm 133 (OT page 575)

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

# People: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** *“Shalom Rav”* Trad. Hebrew

**SECOND LESSON –** Matthew 15:21-28 (NT page 17)

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

# People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** *“Going to the Dogs”* Rev. Gilmore

# RESP O NDI N G

**\* HYMN No. 408** *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”* GERMANY

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

# People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray...

# LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

**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.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES**

**OFFERTORY** *“There is a Balm in Gilead”* arr. Mark Hayes

# S E N D I N G

* **HYMN No. 440** *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* MCKEE

# CHARGE AND BLESSING

* **RINGING THE CHURCH BELL**

**\* POSTLUDE** *“Fugue in C Major, BWV 547”* J.S. Bach

# TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

We welcome you to the Service of Worship for the Lord’s Day.

# Childcare for little ones in the Nursery School! Students in Pre-K and up

should follow their teacher to the Common Room.

**“Come to the Oasis!”** Kids please join us for our Summer Oasis-bible story and Outdoor Water Play this summer. Bring or wear your bathing suit and towel (or not) and be ready for super soakers, the wet and wild sprinkler, and more fun!

**Greeters**: Jeannie Hart and George Post **Worship Coordinator:** Jim Ely **Ushers:** Mavis Asare and Ed Elbert **Musician:** Allison Gray Beyer **Refreshments:** Mary Jane Bolin

**Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers: C*ontinued prayers*:** Evelyn Bergstrom; Neil Coakley; Ann Depuy; Anne Blose Eydt (daughter of Marion Blose); Elaine Foster; Jennifer Gallagher (a member of the Riehl family); Graham Harden; Spencer Hinds; Vince Lombardi; Doris Mierendorf; The Stricos family (friends of Joe and Diana Ruszkowski). *The Abo Noktah family (our Syrian refugees):* Khaldoun (father), Khawla Alzob (mother), daughters Hanin (12) and Zain (5), and sons Yaman (11) and Ahmed, (10).

**Flower Memorials:** If you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, or to memorialize a loved family member or friend please call Barbara Wentzel, Flower Coordinator, at 203-966-5402 or email at barbarawentzel@mac.com.