



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

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World Communion Sunday • October 3, 2021 • 10 a.m.
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Grace and peace to you, and welcome! As you prepare for worship, please sign the red welcome pad, and pass it to your neighbor. At the end of the row, have the last person please pass it back to the center aisle so we can know our fellow worshippers. Then, prayerfully allow the silent, sacred space of where you are, and the quiet stirrings of the Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Adagio from "Second Organ Concerto"

William Felton

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 26:3,6-8, 12)

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Minister: Come all you people,

People: come and praise your Maker;

Minister: God's steadfast love is before our eyes,

People: and we draw near in faithfulness.

Minister: Come all you people,

People: come and praise your Maker.

Minister: We gather around the table of our Lord,

People: singing songs of thanksgiving, proclaiming God's wondrous deeds.

Minister: Come all you people,

People: come and praise your Maker.

Minister: We will bless the Lord in the great congregation.

People: Come now and worship the Lord.

**PLEASE STAND IN BODY AND/OR SPIRIT.*

If you are attending worship in-person, please sing the hymns with your mask on.

*Glory to God Hymnal No. 504

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

***Invitation to Confession**

Leader: It can be daunting to lay our shortcomings before God. But God knows our trials, as Christ chose to set aside the glories of heaven to become human — to walk the earth in all its beauty and ache, to experience the joy and heartbreak of human relationships, to feel the weight of expectation. So, trusting in our God, who knows us and longs to know us, let us draw near by laying aside the sins and burdens that separate us from God.

***Confession of Sin**

People: **God of mercy, in Jesus you modeled power through vulnerability, and victory through sacrifice. But we live in a world that celebrates abundance and might. God of grace, in Christ we find unhesitating welcome as siblings — all children of You, our loving parent. But, if we're honest with ourselves, there are members of our human family we would rather avoid. God of love, reshape us that we might be brave enough to show strength by sharing power, encourage us that we might admit to ourselves our reluctance to acknowledge those beyond the ocean, over the border, or across the table as beloved. In the power of your Spirit, reorient us in the transforming love of Jesus, whose super power was sacrifice and whose gracious embrace knows no limit ...**

(silent confession and reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, Siblings in Christ: Our Savior abandoned the company of angels for this marvelous and messy world, and in his self-giving love we find a fresh start for our relationship with God and with one another. May we live into this new day in the freedom of the gospel:

People: **In Christ we are forgiven and made new! Amen!**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The crucified-risen Christ's first words to his disciples were, "Peace be with you." This is the gift he gives to all his followers. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with a sign of the peace of Christ.)

Response for Regathering

GLORY TO GOD

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen!***

Anthem

Haleluya, pelo tsa rona

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Hallelujah! We Sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness!

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.

Now He sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt.
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Children's Blessing

THE WORD

Unison Prayer For Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

First Lesson – Genesis 2:18-24

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson – Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Redeeming Relationships”

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Return our offerings (from Micah 6:8)

Leader: God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. In gratitude, humility, and love, let us return to God a portion of God’s gifts to us, and dedicate our lives, all our thoughts, words and actions, to God’s redeeming work in the world.

***Offertory**

The Truth from Above Traditional Carol arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams
Jahmaul Bakare (soloist on verse 3)

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son

And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise ...

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.

The Words of Institution in Choral Form

*From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The night that Jesus was betrayed He blessed and broke the loaf and said,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is my body here for you, my gift that frees and makes you new."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then Jesus also took the cup, after those gathered had all supped.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is my lifeblood shed for you, the measure of my love for you."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Do this," He said, "till time shall end, in mem'ry of your living Friend."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Meet at my table and record, the love of your triumphant Lord."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Jesus, your feast we celebrate.
We eat the food you consecrate.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We glimpse that glad eternal feast,
to which you welcome great and least.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Creator and Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of all nations, we give you thanks for the *imago dei* in each one of us. Today we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. Thank you for welcoming us to your table, and even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of worship, praying and serving, we are one body. In solidarity we drink the cup of hope, of new life, grateful for the gift of unity in diversity. We praise you for making us all who we are, individually and collectively. We celebrate our own ancestry, culture and ethnicity, and pray for your Spirit to help us embody your love and grace in all our relationships to pursue a better life and a fairer world for all; In Christ, with Christ, through Christ and for Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING

If you are attending worship in-person, please sing the hymns with your mask on.

*Glory to God Hymnal No. 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

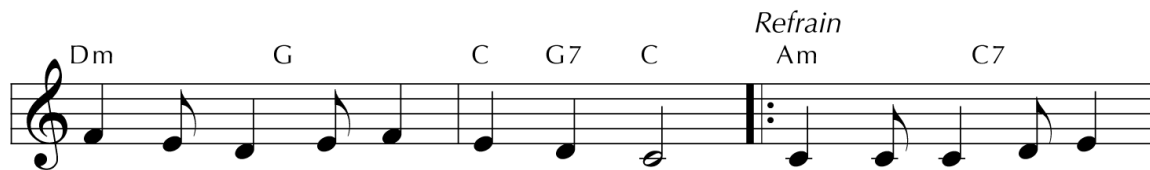
LINSTEAD



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Scott Herr

Choral Response

Now He Sends Us All Out

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

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All are Welcome! Please join us for our in-person worship services at FPCNC. NEW MASK POLICY: Effective Sunday, September 26, in accordance with CDC guidelines, masks inside the building will be optional for those who have been vaccinated. Masks will still be required for the unvaccinated and during any singing during worship or elsewhere. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The in-person Sunday service will be simultaneously streamed online via *LocalLive* at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship on this 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time in the church calendar. We are delighted that you are joining us and pray you will be able to worship with us in spirit and truth! Using the lectionary texts from Genesis and Mark, Scott will be exploring two challenging texts, and how Jesus' self-giving love and grace is the way toward more loving relationships.



Today is World Communion Sunday. On the first Sunday of October, the faithful of all races and nations will gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper. In this holy meal, the many are made one, united with Christ and with the church in every place. This unity, which God gives in the Sacrament, is a sign of the unity God wills for all creation – all races, all nations, all tongues, all classes. Thus made one at the table of our Lord, we offer ourselves anew in obedient service to God's reign, as we await the fulfillment of the kingdom Christ proclaimed. Look for the Peacemaking Offering envelopes in today's bulletin so that you can help support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly. It is traditionally received on World Communion Sunday. **Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 per cent of the offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and community.**



We have started our Sunday morning Intergenerational learning time using the PCUSA curriculum **Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living** and will have coffee and light breakfast foods available each Sunday from 8:30-9:30. An introductory information page (and video) on the [PCUSA website is here](#), and for the next two weeks, the topics will be: SEE THROUGH THE LENS OF LOVE; TEACH OTHERS TO FOLLOW JESUS.

Today we share music from the German tradition (our first hymn) set with new words in 1975 by Timothy Dudley-Smith to our closing hymn, a Jamaican calypso melody, adapted, again, in 1975. The choir's selections are as varied: from a South African melody with Sotho language words to an old English traditional carol from the Genesis writings. Our soloist on the carol is a newer member of our choir from the Bronx, Jahmaul Bakare, who shares his beautiful voice with us today.

All children are welcome to worship with us on Sundays. During worship, as always, childcare will be provided in the nursery. There are monthly curriculum bags for kids to take home and a craft corner. Also, church wide events hosted by the YLC are inclusive of all ages this year and we hope families and children will keep an eye on this event schedule and sign up to explore faith and attend in fellowship with our wonderful inter-generational church family.

After you share our Sunday service on LocalLive, go into ZOOM for the Coffee Hour. Password Joy! We want to know our visitors and members better! If you attend the service in person, please join us on the patio (weather permitting) for coffee, cool drinks, and some delicious treats, and then look into the Parlor (SW corner of the Bliss building just west of the patio or off the Common Room) and you can interact with those on the ZOOM Coffee Hour. At no time, on ZOOM or in person, do you need to stay a long time--just check in with those present and get to know a new face!



“Breaking Bread Together” • Sunday, October 3 • 11:30am –1pm at Gates Restaurant, 10 Forest St, New Canaan. Please join us for BRUNCH! Call 203-966-8666 to make a reservation. Reservations for 1 will be put at tables with other church friends so please come by yourself if you’d like! *10% of each check will be donated to FPCNC Outreach.

October 5th @ 9:30 am in the Common Room of our church! *In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, New Canaan CARES, The Town of New Canaan, New Canaan Abuse Prevention Partnership, and Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) present: **See Something, Say Something. Bystander Intervention for adults.*** In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to safely intervene when they see or hear something problematic. Our presenters will introduce a number of different intervention strategies for bystanders. Participants will then have the opportunity to practice these strategies using scenarios addressing situations involving domestic violence, jokes about discrimination, and more. Leave with the tools & confidence to say something when you see something. [Register for Bystander Intervention](#)



The Women's Ministry Gathering meets again on Wednesday, October 6 from 4-5:30 PM. All FPC women and friends are invited to our monthly gathering *in-person at church, or via Zoom. Our host, Cindy Graziano will lead our meeting. She will talk about and open a discussion of the book, “In Defense of Kindness” by Bruce Reyes-Chow. Although it would be good to have read the book it is OK not to have read it! Please encourage other friends to attend ... this is a timely topic and worth discussing! The other part of the meeting will be hosted by Rev. Mary Thies who will share stories of when she has witnessed acts of kindness and talk about and plan for how we can follow through with providing an act of kindness to someone or some group who might benefit from this! Hope to see you all on October 6th! This is a time for fellowship and fun so please join us! *For those who can attend in-person: guests should come in through the double-glass door by the church office and walk through the Common Room (with masks on) out to the terrace. Iced Tea and cookies will be provided.



The next Goodwill Collection Saturday is October 9 from 9am-1pm. Donations of clothing, furniture, and household items in good condition are sought and receipts for tax purposes will be available. Bring donations to the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church New Canaan, 178 Oenoke Ridge. Goodwill Industries provides vocational services for people with disabilities and special needs. Over 60 percent of its operating revenue comes from the sale of donated goods in its retail stores. For more information, go to www.gwct.org



Run by parent volunteers with a commitment to spiritual growth, the **Youth Leadership Committee (YLC)** for the 2021-2022 school year is actively leading projects, building relationships and finding fellowship in service. **Projects for 2021-2022** include a holiday event, shopping cart wars with St. Mark's to gather food pantry items, working with the nursery school to collect items for children in need, winter worship bake sales with proceeds to outreach, and dog walks through the church grounds and nature trails. **Bringing Youth Leaders Together this year at**

FPCNC. Time: 4pm to 5:15pm @FPCNC Tate Youth Barn. Dates: 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9 and 2/13. **Join Us!** All high school students, friends and members are welcome. Email Megan.wunderlich@gmail.com to request a registration form.



FPCNC Choir is back! Thursdays at 7 pm. We will begin with ONE HOUR rehearsals with masks (N95s will be provided if you don't have one), socially distanced, and utilizing various venues so our aerosols don't spread! Come join us if you know the basics of music and want to share in our joy leading the congregation in worship. We begin rehearsals in the Choir Room and will be done promptly by 8

pm, I promise! --Jan Lucie, Interim Director of Music and Arts (Questions, please call Jan at 309/331-3468 or jlucie99@gmail.com).

WANTED: A techie who would help us make use of the monitors that grace our hallway outside the offices. We have a great opportunity to post weekly schedules and perhaps a bit of inspiration for those entering our building. Contact Jan Lucie, Chair of Worship & Fine Arts: 309/331-3468 or jlucie99@gmail.com.

We need you on the Worship Committee! Help us explore ways to reach out to the community with worship that supports the great sermons that Scott gives! No scheduled meetings! Just sharing ideas via email or conversations! Contact Jan Lucie, Chair of Worship & Fine Arts: 309/331-3468 or jlucie99@gmail.com.

Sign-Up Genius. It's fall and we need your talents more than ever! We need lay readers, ushers, greeters (who also help serve at Coffee Hour), communion officers, and communion preparers who will provide a round loaf of bread and set it out along with the pitcher of juice for our Holy Communion services. Easy jobs! PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING as an extra donation to FPCNC. Here is the sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aaaad2aa31-sunday> Questions??? Call Jan Lucie 309/331-3468 or text her. Please be sure when you use this link that you GO ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST PAGE and hit "submit" which takes you to page 2. Here you will enter your email for reminders, and this will enter your name in the appropriate volunteer space.

Part of our church's mission statement says that we are to love inclusively. To that end, the **Pastoral Care Team** was formed to provide pastoral care to church members who are facing a life crisis. They may be in declining health, shut-ins, living in a care facility, grieving, or struggling with a significant change in their circumstances. Sometimes, however, there are members with needs of which the Team is unaware. If you know of someone who could benefit from a friendly phone call or visit or if you have questions about the work of the Team, please call the church office, 203-966-0002. Your Pastoral Care Team— Evelyn Bergstrom, Kay Brix, Peg Bull, Ted Foster, Linda Martin, Anne Palmer and Rev. Mary Thies is here for you.



The flowers on the Chancel today are given in loving memory of **Elaine Foster**, whose deep spirituality and dedication to the FPC Stephen Ministry program is still celebrated by all who benefited from her 17 years of faithful devotion, committed service and inspired leadership.

Please keep the following people in your hearts. *New Concerns:* family of John Voorhies; Charles Bistany (friend of Jen Van de Graaf). ***Continued concerns:*** Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Catherine Armstrong; Gloria Bridgman; John Edwards; Whitey Fruhling (uncle of Lanah Holden); Tindley Whipple Gilbert; Nancy Helle; Mary Bolling Hoffman; John Lanaway; Denise Lynch; Bill Malone (friend of Sarah Robinson); Bev Thomas; Debbie Murphy Williams; The Abo Noktah family (our Syrian refugees): father Khaldoun, mother Khawla Alzob, daughters Hanin, Zain and Hayat, and sons Yaman and Ahmed, and Khaldoun's mother, Nam Abo Noktah.

Calling all deacons and elders, whether in active service or not. The Session has authorized the taking of communion to shut-in members of our congregations following worship on those Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. We are looking for deacons and elders who are interested in carrying out this ministry. You will be trained, you will be part of a team, and you will have materials to use. For more information, contact Rev. Mary Thies, marythies75@gmail.com or 203-321-8568.

FPC is privileged to have the opportunity to prepare and serve dinner on the first Saturday of each month at the **New Covenant House** in Stamford. This is a rewarding way to give your time and efforts. **We are seeking 3 volunteers for these upcoming dates: - November through June 2022, to help prepare meals (2-4 pm) or serve meals (4-6 pm).** To sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Cindy Graziano at c_graziano@msn.com, or 203-968-1302. Also, if you are interested in being part of the soup kitchen shopper team, please let Tina in the church office know. Thank you!



Let's Talk About It New Canaan is a website that provides *behavioral health resources* for the citizens of New Canaan. Behavioral health is the scientific study of the emotions, behaviors, and biology relating to a person's mental well-being, ability to function in everyday life, and concept of self. This is an excellent resource for you and your neighbors, friends, and colleagues at school and at the office (online or in-person colleagues). Please take a moment to browse the "Let's Talk About It" website to discover various resources for promoting the health of our community: <https://letstalkaboutitnc.org>. Or see the promotional video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1d5PEm_rpM

Special thanks to **Dede Bartlett, a member of FPCNC** who has been working with The NCCF Behavioral Health Partners over the past few years to provide a website with resources for the larger community.

Ep 11: Mental Health: It's Everyone's Business with Lost Got Found's Emily Torchiana. Talking About It **Host Cindy Graziano** talks with Emily Torchiana, Founder of Lost Got Found, about the personal journey she undertook nationwide to shatter the stigma surrounding mental health. Rather than suffer in silence as many do, Emily seeks to help others who also struggle with mental illnesses by sharing her personal experience of suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, social anxiety, and overcoming a suicide attempt. Lost Got Found is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by Emilia Torchiana in 2017. Inspired by her mental health struggles in high school and feeling lost, Lost Got Found educates high school students with a curriculum that encourages talking about mental health and reaching out for help. **TALKING ABOUT IT** is a community podcast from New Canaan, CT dedicated to reducing the stigma around behavioral health issues our community members face, preventing abuse, and promoting healthy relationships. This monthly podcast is created by the New Canaan Abuse Prevention Partnership (Dede Bartlett, Founder) and made possible by a grant from the New Canaan Community Foundation. Each episode features a local expert talking about a specific behavioral health issue and the resources available to our community and beyond. TalkingAboutIt.org

HOW TO WATCH OR LISTEN: WEBSITE: <https://www.talkingaboutit.org>

SPOTIFY: https://open.spotify.com/show/1batOmgUXZMSzykpUloMYz?si=3yGt_hrMRmWW_W_7jflGQ

VIDEO-ON-DEMAND: <https://www.youtube.com/nctv79>

THIS WEEK at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3: World-Wide Communion

8:30 a.m. Intergenerational Learning Time with Scott

**10 a.m. Worship Service via LocalLive
and in-person**

Rev. Scott Herr preaching

11 a.m. Coffee Hour, in-person and via Zoom

11:30 a.m. "Breeding Bread Together"

6 p.m. Confirmation Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

1 p.m. Pastoral Care Team meeting

7 p.m. Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 a.m. New Canaan Cares program

10 a.m. Leadership Team

8 p.m. Men's A.A. Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

3 p.m. English Handbells

4 p.m. Women's Ministry Gathering

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

3:30 p.m. Special Church

7 p.m. FPC Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

9 a.m. Goodwill Truck in parking lot

9:15 a.m. A.A. Group (closed)

10:30 a.m. A.A. Group (open)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

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**10 a.m. Worship Service via LocalLive
and in-person**

Rev. Mary Marple Thies preaching

11 a.m. Coffee Hour, in-person and via Zoom

4 p.m. Youth Leadership Team in Youth Barn

6 p.m. Confirmation Class

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

The First Presbyterian Church Choir

Greeters: Sandy Mills and Jen Van de Graaf

Ushers: John Lanaway and Paul Martin

Communion Preparer: Linda Martin

Communion Officers: Janet Lanaway and Linda Martin

MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

OUR PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. R. Scott Herr, Senior Pastor • The Rev. Mary Marple Thies, Parish Associate

OUR STAFF

Jan Lucie, Interim Director of Music and Arts • Virginia Leeman, Interim Organist

• Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir Director

Jim Riehl, Interim Church Administrator • Tina St. Armand, Office Manager

Kate Stringfellow, Operations Manager