

*46th Annual*  
**Scottish Heritage Church Service**  
*May 15, 2022*



*The First Presbyterian Church  
of New Canaan*

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## GATHERING

*"Invisible we see you, Christ above us, with earthly eyes we see above us clouds or sunshine,  
but with the eye of faith we know you reign: instinct in the sun ray, speaking in the storm,  
warming and moving all creation, Christ above us..."*

*All is flux; turn but a stone and an angel moves. Underneath are the everlasting arms.*

*Unknowable we know you, Christ beneath us."*

The Rev. George MacLeod, founder of the Iona Community, Scotland

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

### **Prelude**

Meditation on *Amazing Grace* (from *Two Hymn Encores*)

Frederick Swann

### **\*Processional**

*"Highland Cathedral"*

Michael Korb and Ulrich Roever

Order: Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes and Drums, The Cross, The Bible,  
The Chalice, The Scottish Banner, The Choir, and The Ministers

### **\*Call to Worship**

Angela Johnson

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share in the words and spirit of an old Celtic Rune of Hospitality:

**People: We saw a stranger yesterday,**

**We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place,**

**Music in the listening place, and in the sacred name of the Triune.**

**He blessed us and our houses, our cattle and our dear ones.**

Leader: And as the lark says in her song,

Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

**People: Often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.**

1 With - in your shel - ter, lov - ing God, my ref - uge and my tower,  
2 Be - cause I trust in you a - lone, no e - vil shall come near.  
3 Your ho - ly an - gels bear me up and keep my feet se - cure.  
4 As of - ten as I call to you, you kind - ly hear my prayer.  
5 All those who know your name on earth shall life a - bun - dant know.

I safe - ly walk by day and night be - neath your guid - ing power.  
The strong de - fend - er of my home, with you I have no fear.  
Though fierce and an - gry foes as - sail, in you my way is sure.  
In times of trou - ble and dis - tress I rest in your own care.  
On all a - bid - ing in your love your sav - ing grace be - stow.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the verses. The score ends with a double bar line.

\*Confession of Sin

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: Let us pray...

People: In you, gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned find a parent, the fearful find a friend. In you, the wounded find a healer, the penitent find a pardoner, the burdened find a counsellor. In you, the miserly find a beggar, the despondent find a laughter-maker, the legalist finds a rule-breaker. In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our Maker, and our match. And if some need to say, 'Help me' and if some need to say, 'Save me' and if some need to say, 'Hold me' and if some need to say, 'Forgive me' then let these be said now in confidence by us...

*(Silent reflection and confession)*

Leader: Then let us affirm the good news that is for us all:

People: O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning, say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us whole. And we will wait; and we will praise you. For in time, you make all things new! Amen!

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Here is good news: Jesus gives us eternal life and promises that we will be his forever.

People: Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**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.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Scott Herr

**Message with the Young Disciples (Presentation of the Tartans)**

**The Kirkin' o' the Tartans**

**Leader:** We thank you, Lord, for our rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our Scottish and other ancestors, from our spiritual ancestors in Abraham and Sarah, and from all our siblings in God from every nation, clan and tribe over the centuries.

**People:** **Never let us forget that our heritage of faith is a responsibility to be exercised; not a treasure to be hoarded. Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.**

**Leader:** Thank you for the blessing of mothers and fathers and for the warmth, comfort and security of family love.

**People:** **Our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as a brother or sister. Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.**

**Leader:** We praise you for those who have lived and died in Christ, so that we might have the freedom to gather as a community of faith.

**People:** **Let us not forget that the days of sacrifice are not over for us who claim your family name. Bless us, that we may be a blessing, O Lord.**

**Leader:** Christ is our peace. Strangers and friends of all ages and genders, of all nations, clans and tribes, Christ has broken down the barriers to bind us to God and to each other. Having shared God's goodness, let us share Christ's peace. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you...**

**\*Congregation greets one another and shares the peace of Christ**

**The Pipe Major Leads the Children out to Children's Worship (congregation is seated)**

**THE WORD**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

Angela Johnson

**Come Holy Spirit, like a Wild Goose startle us with the honk of your heavenly good news! So empower our listening, understanding and living that we may love you and our neighbor, who sometimes is our enemy, even more. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**The First Lesson – Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts

of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

## **Anthem**

### *The Apple Tree*

arranged by K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
"Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

## **The Second Lesson – John 13:31-35**

The Rev. Scott Herr

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## **Sermon**

### *The Profanity of God...*

The Rev. Scott Herr

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### **\*The Affirmation of Faith (from the *Iona Community*)**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: With the whole church

**People: We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

Leader: With people everywhere

**People: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Leader: With all creation

**People: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

### **Prayers of the People**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

#### **The 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.**

### **Call for the Offering**

Angela Johnson

Mindful that God cares for the least, the last and the lost, we now offer our tithes, offerings and gifts, mindful that we are to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

### **Offertory**

Meditation on a Scottish Melody  
English Handbells

arranged by Kevin McChesney

### **\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (No. 606)*

*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 (unison)**

Angela Johnson

**Generous God, what we have to give, we receive from your hands. What we hold forever is your love for the world, and so what we give, we give freely. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

\*Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Scott Herr

\*Choral Amen

\*Ringing of the Bell

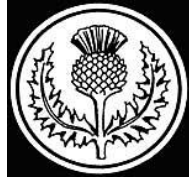
\*Recessional

Eighth Argylls  
Castle Dangerous

Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes and Drums

Order: Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes & Drums, The Cross, The Bible, The Chalice,  
The Scottish Banner, The Choir, and The Ministers.

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*The Cèilidh (or Scottish Celebration) will take place immediately following the service. Please follow the Pipes and Drums out of the Sanctuary to the front lawn under the tent to enjoy refreshments, shortbread, dancing, and music.*

### **THE CÈILIDH**

***To Our Members, Friends and Visitors: A Warm Welcome and Invitation!***

***"If after the kirk, ye bide a wee, there's some would like to speak to ye: If after the kirk, ye rise and flee, we'll all seem cold and stiff to ye, The one that's in the seat wi' ye is stranger here than you, maybe: All here has got their fears and cares, add them your soul unto our prayers, Be thou our angel unawares."***

**Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes & Drums** has performed for the Scottish Heritage Church Service for 45 years. The official band of the St. Andrew's Society of New York State and a fixture at their events, the band has performed for many years at the Scottish American Society Ball. Designated a "Division in North America" of the Bermuda Regiment in 1996, the band has been the official band of the New Canaan Fire Company for 45 years. Under the direction of Pipe Major Jonathan Henken and Pipe Sergeant Pamela Hannon, the band proudly wears the uniform of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

**Purple Heather Dancers** are part of the New Haven Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. We meet on Monday evenings to enjoy the social dances of Scotland: reels, jigs and strathspeys. The group is beginner-friendly while preparing dancers to participate in Scottish dance events in the northeast. It is a welcome opportunity for physical and mental exercise in a friendly sociable atmosphere. For more information contact Sandra Bethray at 203-554-8961 or email [purpleheatherdancers@gmail.com](mailto:purpleheatherdancers@gmail.com).

### **"THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS"**

The Scottish Heritage Service is a worship service of traditional content for all people, but with special significance for Scots. Central to its theme is the "Kirkin' o' the Tartans", a presentation of the Tartans of the Scottish Clans, symbolizing rededication of the families of all nationalities everywhere to God's service. It is further characterized by the beauty of Scottish music, the color and dignity of its presentation, and the close bond of fellowship sensed by all who attend.

Tartan symbolism is akin to that of flags, its distinctive, cross-lines patterns representing specific Scottish clans, regions and regiments. In 1745, with Scots divided over monarchial matters, those following "Bonnie Prince Charlie" were defeated in the Battle of Culloden. Harsh repression of Scottish militancy and national identity followed, including the outlawing of tartan garments, a shocking condition that continued nearly forty years. With the triumph of righteousness over fear, the repressive laws were abandoned and the tartan restored as lawful garb. In the present century, the tartan, identifying the wearer with his or her clan, region or Scottish regiment, is recognized worldwide as a symbol of Scotland.

**The Banner** carried this morning is a representation of the flag of Scotland, featuring a white saltire on a blue field, an x-shaped cross of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland. Three Scottish thistles represent the Trinity. The Banner was designed and created by Brooke Manning-Hinds, Valerie Erichs, and Ruth Witt, in honor of Philip L.R. Du Val, leader of Scottish Heritage Sunday and presented to the church in 2008, at the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scottish Heritage Sunday.



## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**Welcome to worship** on this fifth Sunday of Eastertide as our congregation is celebrating Scottish Heritage Sunday. We are glad you are worshipping with us and pray you will experience the grace of God's welcome and be spiritually refreshed and socially reoriented for the week ahead. Today through the lens of the lectionary texts for today, Acts 11:1-18, and John 13:31-35, you are invited to reflect on how the Crucified Risen Lord's redemptive love breaks through boundaries of clan and tribe toward a more inclusive beloved family of God.

**All children** are welcome to stay in worship throughout the service but may leave after Scott offers a message for young disciples at the end of the welcome and announcements. Childcare is also provided in the nursery by **Louna Esperance** and **Saturnina Greeves-Cooper** from 8:45-11:30 am every Sunday. There are also curriculum bags for kids and a craft corner in the rear of the sanctuary if anyone gets restless. Church-wide events hosted by the YLC are inclusive of all ages! Continue to watch the FPCNC event schedule and sign up to explore faith and share in fellowship with our wonderful inter-generational church family.

FPCNC is staying steady with "mask optional" policy in worship, at church gatherings, and on church grounds. Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks, although those who prefer to may continue to do so. The in-person Sunday service will continue to be simultaneously streamed online via *LocalLive* at 10:00 am.

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

**Frederick Swann** (born 1931) is one of the most famous organists of the last 50 years due to his many publications, recitals, church performances and his long run on the television program *The Hour of Power*. His career began when he was just 10 years old and he was asked to fill in for the organist at his father's church (Theodore Swann was a Methodist Minister in Virginia). Fred had been taking piano lessons and seemed at ease with the organ right from the start. His career included a long association with the Riverside Church in New York City, the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA and the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles. While serving as Musical Director and Organist for the Crystal Cathedral (beginning in 1982) Fred appeared on *The Hour of Power* with televangelist Robert Schuller, which was broadcast around the world. Fred served as president of the American Guild of Organists and held several teaching positions including the University Organist and Artist Teacher of Organ at the University of Redlands in Southern California.

Our FPCNC Choir anthem, *The Apple Tree*, uses a Scottish folk tune that has been arranged many times for voice. Today, we hear a setting by **K. Lee Scott** (born 1950), one of America's foremost composers of music for the church. His hymns are found in eight hymnals including *A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools* (Yale University Press), *Voices United* (The United Church of Canada) and *With One Voice* (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). His 300 published compositions include anthems, hymns, works for solo voice, organ, brass, and major works including a Christmas cantata and *Te Deum*. Scott received two degrees in choral music from The University of Alabama School of Music and has served as adjunct faculty for The University of Alabama School of Music, The University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Music and Samford University School of Music in Birmingham.

Our English Handbells ring an arrangement of a Scottish melody by **Kevin McChesney**. Kevin graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a BMus in Composition and Theory. A composer and arranger of handbell music, Kevin currently has over 450 titles in print and is one of the very few musicians who makes handbells a full-time vocation. Kevin was a church music director in Methodist and Presbyterian churches for twelve years. Kevin is currently the Handbell Editor for Jeffers Handbell Supply and the RingingWord catalog. He directs an

auditioned community handbell choir, the Pikes Peak Ringers. He is also co-founder of the Solo To Ensemble Project, STEP, and authors a quarterly newsletter containing instruction and information for handbell programs, the Handbell Classroom.

**TODAY at 4:00 pm, Charis Chamber Voices returns to our Sanctuary to present *Spring Canticles*, a program centered on classic choral works by Franz Schubert and Johannes Brahms. Charis Artistic Director Jeremy Wiggins, Assistant Professor of Music and Coordinator of Choral Activities at Western Connecticut State University, will conduct; our own Terence J. Flanagan will accompany on piano.**

The concert celebrates the rejuvenation of the earth, the reincarnation of the spirit, and stories of deliverance. The program features an interlacing set of renaissance and contemporary pieces by Farmer, Pilkington, Mulholland, Hagenberg, and others, paired with the stunning setting of Brahms's *Schicksalslied* (Song of Destiny). Lastly, they will honor the Passover themes of strength, hope, and triumph, with music by Thompson and Stroope, ending with the dramatic retelling of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt in Schubert's *Mirjams Siegesgesang* (Miriam's Victory Song).

Soprano Joanna Mongiardo will be guest soloist in the Schubert. Ms. Mongiardo has been acclaimed for her opera and oratorio performances throughout the world. She brings a "voice of impressive size and warmth" to one of the composer's most brilliant and demanding soprano roles.

Charis is an auditioned chorus of 30 men and women from Westchester County, NY, and Fairfield County, CT. Founded in 1994, the group is renowned for its diverse repertoire, unique blend of voices and captivating performances.

A wine and hors d'oeuvres reception will follow each concert. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for seniors and \$15 for students). They may be purchased in advance through the Charis website, [www.charisvocals.com](http://www.charisvocals.com), or at the door.



### **THIS WEEK AT FPCNC**

**First Presbyterian Church** will be holding a Tea to honor **Evelyn Bergstrom** on **Tuesday, May 17th from 3:00 – 4:30 pm** in the Common Room and Patio (if weather permits). This is sponsored by Women's Ministry and everyone is Welcome! Please RSVP to the Church Office at 203-966-0002 or [wendy@fpcnc.org](mailto:wendy@fpcnc.org).

## LOOKING AHEAD

Join us on **Sunday, May 22nd** for the congregation to honor **Evelyn Bergstrom** and all that she has done for this church. There will be a cake during Coffee Hour, so please come wish Evelyn well with her move to Mystic, CT.

**New Members' Orientation Class.** FPC is alive and well, and back to worshipping and connecting in person. We will be offering a 90-minute orientation class for new members and this will cover three main questions: "Who are we?" "What do we believe?" and "How do we live out our faith?" All are welcome! A light lunch will be served and childcare is provided if necessary. Please contact [wendy@fpcnc.org](mailto:wendy@fpcnc.org), if you are interested in becoming a new member so that we can schedule the Orientation Class in the next few weeks.



## PARTICIPATE IN CHRIST'S MISSION



**Sign-Up for Service (W+2).** W+2 is a formula for Spiritual Health. It's simple.....

(W = Worship) When you are in town and able, come join us for Worship every week for spiritual refreshment and a reminder that you are loved.  
(+1 = Feed your soul) Find another source of revitalization during the week, whether a class or small group or service opportunity that feeds your soul.

(+2 = Service) Commit to a regular way of sharing your gifts for ministry.

Service is not an option for followers of Christ, *it's our way of life*.

You can serve anywhere, but we would welcome you sharing your gifts of time and talent in the church through helping on a Sunday Morning or with any of our mission projects. Ministry options vary from reading of scripture and liturgy, ushering, greeting, serving communion, or helping to prepare for communion, etc. It's easy and rewarding and we'll walk you through it. Any questions call the church office, Jan Lucie at 309-331-3468, or one of the pastors.

### Sign-up for Service (W+2):

**Sunday Worship:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aaaad2aa31-sunday> Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Communion servers, etc.

**New Covenant House:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A5AE28A7FF2-newcovenant>

September 3, October 1, and November 5, 2022. Three people to help prepare meals (2-4pm) or two people to serve meals (4-6pm):

**Meals on Wheels:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fa5a72ba2f94-january> Deliver meals to local residents. It's a great way to get involved in the community.

**Our FPCNC Choir** wants you to consider joining them on Sunday mornings to add your voice and spirit in leading Worship. Music is available two weeks in advance to look at. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary. We are looking for blending voices, not solo voices. Come give us a try. Email Terry at [terry@fpcnc.org](mailto:terry@fpcnc.org) with questions.



**FPCNC Flower Committee needs your help.** Their mission is to decorate the sanctuary, adding beauty, color, and nature each week. Flower arrangers and plant waterers are needed. We'd love your help! We're happy to help or teach you on simple decorating. For more info contact Patty von Jena at 203-655-1321 or [pvonj@optonline.net](mailto:pvonj@optonline.net).

## MISSION OUTREACH

### WALK WITH US – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

#### Earth Day Pictures

Did you take part in Earth Day cleanup? If yes, please send us a picture with your FPC T-Shirt to [glitterati2000@gmail.com](mailto:glitterati2000@gmail.com)

#### Where your donations went this month:

- New Covenant House:** Buying and preparing meals six Saturdays a year \$350/month
- Pacific House:** \$1000 for March Mattress and the purchase of 4 new mattresses at the shelter
- T-shirts for Earth Day** and beyond

If you want to find out more about Mission Outreach, how you can help or if have any idea or questions, please contact Cindy Graziano at 203-912-1991 or [c\\_graziano@msn.com](mailto:c_graziano@msn.com).

**New Covenant House (NCH):** Help Needed to prepare or serve food – this is so rewarding! FPC is privileged to have the opportunity to prepare and serve dinner on the first Saturday of each month at NCH in Stamford. **Signup!** For September 3, October 1, and November 5, 2022, 3 people to help prepare meals (2-4pm) or 2 people to serve meals (4-6pm). If you're interested in being part of the soup kitchen shopper team, contact Wendy in the church office.

### Active Outreach Focus Areas

(FPC New Canaan 2022)

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

- SIRS/IRIS
- Claremont School of Theology
- Meals on Wheels
- International Justice Mission

#### ENVIRONMENT

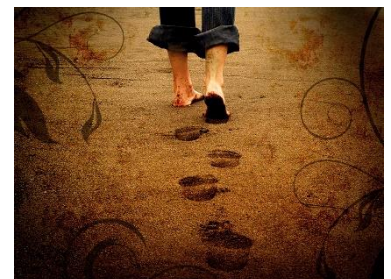
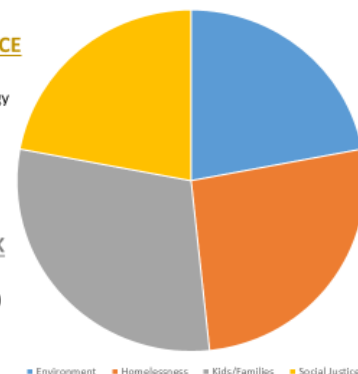
- Save the Sound
- Earth Care through PCUSA

#### KIDS/FAMILIES AT RISK

- New Covenant House
- Back to School (Knitting Hats)
- Dove Program at Christmas

#### HOMELESSNESS

- Pacific House
- Habitat for Humanity





## GROW IN FAITH

**Sunday Morning Adult Study** starts at 8:30 am in the Parlor! Presbyterians are people of faith who are seeking understanding. From the beginnings of our Reformed tradition, we realize God calls us to explore ways the Christian faith can be more fully known and lived. For the Easter season, we will be doing a six-week study on the Apostles' Creed. You've probably noticed that we recite the Apostles' Creed occasionally in worship, and so this is an opportunity to dig a little deeper into the history and meaning of the Creed. Come join us as all are welcome!

**Youth Leadership Committee (YLC)** is run by parent volunteers with a commitment to spiritual growth, the YLC meets for the 2021-2022 school year. YLC is a platform for the youth of our church to connect not only with each other, but also the greater community of our church and New Canaan. Their goals are to learn leadership and management skills and partake in fellowship and outreach with our church and community, all while building strong relationships with those around them. They meet once a month from 4:00–5:15pm in the Tate Youth Barn at FPC. All high school students, friends and members are welcome. For more information email [megan.wunderlich@gmail.com](mailto:megan.wunderlich@gmail.com).

**If you wish to place flowers** in the sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, baptism, or birthday, or to memorialize a beloved family member or friend, please contact Barbara Wentzel, Flower Coordinator, 203-966-5402 or [barbarawentzel@mac.com](mailto:barbarawentzel@mac.com).

**Divorce Support Group for Women – May 19, 2022 from 10-11:00am** at the New Canaan Congregational Church Library. *This group is a ten-week supportive psychotherapy group for Women who are contemplating, going through or post-divorce. The goal of this group is to provide a supportive, confidential and safe environment to address the many relevant issues when relationships change: coping with grief and loss, re-defining one's role and identity, co-parenting and anything else the group is grappling with.* Facilitated by Cynthia Smith, LCSW – From Family Center's & The Center For HOPE.

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

**Please keep the following people in your hearts.**

### ***New concerns:***

***Continued concerns:*** Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); For the family and friends of Steve Benko; Tom and Judy Duncan (Lisa Flanagan's parents); John Edwards; Kevin Fink - prayers for healing (talented young bass player, friend of the Flanagans); Tindley Whipple Gilbert; John Lanaway; The Lewis Family (friends of Lisa and Terry Flanagan); Denise Lynch; Sandy Nissley; Michael Reeves (whose father Rodger Clifton Reeves died); Spencer Reeves; Charlie Sulkowski; The family of 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.

## Emergency response to Ukraine war



*"(God) shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4)*

As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

**GIVE:** To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156. You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/UK22](http://pcusa.org/UK22), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

**ACT:** Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

**PRAY:** *May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.*

*May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.*

*May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.*

*May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.*

*And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.*

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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**THIS WEEK at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN**

**SUNDAY, May 15**

8:30 am Adult Study  
9 am Music Rehearsals  
10 am Scottish Heritage Service in person and  
LocalLive (The Rev. Scott Herr preaching)  
11 am Lunch/Drinks/Bag Pipes/Dancing-front lawn  
4 pm Charis Chamber Voices Concert

**MONDAY, May 16**

3:30pm, 4:30pm Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)  
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

**TUESDAY, May 17**

9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)  
10 am Leadership meeting  
3 pm Tea for Evelyn Bergstrom (Common Room)  
7 pm Deacon Meeting via Zoom  
8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

**WEDNESDAY, May 18**

4:30 pm English Handbells

**THURSDAY, May 19**

3:30 pm Special Church  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, May 20**

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)

**SATURDAY, May 21**

9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)  
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)

**SUNDAY, May 22**

8:30 am Adult Study  
9 am Music Rehearsals  
10 am Youth Recognition Service in person and  
LocalLive (The Rev. Scott Herr preaching)  
11 am Coffee Hour in person and Zoom  
(Cake for Evelyn Bergstrom)

**THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

The First Presbyterian Church Choir

with

Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Jennifer O'Neill – alto, Evan McCormack – tenor, Christopher Grundy – baritone

**Greeters:** Nancy and Peter Flournoy

**Lay Reader:** Angela Johnson

**Ushers:** Peggy Hooker, Janet & John Lanaway, and Jennifer Van de Graaf

**Cross Bearer:** Armin Thies

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The Entire Congregation

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Managers