

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

Where Faith, Families & Friends Connect

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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 worshipers.

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 Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father (from *L'Ascension*) Olivier Messiaen

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 97)

The Rev. Scott Herr

Leader: The Lord is sovereign! Let the earth rejoice;

People: let the many coastlands be glad!

Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;

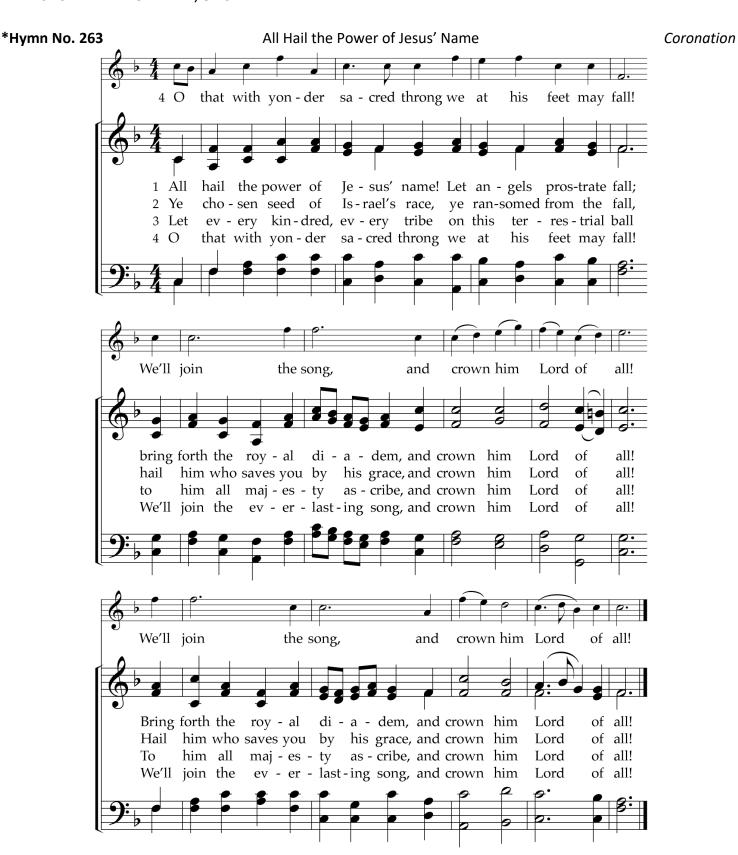
People: and all the peoples behold his glory.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous,

People: and joy for the upright in heart.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

People: and give thanks to God's holy name!



Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Message with the Young Disciples

Invitation to Confession Peg Bull

Leader:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ even prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, receiving and sharing the empowerment of his love for all...

(silent reflection and repentance)

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners. Siblings, believe the

promise of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (No. 581) 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 of the Peace Peg Bull

Leader: The 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.

Congregation greets one another and share the peace of Christ

*Response for Regathering Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shine on Me (Hymn 582) 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

THE WORD

Prayer For Illumination (unison)

Peg Bull

O God, as we fully experience the good news of Easter and look toward the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, open our hearts and minds to your Word dwelling within us and empowering us for joyful ministry. Amen.

First Lesson – Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem My eyes for beauty pine Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace, No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, "Tis love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

FPCNC Choir

Robert Bridges

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Power From on High" The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967), in unison

The Rev. Scott Herr

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity.

Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Prayers of the People

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 Peg Bull

Jesus declared that we are witnesses to the good news for all the world. Living in the world, we gather the gifts we have received, and bring them before God, offering back what we have, so that the world may know the love of Christ and become one.

Offertory Solo

Psalm 148 (from Cycle of Holy Songs)

Ned Rorem

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished the for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise ye the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Fire and hail; snow, and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl:

King of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent;

His glory is above the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints;

Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.

Praise ye the Lord.

Lisa Flanagan - soprano

*Doxology

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

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

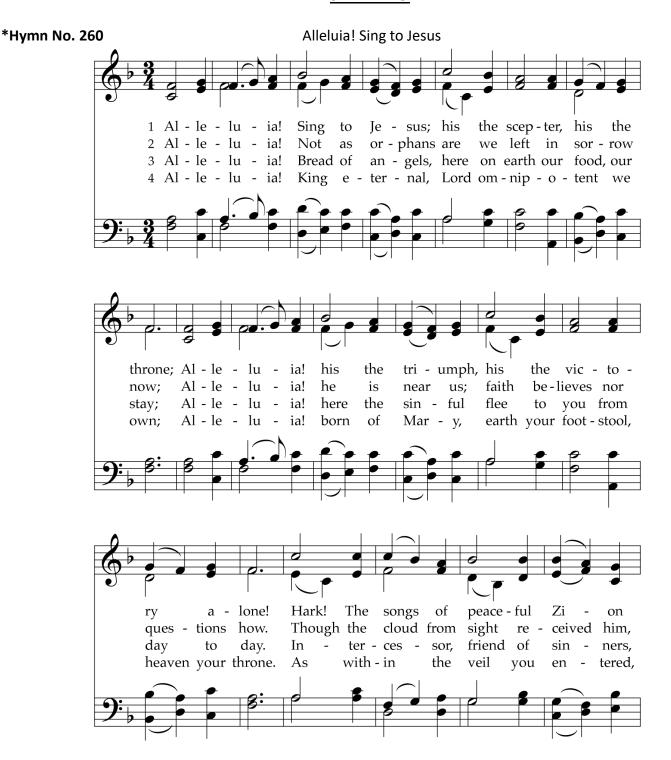
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Peg Bull

As testimony to the love revealed in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we give our tithes and offering, that through the church the world may come to know God's sovereign justice and love. Amen.

SENDING



Hyfrydol



*Benediction The Rev. Scott Herr

*Choral Amen

*Postlude Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ which is its own glory Olivier Messiaen (from L'Ascension)

^{*}Ringing of the Church Bell

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to worship on this seventh Sunday of Easter and also the Sunday when we reflect on the meaning of the Ascension Day (which was this past Thursday). 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 1:1-11, and Luke 24:44-53, you are invited to reflect on our questioning "Is this the time when you will restore...?" and the significance of the account by Luke of Jesus' being "lifted up" and the promised empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Large Print Hymns available: It has been mentioned to the Worship Committee that as much as we love the new hymnals, for some it might be easier to read the hymns and music with a larger font. Each Sunday a copy of the large font hymns that we are singing that week will be available – just ask an usher for the "Blue Hymn Folder". After worship, please leave the hymn folder with an usher or on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The French composer **Olivier Eugène Prosper Charles Messiaen** was born in Avignon on 10 December 1908 and died in Paris on 27 April 1992. Messiaen developed a very distinctive musical style based on his modes of limited transposition, on a speculative interest in rhythm, and on his desire to expound in music the truths of the Catholic faith. He studied at the Paris Conservatoire from 1919–30. One gift he did not owe to the Conservatoire, nor indeed to his parents, was his Roman Catholic faith. In his own words, "I was born a believer". In 1931 he was appointed organist of La Trinité in Paris, having assured the curé that he would not "disturb the piety of the faithful with overly anarchic chords". Although it may well be better known in its versin for organ, *L'Ascension* of 1932-33 is the most famous of Messiaen's early orchestral scores. In the subsequent organ version of 1934, the first, second and fourth movements remain relatively unchanged. However, the third movement from the orchestral version became so difficult to adapt for organ that Messiaen decided to write a completely new piece.

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) is a name well known to organists as he is one of the greatest 20th Century English composers. Howells began his career as the head organist at Aylburton Church in Gloucestershire while he was

studying organ, theory, harmony and counterpoint with the organist at Gloucester Cathedral who had also been his piano teacher. Howells himself said that hearing music by Handel and Vaughan Williams at the Three Choirs Festivals, which have been hosted by Gloucester, Worcester and Hereford Cathedrals since 1724, made a deep and lasting impression on his own composing. Howells is known for his church music, both organ and choral and also for his improvising, which contained very long, free phrases that were chromatic and polyphonic. He moved away from the formal tradition found in English Cathedral style and developed a completely new and personal musical language. Howells went to the Royal College of Music where he studied composition with Charles Stanford, music history and literature with Hubert Parry and counterpoint with Charles Wood and eventually he taught composition there himself. He was sub-organist at Salisbury Cathedral for six months but had to leave the post due to an illness. Through all of Howells' life, Gloucester Cathedral remained his best inspiration. It is said that he loved this church with its immense vaulted spaces and spectacular East window and that he tried to capture its elements of spaciousness and color in his music.

Ned Rorem was born in Richmond, Indiana on October 23, 1923. By the age of ten his piano teacher had introduced him to Debussy and Ravel, an experience which "changed my life forever," according to the composer. At seventeen he entered the Music School of Northwestern University; two years later he was given a scholarship to the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. He studied composition under Bernard Wagenaar at Juilliard, earning both his B.A. in 1946 and his M.A. degree in 1948. In New York he worked as Virgil Thomson's copyist in return for \$20 a week and orchestration lessons. He studied on a fellowship at the Berkshire Music Center in Tanglewood in the summers of 1946 and 1947. In 1949 Rorem moved to France and lived there until 1958. In his diary, *Lies*, Rorem said: "My music is a diary no less compromising than my prose. A diary nevertheless differs from a musical composition in that it depicts the moment, the writer's present mood which, were it inscribed an hour later, could emerge quite otherwise. I don't believe that composers notate their moods, they don't tell the music where to go - it leads them... Why do I write music? Because I want to hear it - it's simple as that. Others may have more talent, more sense of duty. But I compose just from necessity, and no one else is making what I need."

TODAY

New Members' Orientation Class is today from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Parlor. The 90-minute orientation class for new members 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. If you didn't sign up, no worries, come and check it out.



THIS WEEK AT FPCNC

Church Office hours next week:

Monday, May 30 – *Memorial Day – Office Closed*Wednesday, June 1 – *Wendy out of office (church will be open)*Tuesday, May 31, Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3 (8:30am – 4:30pm)

UPDATE

The New Canaan Preservation Alliance Awards Ceremony was held last Sunday, May 22nd at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan and FPC was given an award for the exterior restoration of our Sanctuary. For returning the roof and exterior woodwork of the Sanctuary to its intended and original material and color, and for maintaining the original Bliss House and grounds in respect for those gifts which God and Individuals have given.



2022 New Canaan Preservation Alliance Awards Ceremony

WELCOME

Neele-Banks Stichnoth President - New Canaan Preservation Alliance

IN MEMORIAM

Robin Beckett Richard Thomas

PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY AWARDS

The Thrift Shop - Stella Clarke - 1840

Ponus Chapel - Ainsley & Brandan Hayes - 1911

223 Oenoke Ridge - Brad & Abby Dunkin - 1928

1160 Smith Ridge - John & Maria Sluty - 1958

Gores Pavilion - Town of New Canaan - 1960

St Mark's Episcopal Church - Accepting award in honor/memory of Richard Thomas - Jill Sautkulis & David Kraemer - 1961 First Presbyterian Church - Jennifer Van De Graff & Stephan von Jena - 1970

FRIEND OF PRESERVATION AWARD

to Art Kean

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF WAVENY NOMINATION

to Sue Benko & Claudia Weber

CLOSING REMARKS

Charles L. Robinson Board Member - New Canaan Preservation Alliance



2022

Trustee's Award for Restoration

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan 178 Oenoke Ridge

Bliss House – Core built by Joseph Fitch Silliman c1858
Additions by Osborn E. Bright c1875
and Catherine Anita Bliss in 1902

Sanctuary - Designed by Philip Ives, Architect Cornerstone Laid in 1968, Completed in 1970

This award is given to the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan for the exterior restoration of the Sanctuary located on the former Bliss Estate, "Lindenfield" at 178 Oenoke Ridge".

For returning the roof and exterior woodwork of the Sanctuary to its intended and original material and color, and for maintaining the original Bliss House and grounds in respect for those gifts which God and Individuals have given.

Accepting for the Church is the Reverend Mary Marple Thies.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday, June 5:

Cents-ability Bring your spare change. All change collected will be donated to the local Food Pantry. **Confirmation** Jack Crowell, Jackson Dooley, Charlie Sulkowski, and Will Wunderlich

A Celebration of Graduates of All Ages! Are you or a family member a recent graduate? If so, we would like to acknowledge you in the bulletin next month. Please email the church office wendy@fpcnc.org to add your name, school, and degree to the list.

Father's Day, June 19 Our Director of Music and Fine Arts, Terry Flanagan, is looking for all tenors and basses to join forces on June 19, Father's Day, to sing during Worship. Arrive at 9:00am in the choir seating area in the Sanctuary to rehearse Copland's arrangement of *Zion's Walls*. This exciting piece is both easy to prepare and fun to sing. "Dust off your chords", start singing in the shower and get ready to make a festive offering on June 19.



Please talk to Terry if you have questions or if you plan to sing. He is "making a list" and will find you!

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.

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 pvoni@optonline.net.

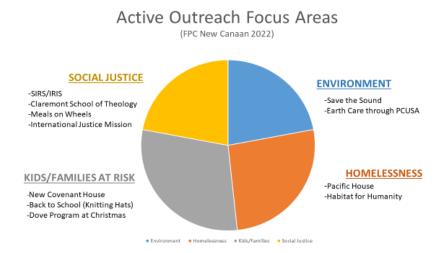
MISSION OUTREACH

WALK WITH US – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Earth Day and Week at FPCNC
Did you take part in Earth Day cleanup? If yes, please send us a picture with your FPC T-Shirt to 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.

<u>New Covenant House</u> (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. <u>Signup!</u> 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.

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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!

We are delighted to announce that two new members have agreed to serve on the **Pastoral Care Team**. They are Nancy Flournoy and Lisa Gifford. They are joining Kay Brix, Peg Bull, Anne Palmer and Rev. Mary Thies. This committed group is available 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. The Team tries to stay aware of those in need, but there may be 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 (ext 1).

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Update: The FPCNC Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is made up of co-chairs Charlotte Allen and Brian Lombardi, with Youth Elder Douglas Gillespie, Kristie Godina, Session Elder, Mark Magnusen, and Lynn Jackson Quinn, with Randy Ferguson as HR Liaison and Scott as pastoral liaison. The APNC, elected at the congregational meeting in February, has had a number of meetings to get to know one another, work on the Mission Information Form (MIF) which describes the congregational context and position description, receive training from the Presbytery Committee on Ministry liaison (Shannon White) and General Presbyter (Shannan Vance-Ocampo) on the call process and interview techniques. The APNC has posted the MIF with the Presbyterian "Church Leadership Connection" and is in the process of contacting seminaries and other sites to "get the word out" and alert qualified candidates to our opportunity to serve as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Children's Ministries. The APNC has already received "matches" from the Church Leadership Connection and is beginning to discern which candidates are of interest and to be pursued for interviews. Please pray for the APNC as they continue their work and begin contacting prospective candidates for the interview process. The next steps involve contacting prospective candidates, zoom interviews, personal interviews of final candidates, vetting by the Committee on Ministry, and when a final candidate is discerned, to present to the congregation and a vote to extend a call. It's a substantial process, and we appreciate your patience and prayers for energy, intelligence, imagination, and much love as we proceed. In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out to you for your input, suggestions, and questions. Thank you!

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.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your hearts.

New concerns: We continue to pray for the families and friends of the victims of the shootings in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX. We also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Continued concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Tom and Judy Duncan (Lisa Flanagan's parents); John Edwards; Kevin Fink - prayers for healing (talented young bass player, friend of the Flanagans); Maxine Gaddis; 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); Charlie Sulkowski; 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



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, 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

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THIS WEEK at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN

SUNDAY, May 29

8:30 am Adult Study

9 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive

11 am Coffee Hour in person and zoom

MONDAY, May 30

Memorial Day - Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 31

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

10 am Leadership meeting

8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, June 1

4:30 pm English Handbells

THURSDAY, June 2

3:30 pm Special Church

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, June 3

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

SATURDAY, June 4

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

SUNDAY, June 5

8:30 am Adult Study

9 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Pentecost and Confirmation Service in

person and LocalLive

11 am Coffee Hour in person and zoom (including

treats to celebrate the confirmands).

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

The First Presbyterian Church Choir

with

Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Jennifer O'Neill – alto, Evan McCormack – tenor, and

Christopher Grundy – baritone

Lay Reader: Peg Bull

Greeter: Jeannie Hart

MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

OUR PASTORS

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

OUR STAFF

Terence J. Flanagan, Director of Music and Fine Arts • Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir Director • Jim Riehl, Interim Church Administrator • Wendy Starr, Office Manager • Kate Stringfellow and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers