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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 Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Cantabile

César Franck

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Scott Herr

Leader: Christ has set us free.

People: Free to serve.

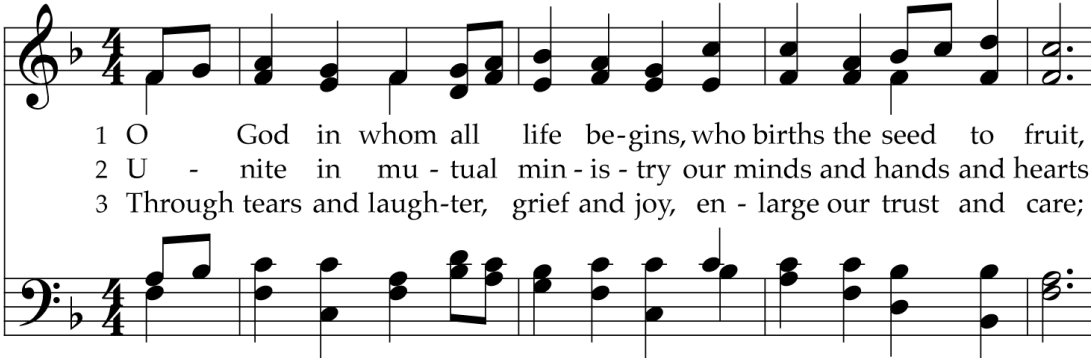
Leader: Free to welcome and include.

People: Free to love our neighbors as ourselves.

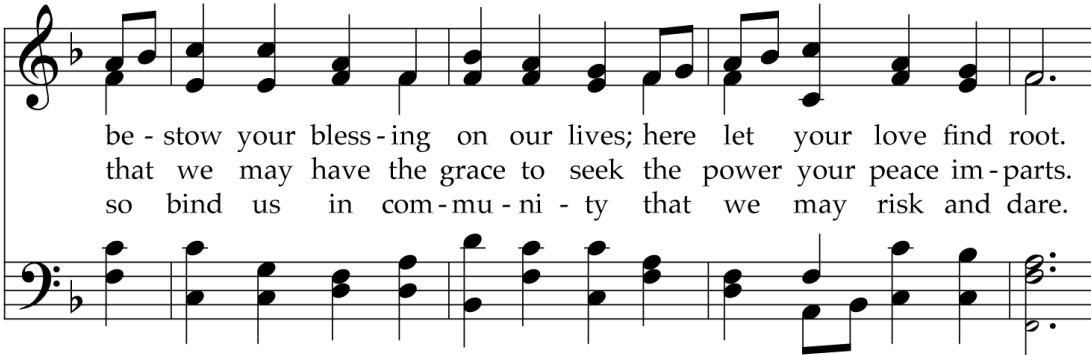
Leader: Free to live in and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

People: Free to worship and give glory to God in all of life!

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



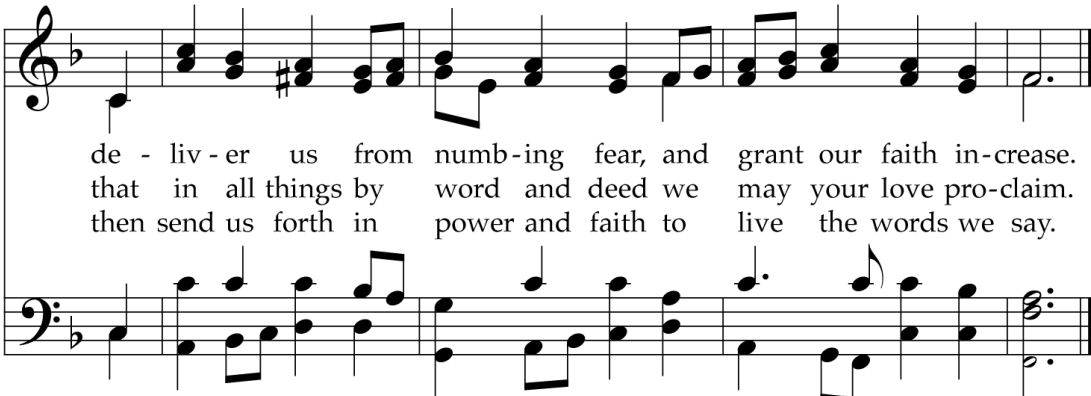
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless-ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im-parts.
 so bind us in com-mu-ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa-tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var-ied gifts com-bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor-ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb-ing fear, and grant our faith in-crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro-claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Message with the Young Disciples

Invitation to Confession

Rick Hollingsworth

Leader: The Apostle Paul describes the ways our desires lead us to oppose God's Spirit. Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins before our God.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Spirit of the Living God, we thank you for your fruit that includes love, peace, patience and kindness, but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and vitriolic words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love our neighbors and our enemies. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free to live in the fullness of your Spirit...

(time for silent reflection and confession)

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, the good news is this, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*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

Leader: This is Jesus' promise, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Congregation greets one another and share the peace of Christ

THE WORD

Prayer For Illumination (unison)

Cathy Hollingsworth

Loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, and teach us your truth. May we receive and learn to live in the freedom of the gospel. Amen.

First Lesson – Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson – Luke 9:51-62

The Rev. Scott Herr

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and

proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Freedom From and Freedom For”

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn No.772

Live into Hope

Truro

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share of the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory Duet

Panis Angelicus (O Lord Most Holy)

César Franck

<i>Panis angelicus</i>	Thus Angels' Bread is made
<i>Fit panis hominum;</i>	the Bread of man today;
<i>Dat panis cœlicus</i>	the Living Bread from heaven
<i>figuris terminum:</i>	with figures dost away:
<i>O res mirabilis</i>	O wondrous gift indeed!
<i>Manducat Dominum</i>	The poor and lowly may
<i>Pauper, servus et humilis.</i>	upon their Lord and Master feed.

Lisa Flanagan, Terence D. Flanagan - sopranos

***Doxology (No. 606)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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)**

Rick Hollingsworth

Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your reign of grace and truth, compassion and mercy, and build your beloved community for all; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Benediction

The Rev. Scott Herr

*Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude

Finale (from *Grande Pièce Symphonique*)

César Franck

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to worship on this 13th Sunday of “Ordinary Time” and the first Sunday of summer! Today we continue exploring our “freedom in Christ” and consider the difference between the good news of freedom *from* and freedom *for* through two of this Sunday’s lectionary texts: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 and Luke 9:51-62. We are glad that you are worshipping with us and pray that you will experience the grace of God’s welcome and be spiritually refreshed and socially reoriented for the week ahead.

All children are welcome to stay in worship throughout the service but may leave after Scott offers a message for young disciples after 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

César Franck (1822-1890) is celebrated this year by the organ world for his 300th birthday. His father had ambitions for him to become a concert pianist, and he studied at the conservatoire in Liège before going to the Paris Conservatoire in 1838 after private studies with Anton Reicha for a year.

During his first years in Paris, Franck made his living by teaching, both privately and institutionally. During this time, he became familiar with the work of the famous French organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, and he also worked on developing his technique as an organist and improviser.

In 1858, he became organist at the newly consecrated Saint Clotilde Basilica, where he remained until his death. Here he began to attract attention for his skill as an improviser. His first set of organ compositions was published when he was 46 years old. From 1872 to his death, he was professor of organ at the Paris Conservatory. His pupils included Vincent d'Indy, Ernest Chausson, Louis Vierne, and Henri Duparc. On the basis of merely twelve major organ works, Franck is considered by many the greatest composer of organ music after J. S. Bach. His works laid the groundwork for the French symphonic organ style. In particular, his *Grande Pièce Symphonique*, a work of 25 minutes' duration, paved the way for the organ symphonies of Charles-Marie Widor, Louis Vierne, and Marcel Dupré.

One of his best-known shorter works is the motet setting *Panis Angelicus*, which was originally written for Tenor solo, but is more often heard in the Soprano register these days.

In 1890, Franck was involved in a serious traffic accident. It was after this accident that he wrote his *Trois Chorals* for organ. Franck died as a result of complications from the accident very shortly after finishing the chorales.

Today, June 26, Armin and Mary Thies are worshipping at the Turn of River Presbyterian Church in Stamford. Armin has served as liaison to the church from the Commission on Ministry and Mary has served as moderator of session and preached there several times. This is the last worship service for this 161-year-old congregation which will be dissolved at the end of worship today.

Today, June 26, fuel up at coffee hour and come help us reset the Sanctuary chairs for a different summer look.

UPDATE

Last week we heard our Father's Day Choir sing – We wish to offer a hearty thanks to FPCNC Tenors and Basses for sharing their talents and joining forces to make our Father's Day Worship extra special. We hope that the rest of their day was a special and good one.

PCUSA General Assembly News – On Saturday, June 18, the **Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis**, former pastor of our very own Presbytery of Southern New England's Providence Presbyterian Church, was elected Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) alongside her running mate the Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace of Philadelphia Presbytery! On behalf of the Presbytery of Southern New England, we extend our congratulations, blessings and best wishes to Shavon and Ruth as they lead the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) over the next two years!

Letter from Evelyn Bergstrom:

Thank You to all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan;

On May 25 I left my New Canaan home of 50+ years for a senior residential community in Mystic, CT, still accompanied by memories of the joyous celebrations that were planned to note my departure. There were poems and songs at the Women's Ministry celebration, many thoughtful personal gifts, and a contribution from Session in my honor made to the Interfaith Council, which both my husband and I were privileged to serve.

My gratitude for my time in New Canaan and, in particular, for my church community will live in my heart forever. Overflowing thanks for all your expressions of love, Evelyn Bergstrom

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Church Music Opportunity – As we begin our Summer Worship season today, we invite you to consider offering your musical talents by playing an instrument or singing a solo. Please contact Terry at 203-408-2861, send an email terry@fpcnc.org with questions or if you are interested in preparing something. Help make our summer season special with your gifts.

Congratulations to some of the FPCNC college and university graduates this year!

2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Peter Bennington, Cameron Forte, Douglas Gillespie, Layla Magnusen, Cooper Malley, Alexis Rodgers, Calvin Stuart, Molly Wunderlich, and Hanin Abo Noktah, Westhill High School (who is attending Sacred Heart University's 3+3 Bachelor's & PharmD Program with University of Saint Joseph.) She has also been awarded a Scholarship from Sacred Heart. Hanin will complete 3 years of her undergraduate studies before transferring to the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford to pursue the pharmacy program. If you would like to send Hanin a personal Congratulations, her address is: 16 Willowbrook Ave., Unit 4, Stamford, CT 06902.

2022 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Emma Barker (attended Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA)

William "Will" Dooley (graduated Boston College with a Bachelor in Communications)

Andrew "Fenn" Gurley (attended High Point University, High Point, NC)

Nichole L. LaBadie, earned a Bachelor of Arts from Elon University - she majored in Public Health with a concentration in the Biological Aspects of Health and Illness and minored in Biology and Psychology.

Freia Mierendorf (attended University of Texas, Austin, TX)

Spencer Joseph McNaughton Reeves, earned a Bachelor of Law in International Affairs and Relations from Duke Kunshan University (Kunshan, China) and a Bachelor of Arts in Global China Studies/Political Science from Duke University (Durham, NC)

Ashley Walker (attended Trinity College, Hartford, CT)

***Our own Kate and Matt are gettin' hitched!
All are welcome to attend the ceremony on Sunday, July 3 at FPC.***



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.

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.

MISSION OUTREACH

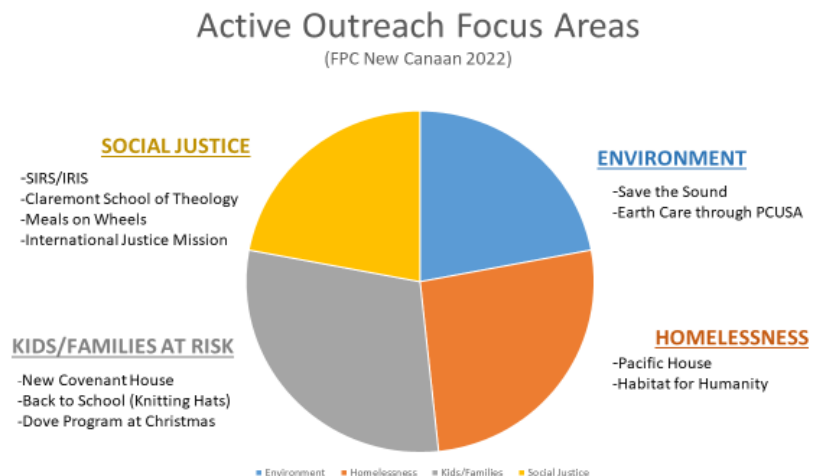
WALK WITH US – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

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

New Covenant House (NCH) in Stamford: 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. **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.

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.



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.

GROW IN FAITH



Six-week Summer 8:30am Sunday morning Adult Bible Study on “The Lord’s Prayer” began June 12th... Jesus gave his disciples the Lord's Prayer as a model of praying, for them and for us. This often-repeated prayer can become so familiar that we do not give much thought to what each of the parts or petitions mean. This study opens new directions of the Lord's Prayer for us. It is grounded in what the words meant when Jesus gave them and goes on to show us what they can mean for the church today. The more we understand these meanings, the more the Prayer will take on deeper dimensions as we pray its words in groups and individually. This study will enhance our knowledge and strengthen our faith in the prayer Jesus taught.

This study uses curriculum from *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding*, a series of biblically based mini-courses that provides adults with a foundational understanding of the Reformed faith. Each six-session study--written by well-known and respected scholars--features Scripture, prayer, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection. Each study addresses its subject from a Reformed

theological perspective. We meet Sundays weekly at 8:30 in the parlor (or outside if the weather is pleasant). All are welcome, including drop-in!

Pastoral Care Team Growth: We are delighted to announce that three new members have agreed to serve on the Pastoral Care Team. They are Nancy Flournoy, Lisa Gifford, and Ellen Sisson. 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!

Flower in the Sanctuary. If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, baptism, birthday, or honor 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:

Continued concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Tom and Judy Duncan (Lisa Flanagan’s parents); John Edwards; Tindley Whipple Gilbert; John Lanaway; The Lewis Family (friends of Lisa and Terry Flanagan); Denise Lynch; Sandy Nissley; 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.

New and continued prayers:

We continue to pray for the families and friends of the victims who have been affected by all the mass shootings. We also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Pray for the APNC team with their Associate Pastor search.

Please also keep those at General Assembly 225 in your prayers as they gather in Louisville and virtually, June 17-July 9. Specifically, remember those representing PSNE in your prayers - our General Presbyter, the Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo; our Commissioner, the Rev. Christine Caton; our Stated Clerk, the Rev. David Baer; and our Young Adult Delegate, Skylar McDonnell from First Presbyterian Church in Stamford.

NEW MEMBER

We welcomed Sue Dishart into our church family last week. Sue Dishart recently returned to the northeast and settled in New Canaan to be close to her three grown children and two grandsons. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and although she has lived in many different states, she still cheers for the Steelers! Her career in fundraising has helped to support many non-profits from Girl Scouts to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Currently working at the American Diabetes Association from her home office, she helps people across the country, who want to leave a legacy gift to help make lives better for people living with diabetes. In her spare time, she can be found walking through Waveny Park or perusing Elm Street Books for the latest historical fiction.



UPCOMING CONCERTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mark your calendars for these exciting musical events coming this fall!



Friday, October 14 – Classic Whiffenpoofs will bring us an evening of music. The 13-14 men who comprise the Classic Whiffenpoofs graduated from Yale in the years 1962-'72. Most of them are still active singers, performing with ensembles of various sizes. On long weekends over the past decade, the group has performed in Philadelphia, Washington DC, Cape Cod, New Haven, Boston, and the Lake George region of upper New York State. They sing many of the arrangements learned as Whiffenpoofs and have added newer songs as well. Audiences seem to enjoy hearing men in their 70's and 80's still singing well. After sharing songs with a high school choral ensemble in New Haven, the Whiffenpoofs received these comments from their director: "Words cannot express my deepest appreciation

for your "Classic Whiffenpoof" performance. It means a lot to me that my students get every opportunity to see their art at its finest, and you all were fabulous!"

Friday, October 21, 7:30pm – New Canaan Chamber Music

Sunday, October 23, 3:00pm – Organ and Brass at FPCNC! Members of the Stamford Symphony Brass will join Terry Flanagan to bring us an afternoon of brass and organ music. You will hear solo works for each instrument as well. This will be a fun musical treat for all to enjoy and a chance to hear our magnificent Aeolian-Skinner Organ. Be sure to be present for this "marriage of musical instruments made in heaven" this October.

Sunday, December 4, 4:00pm – New Canaan Chamber Music

Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm – Charis Chamber Voices, under the direction of Dr. Jeremy Wiggins with our own Terry Flanagan accompanying, will present their Candlelight Christmas Concert in our beautiful Sanctuary. Don't miss this beloved annual Holiday tradition.

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 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, June 26

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, June 27

3:30pm, 4:30pm Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
7 pm Deacon Meeting (Zoom) (rescheduled)

TUESDAY, June 28

9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
10 am Staff Leadership meeting
8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, June 29

THURSDAY, June 30

FRIDAY, July 1

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

SATURDAY, July 2

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

SUNDAY, July 3

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
4:30 pm Kate Stringfellow & Matt Ziance Wedding

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Lisa Flanagan and Terence Flanagan – sopranos

Greeters: Kay and Julian Brix

Lay Readers: Cathy and Rick Hollingsworth

Ushers: Jim Ely and Sue Sherwood

MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

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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