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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 Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Poeme Mystique

Richard Purvis

***Call to Worship (Lamentations 3:21-26)**

Nell Smith

Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope

People: **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;**

Leader: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,

People: **"therefore I will hope in God."**

Leader: The Lord is good to those who wait, to the soul that seeks God.

People: **It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

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

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Message with the Young Disciples

Cents-ability Sunday – Please consider dropping your spare change in the jar. All change collected will be donated to the local Food Pantry. Thank you for your awareness and generous response to hunger.

Invitation to Confession

Nell Smith

Leader: Paul writes, “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” Therefore, relying on the love and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, we boldly confess our sins together. Let us pray:

Confession of Sin (unison)

Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with contempt, seek power to serve ourselves, and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth. Gather us again to your table as you gathered the generations before us and as you gather our siblings together around the world. Save us from the strife we start, and the contention we create. Rekindle within us the gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. Strengthen us to share your love for all ...

(silence for personal reflection and repentance)

Leader: In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Leader: This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

People: **We have died to sin in him, so let us live as people freed by grace for faith.**

*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: Peace is a gift given us by Christ, freeing us from fear and hearts that are troubled. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Congregation greets one another and shares the peace of Christ

THE WORD

Prayer For Illumination (unison)

Nell Smith

Holy God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed, help us to discern the sound teaching you have for us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, entrust to us your good treasure, and through it, make us alive in faith. Amen.

First Lesson – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

FPCNC Choir

¹“The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’” ¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over until morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

²²On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers apiece. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, ²³he said to them, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD; bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning.’” ²⁴So they put it aside until morning, as Moses commanded them; and it did not become foul, and there were no worms in it. ²⁵Moses said, “Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. ²⁶Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is a sabbath, there will be none.” ²⁷On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none. ²⁸The LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and instructions? ²⁹See! The LORD has given you the sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you food for two days; each of you stay where you are; do not leave your place on the seventh day.” ³⁰So

the people rested on the seventh day. ³¹The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. ³⁵The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a habitable land; they ate manna, until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. ³⁶An omer is a tenth of an ephah.

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Disorienting Grace”

Nathan Stucky

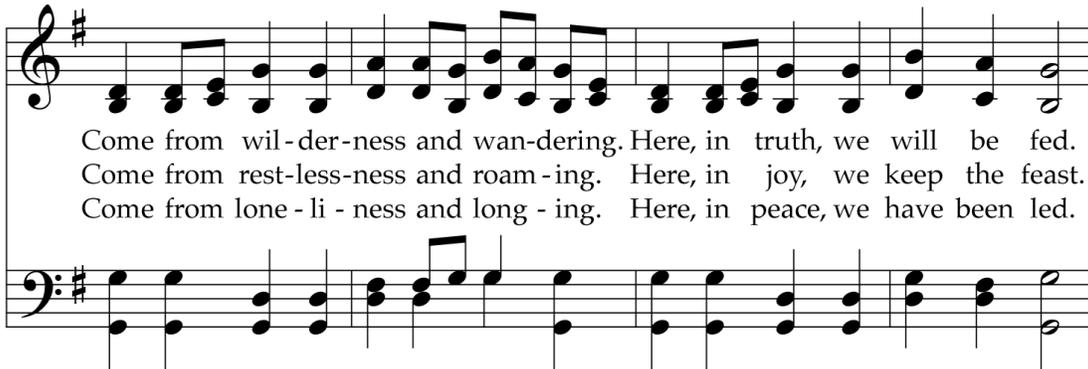
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 509** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

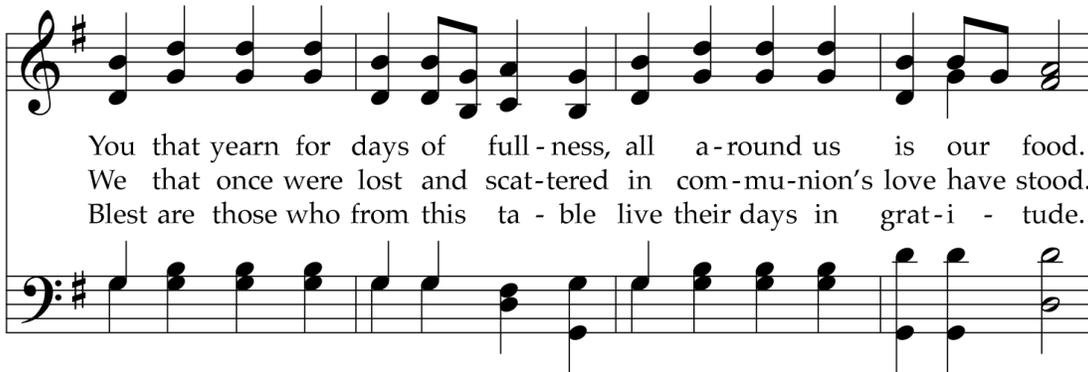
Holy Manna



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Call for the Offering (from 2 Timothy 1:6)

Nell Smith

Paul writes, "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you." As we have received gifts from our faithful God, let us faithfully offer those very gifts in God's service.

Offertory

A Joyful Alleluia

Gordon Young

FPCNC Choir

***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) (from 2 Timothy 1:7)**

Nell Smith

Loving God, you grant us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Make our power serve you, make our love show you, make our acts of giving and self-discipline serve you, author and inspirer of all generosity. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Rev. Scott Herr

Eucharistic Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Nathan Stucky

The words of institution are spoken here.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

The Rev. Scott Herr

Gracious God, thank you for providing for us again this bread from heaven, this cup of salvation. Let this holy food and your empowering Spirit sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until, with all the saints, we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; and where justice, mercy, love and joy prevail for all; through Christ, with Christ, in Christ and for Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

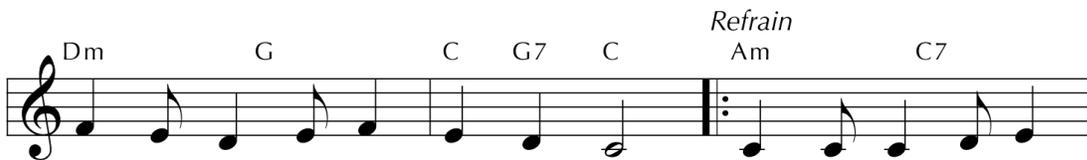
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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



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



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



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

*Benediction

Nathan Stucky

*Choral Amen

*Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude

Sine Nomine

John Weaver

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to worship on this World Communion Sunday, when we remember and celebrate that we are part of the “holy catholic Church, the communion of saints” from every tribe and nation. We are glad you are with us and pray you will experience the grace of God in your life and in this community during our time together. Today we welcome Dr. Nathan Stucky (Ph.D.) who serves as the Director of the *Farminary Project* at Princeton Theological Seminary. His sermon, “Disorienting Grace” will explore the text from Exodus 16. Read more about Nate’s background and please join us as he shares the amazing story of “Farminary” at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Sunday School is offered for children in Pre-K through Grade 7 during our Sunday worship service. Children leave after the Young Disciples message and are picked up in the Common Room after service. Our Sunday School program is a critical foundation for our children and youth. Children learn bible stories and engage in hands-on projects to develop and grow their faith. Older youth follow an age-appropriate curriculum in a format that encourages questions and discussion to develop their faith and to start to understand and wrestle with the complexities of spirituality and life. *Our Sunday School is led by Holly Coughlin, FPCNC parent and experienced Youth Leader.*

FPCNC also offers **babysitting during our Sunday service** provided by Louna Esperance and Saturnina Greeves-Cooper from Wee Care Nanny Agency. Our worship service nursery is located just off our Common Room vestibule down the long hall from the sanctuary and is available between the hours of 8:45–11:30am. Parental and guardian sign-in is required and we do ask that you pick up your child promptly after the service.

Children are also welcome to stay in worship throughout the service and there are curriculum bags for kids and a craft corner in the rear of the sanctuary if anyone gets restless.

COVID 19 FPC Mask policy Masks are optional for in-person worship and other activities. Please follow relevant CDC Guidelines here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html#when-to-isolate> if you have been exposed to COVID-19. The in-person Sunday service continues to be simultaneously streamed online via *LocalLive* at 10:00 am.

Large Print Hymns available. Have difficulty reading the hymnal? Each Sunday a copy of the hymns in large font 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.



Interim Sunday School Director – We’re thrilled to welcome Holly Coughlin as interim Sunday School Director and youth group liaison. Holly has worked with high school and middle school youth for the last 20 years in churches, non-profit organizations and schools. Holly joined FPCNC in 2022 with her husband, Paul and children, Carolina (11) and Nolan (9). As an entrepreneur, Holly has founded and led multiple organizations across several industries. She’s currently a Marketing Executive in the Pharmaceutical sector. Holly resides in Ridgefield with her amazing family and enjoys dancing, movies, Clemson football and running with her kids to and from baseball, softball, basketball, football, voice and acting. Holly is excited to take on this new role with the FPCNC to grow the children’s and youth ministry to a state of vibrancy.

Today, Nathan Stucky will be joining us in worship and immediately following worship service, all are invited for lunch and a program to hear Nathan speak on: “Farminary: Seeking Faith in an Exhausted World” We live in a world grappling with multiple fatigues: environmental fatigue, pandemic fatigue, screen fatigue, activism fatigue, politics fatigue. And all these fatigues interconnect. Does our faith have anything to say in the face of such exhaustion? Does Christian faith connect meaningfully with an exhausted creation (humans included)? The Farminary at Princeton Theological Seminary provides space for wrestling with these questions by integrating theological education with small-scale, regenerative agriculture at the seminary’s 21-acre farm. This session will both introduce the Farminary and wrestle a bit with the question of faith in an exhausted world.



Nathan Stucky serves as Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. He grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for Christian faith and agriculture first took root. After earning a BA in Music from Bethel College (KS), Stucky spent six years doing ecumenical youth ministry on the eastern shore of Maryland, and two years farming back in Kansas. After farming, Stucky earned an MDiv and a PhD (Practical Theology, Christian Education and Formation) from Princeton Theological Seminary. His scholarship explores questions of land, ecology, theology, agriculture, justice, joy, and Sabbath as they relate to theological education. He is the author of *Wrestling with Rest: Inviting Youth to Discover the Gift of Sabbath*. Ordained in the Mennonite Church (USA), Stucky engages Farminary work as integral to his calling to teaching ministry. **Child Care will be provided. If you haven’t RSVP’d, no problem, please come and join us.**

ABOUT TODAY’S MUSIC

Richard Purvis (1913-1994) was an American organist. After early studies in the piano and the organ he entered the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia in 1934, studying the organ with Alexander McCurdy and conducting with Fritz Reiner. Further studies were with Josef Levine in New York, Dr. Edward Cuthbert Bairstow in England, Marcel Dupré in France and, after his graduation from Curtis in 1940, with Charles Courboin and Charles Heinroth. During World War II, while serving as a bandmaster with the 28th Infantry Division, Richard Purvis was captured and held as a prisoner of war for six months. After the war an appointment to St Mark’s Lutheran Church in San

Francisco, took him back to his native city, and in 1947 he was appointed to Grace Cathedral, where he helped to form a cathedral school for boys, thus continuing the all-male choir tradition.

Allen Pote (b. 1945) was born in Halstead, Kansas, and educated at Texas Christian University, where his diploma was in Church Music. A Fulbright Scholar, he studied in Brussels, Belgium, and took advanced work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. For twenty-two years he served as a full-time Director of Music in churches in Texas and Florida. He is currently a full-time composer living in Pensacola, Florida, where, until their retirement in 2016 after 26 years of leadership, he and his wife Susan, were co-directors of the Pensacola Children's Chorus, an organization of over 200 singers which has achieved national recognition.

Gordon Young (1919-1998) was a prolific American composer of choral and organ music familiar to several generations of church musicians. Young was born in McPherson, Kansas and earned a bachelor's degree in music at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. He later studied organ with Alexander McCurdy at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and enjoyed a formidable reputation as an organist. He served First Presbyterian Church of Detroit as Music Director for 15 years and published more than 800 choral and organ compositions. Young received eighteen consecutive composers' annual awards from ASCAP (the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers.)

John Weaver's (1937-2021) undergraduate study was at The Curtis Institute. After his graduation from Curtis, in 1959, Dr. Weaver became Director of Music at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in NYC. During this time, he also served his two years in the Military as Organist/Choir Director of the Post Chapel at West Point and earned a Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary. In 1968 Dr. Weaver and his wife, Maryanne, an accomplished flautist, founded the now famous Bach Cantata Series at Trinity. Dr. Weaver left Trinity in 1970 to become the Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church where he remained for 35 years until his retirement in 2005. John Weaver was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania and from Curtis, where he served as chair of the organ department from 1971-2003. He was also chair of the organ department at Juilliard from 1986-2004.

From Paul Jacobs' (chair of the organ depart at the Juilliard School) post in Juilliard's remembrance of John Weaver: "Given the complex nature of the organ, those who play it are often drawn to other intricate pieces of technology. Some are into planes, others antique cars. But John Weaver loved trains. His own elaborate model set-up was once featured in O-Gauge Railroading magazine. He relished his weekly Amtrak commute from New York to Philadelphia for teaching. And for years, a sketch he made of a locomotive hung on a bulletin board in the Registrar's office."

THIS WEEK

This week Goodwill Collection is Saturday, October 9 from 9am-1pm. Donations of clothing, furniture, and household items in good condition are welcomed and receipts for tax purposes will be available. Collections will be in our parking lot of First Presbyterian Church. Goodwill Industries provides vocational services for people with disabilities and special needs. Over 60 percent of its operating revenue comes from the sale of donated goods in its retail stores. For more information, go to www.gwct.org. The next Goodwill drive will be November 12.



UPDATE

MEN'S GATHERING met last Wednesday and they heard from Sherman Bull who shared the lessons he's learned from climbing Everest and other challenges and how these experiences have impacted his faith and his life. Please listen to the zoom recording here.

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Terry's 15 Minutes of Fame

Last Tuesday, FPCNC's Music Director Terry Flanagan enjoyed his 15 minutes (actually, it was only 14 minutes and 44 seconds) of fame as he was interviewed by Michael Dinan of 0684-RadiO. Terry talked about how he got into playing the organ, how he entered his professional field, and what his typical work week looks like. To hear the podcast, just click on the link below or the link within the September 29 NewCanaanite.com newsletter. ENJOY!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/0684-radi0-first-presbyterian-church-music-director/id1458628821?i=1000580955798>

FPCNC PROGRAMS

CONFIRMATION CLASS! Classes are Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm. If you are a Middle School eighth-grader or older and would you like to join this year's Confirmation Class or know of someone who might be interested, please let Wendy know ASAP at wendy@fpcnc.org.

CHERUB CHOIR (Pre-K to 2nd Grade) rehearsals are held for half an hour on Sundays immediately following worship service and is upstairs on 2nd floor of Bliss House. Children learn faith-based songs to sing in worship, are introduced to fundamentals of pitch and rhythm, and use games, movement, and simple instruments. Key performances are in the Nativity Pageant, on Easter Sunday, and at other times during the school year. Get your child started early singing and "making beautiful music for the Lord". *Directed by Sherry Tate, who has led our Cherubs for more than 25 years.*

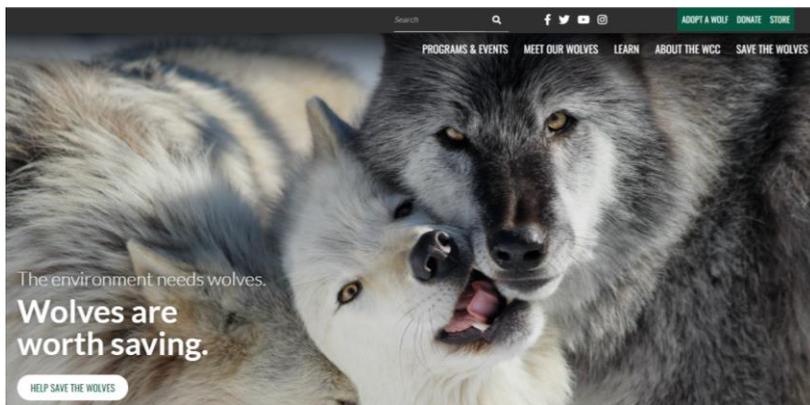
YOUTH CHOIR & CHIMES (3rd Grade to 8th Grade) rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15pm. The picture to the left shows two of the kids enjoying boomwacker lessons. It's an opportunity for our Youth to have fun together, develop their singing skills, and learn the fundamentals of Chimes and Handbells with the opportunity to perform in a welcoming environment with no pressure. Musical performances are spaced periodically throughout the year. *Directed by Terry Flanagan, our Director of Music and Fine Arts.*



**HSYG Living our Mission – Environment
Wolf Conservancy Center Visit – October 16
from 2:00–3:30pm**

Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it’s a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they prepare for winter! Guests will visit Ambassador Wolves Alawa and Nikai as well as potentially behold the WCC’s

critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves too. The tour starts promptly at 2:00pm and is in South Salem. If you want to carpool, check with the HSYG leader or meet at the FPC parking by 1:30pm. For more information go to www.nywolf.org. **RSVP by Friday, October 9 to wendy@fpcnc.org or call 203-966-0002 (ext. 1).**



**MSYG – Get lost with us in a Corn Maze Adventure
October 16 from 1:00–5:00pm**

Attention Middle Schoolers: join us as we journey to Castle Hill Farm in Newtown where we will explore a 7-acre corn maze! Armed with a map, our goal will be to find 30 signs throughout our 1-1.5 hour walk (don’t worry, there is an exit halfway through if we get too tired). At the completion of our “game”, the 900 Degrees Pizza food truck, farm animals, and live music await.

Great opportunity to bring a friend! We will meet at the church at 1:00pm and then carpool to the farm. Bring a water bottle. **RSVP by Wednesday, October 12 to wendy@fpcnc.org or call 203-966-0002 (ext. 1)**



Do you have New or Used Games you want to donate?

Looking to rid your old game room/closet of dusty unused games? You can help our FPCNC Youth Groups. We're looking to freshen up our game collection in the Tate Youth Barn. Can you help?

Wish List - new is nice, but gently used would be perfect, too!

Board Games – Ideal group games such as...

- Outburst
- Pictionary
- Scattergories
- Catch Phrase
- Family Feud
- Scene it?

Table Games

- Air Hockey Table
- Foosball Table (ours is a little crooked/warped)

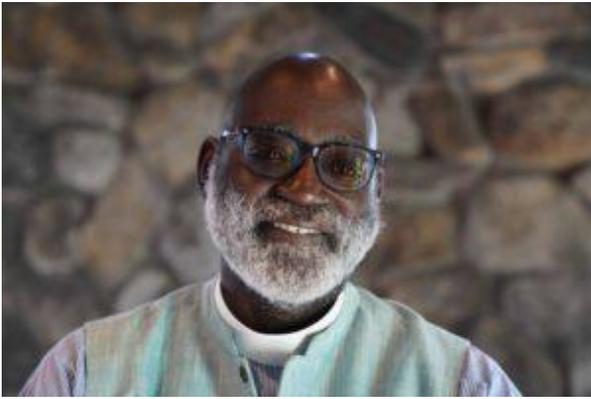
Video Game System (*anyone recently upgraded to a newer system looking to donate their older game system?*) – one of the following would be great!

- Nintendo Wii or Wii-U with Mario Party and other multiplayer games for all ages
- Playstation with group games for all ages
- Xbox with group games for all ages

Small donations can be dropped off at the church office; Table games should be dropped off at the Barn (coordinate with Wendy in the office).

LOOKING AHEAD

October 15 – Walking Tour of New Canaan The New Canaan Museum & Historical Society is sponsoring a 2-mile walking tour of downtown New Canaan. They will learn about the history of the town and some of its significant architecture, and explore inside four of its sacred spaces, including the First Presbyterian Church. Knowledgeable guides will share stories of the people and events that helped shape New Canaan, and point out some hidden gems in the Historic District, God's Acre, and beyond. The tour is free, takes approximately two hours, and ends with refreshments at the New Canaan Historical Society. The tours are sold out, but if you're interested, please contact the NC Historical Society.



SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 16

WORKSHOP: “LOVE INCLUSIVELY” The FPCNC second mission pillar is “Love Inclusively.” *As a congregation of inclusivity, we strive to welcome all people into the life of our church. We are a friendly and caring church where people of all ages, backgrounds, and life situations are always welcomed, and where our differences are celebrated and respected. We encourage the openness and authentic humanness that breaks down barriers of fear and builds bridges of trust and love.*

To help us reflect more deeply and in a way relevant to this time and place, we have the privilege of welcoming **The Rev. Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones to preach on Sunday, October 16, then lead a workshop following the service from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Common Room. Please rsvp as a light lunch will be provided.** Mark’s talk will be appropriate for Middle School students through adults of all ages! Childcare will be provided.

Mark is an Episcopal priest at *Trinity Church Wall Street* in New York City. He serves as the Priest and Director of Spiritual Formation of Trinity’s Retreat Center in West Cornwall, CT. A former Jesuit priest from Jamaica, Mark has missionary experience in Belize, Brazil, and Guyana. He believes that prayer, silence, and rest deepen our connection to God. Prayer and silence help us to name the pain, face the realities of our time, and claim the Way of Love for all people. At the Retreat Center, Fr. Mark fosters an environment suited to prayer, silence, meditation, rest, and reveling in the beauty of nature.

He is an avid reader, award-winning author and international speaker, and has taught at elementary and university levels. He has a passion for cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Mark’s intellectual interests include the impact of social issues on faith and spirituality, racism, and the impact of poverty. He is passionate about the inculturation of religion. Mark loves flowers, Brazilian and Reggae music, and is currently working on a book of poetry.

He is an award-winning author; recent books for children include: *God Thought of You, God Created, Jesus the Word, The Gospel of Barack Hussein Obama According to Mark, Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word, The Womb of Advent* and *The Rastafari Book of Common Prayer*. Two new books in 2021 include *Absalom Jones: Leader and Guide* (CPG) and one on the Spirituality called, *Face to the Rising Sun: Reflections on Spirituality and Justice* (Forward Movement).

Don’t miss this excellent opportunity to reflect more deeply on what it means to “love inclusively”!

PARTICIPATE IN CHRIST'S MISSION

Mission and Outreach 2022 UPDATE

New Covenant House

We will be finishing up the year of our 6 times a year First Saturday Serving in November. We have had a great group of volunteers and can always use more help. Good News! The YOUTH are in charge on November 5th Cook and Serve at NCH. Thank you!

Where has our money gone this year?

Environment

- Save the Sound [Hands-On Project last April and Donation of \$1000] Watch for opportunities to clean beaches and hiking trails this spring

Homelessness

- Pacific House [Donation of \$1000] May do a Hands-On Project in the spring for March Mattress
- Habitat for Humanity [Hands-On Project last Christmas and Donation of \$1000] Spring of 2023 we will be helping with a home building project. More information to come!

Social Justice

- Claremont School of Theology | Refugee Support [Donation of \$2500]
- International Rescue Mission [Donation of \$1000]
- Ruby Bridges Talk on Racism at Grace Farms [Donation of \$750]
- Meals on Wheels [Donation of \$1000 and Hands-On as needed]
- Assist with Educational Speaker Series 2 times this year [\$100.00] Come on Oct. 16th after church for a great lunch and to hear a wonderful speaker!
- World Refugee Day [Donation of \$1000]
- Voices of 9/11 [Donation of \$1000]

Families and Kids at Risk

- New Covenant House {Hands on Project \$3000 in purchase of food March, April, May and Sept, Oct and Nov}
- Open Door Shelter After School Program [Donation of \$1000]
- Knitting for Back to School [Several of our church members are knitting so kids do not have to go to school without a warm hat or gloves]

We have also spent \$1800 in T-shirts that are being worn at various outreach events. We have a few left if you would like to represent our church in this way. PCUSA outreach efforts are excellent ways to give in crisis situations. We also have members that get involved with many other charities including Filling in the Blank, Save My Starving Children, or Midnight Run. The DOVE program announcements will begin next month. Watch for opportunities to serve...What speaks to you?

If interested and you want to help, contact the church office or Cindy Graziano at 203-912-1991 or c_graziano@msn.com.

Deacons' Fund: Special envelopes are enclosed in today's bulletin to assist the Deacons' Fund and can be placed in the offering plates. The Deacons provide a ministry of welcome, hospitality and caring to the congregation as well as to our local and wider community and are a financially self-sustaining group. Some of the roles of our Deacons include assisting with baptisms, memorial services, and receptions, along with writing cards and letters, delivering flowers at Christmas and Easter to seniors, assisting with pastoral care, providing dinner at a local women's shelter and providing monetary assistance to congregants who might be in need. Please reach out to the pastor or a member of the Deacons should you know of someone who could use some help, a visit, or a phone call. Thank you for your continued support in helping the Deacons serve others in need.

DEACONS' FUND



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.

Flowers 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.

GROW IN FAITH

 SILVER HILL HOSPITAL The New Canaan Urgent Assessment (NCUA) Program is a collaboration between the Town of New Canaan and Silver Hill Hospital. Its goal is to connect those in urgent need of mental health treatment with a timely, psychiatric assessment and tailored referral for ongoing care. The program serves children, adolescents, and adults and is available to New Canaan residents for no out-of-pocket cost. The Assessment Program is available by advance appointment only. Please refer to the link below for a complete overview: <https://silverhillhospital.org/new-canaan-urgent-assessment-program/>



Pastoral Care Team: Do you know of someone who needs a visitor or a phone call? Our congregation is fortunate to have a team of people who are ready to reach out 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. Our Pastoral Care Team, made up of Kay Brix, Peg Bull, Nancy Flournoy, Lisa Gifford, Anne Palmer, Ellen Sisson and Mary Thies, is ready to provide pastoral care to church members who are dealing with such a situation. If you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry or if you have questions about the work of the Team, please call the church office 203-966-0002 (ext 1).

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIS OCTOBER!

Friday, October 14, 7:30pm – 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. Now in their tenth year, they have performed before audiences in Philadelphia, Washington DC, Cape Cod, New Haven, Boston, and the Lake George region of upper New York State. Drawing on traditional songs within the Whiff repertoire, the Classics remain serious about singing, rehearse diligently, and thoroughly enjoy the old songs in contemporary and challenging arrangements. 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 A new season of New Canaan Chamber Music starts on Friday, October 21 with an all-piano celebration of America, featuring music by George Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue), Samuel Barber and Julia Perry. Pieces by Schubert and Ravel will complete the evening. Celebrated pianists Andrew Armstrong and Orion Weiss will perform solos, piano duets, and "four hands" pieces in which both musicians play on one piano. Founder and Artistic Director of NCCM, Andy has built an enthusiastic following with six previous concerts at the church. Guest artist Orion Weiss has been cited by the New York Times as a "brilliant pianist."

Sunday, October 23, 3:00pm – Organ and Brass at FPCNC! Autumnal Brass Meets Thundering Organ
Terence Flanagan – organ, Don Batchelder and John Dent – trumpets, Eva Conti – horn, Dick Clark – trombone, and Brian Brown – tuba. **Nothing compares to a brass quintet and a mighty organ, presenting truly transcendent music for the soul in a stunning church acoustic.** Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Go to orchestralumos.org or call 203-325-1407 (ext 10).



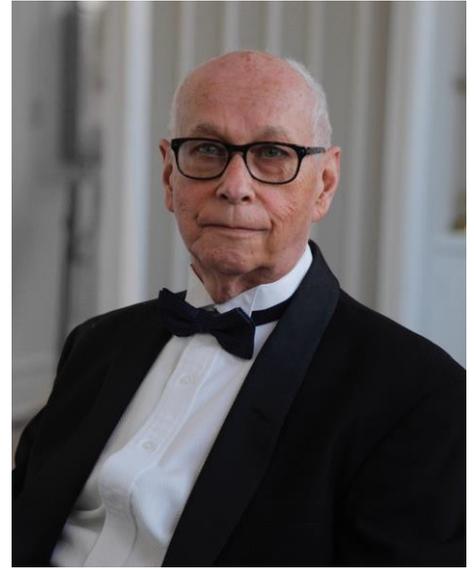
Fanfare for Canterbury Cathedral **David Sampson**
Celebration for Horn and Organ **Randall Faust**
Sonata St. Mark **Tomaso Albinoni arr. Batchelder**
Vocalise No. 18 **Marco Bordogni**
My Spirit Be Joyful **J.S. Bach**
Grand Chœur Dialogué **Eugène Gigout**
Canzon septimi toni No.1 **Giovanni Gabrieli**
O Terra, Addio from *Aida* **Giuseppe Verdi**
Prayer of Saint Gregory **Alan Hovhannes**
Feierlicher Einzug **Richard Strauss arr. Olsen**

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIS OCTOBER! (cont'd)

Saturday, October 29, 4:00pm – Arthur Sjögren Memorial Concert at FPC

A memorial concert is being planned by the family and friends of the late Maestro, Arthur Sjögren. Art was a world-renowned choral conductor known and beloved by many in our community. As Director of Vocal Music at New Canaan High School from 1975-2008, Art formed the New Canaan Madrigal Singers and led the ensemble on 23 tours around the world. In 1974 Art founded the Pro Arte Singers as the first fully professional choral group in Fairfield County and served as its Director until 2017. From 2010 to 2020, Art was Artistic Director of Charis Chamber Voices in Westchester, New York. All of these groups performed in our sanctuary. In addition, Art served as our own Interim Director of Music in 2015.

The concert, in loving memory of Art, will include performances by Pro Arte Singers, Charis Chamber Singers and more. More details to come!



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your hearts.

New prayers and concerns: Johnny Robertson (brother in law of Cindy Graziano)

Continued concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Lorenzo Colella; Tom and Judy Duncan (Lisa Flanagan's parents); John Edwards; The Family of John Lanaway; The Lewis Family (friends of Lisa and Terry Flanagan); Denise Lynch; Len Nerenburg; Sandy Nissley; Don O'Brien; Marlene Powers; David and Joyce Thomson (parents of Jennifer Van de Graaf); 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.

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.

Finally, please pray for the APNC team on behalf of their focused and dedicated Associate Pastor search.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Support our Ukrainian siblings

Europe is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. The United Nations estimates up to 18 million people, both internally displaced and refugees, will eventually be impacted.

According to reports from Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, Ukrainians are facing reduced or disrupted services in water, heating, electricity, transportation and telecommunications. Health services have deteriorated rapidly due to shortages of medical supplies and personnel.

Refugees, mostly women, children, people with disabilities and the elderly, had to leave their homes and spend days traveling to neighboring countries for safety, with almost nothing with them.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing allow for an immediate response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) when emergencies first occur, often responding to crises that never make it into the news.

In this volatile situation, PDA was able to provide urgent funding to trusted, established partners with the expertise to carry out humanitarian aid. Reformed and Orthodox church partners, like the Community of St. Egidio and Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, are working closely with local churches and organizations to provide food, water, clothing, shelter, psychosocial support and other basic items for survival. They are the “boots on the ground,” listening and responding to the needs of those impacted.



ACT/DKH/Frank Schultze

To stay informed about the work Presbyterians are doing in and around Ukraine, visit pcusa.org/pda/ukraine. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing and the vital ministries it supports, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

In this season of Lent, pray for our siblings in Ukraine. Pray for peace. And pray that all of us will remember that we are the Church, **together**.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- Through your congregation
- Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHS to 91999

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN

SUNDAY, October 2

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am **Worship Service in person and LocalLive (Communion)**
11 am Coffee Hour in person and Zoom
11:15 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal (2nd flr Piano Rm)
11:30 am “Farminary” by Nathan Stucky (Lunch and program)

MONDAY, October 3

3-7 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Sanctuary)
3:30pm, 4:30pm Jumpin’ Jams (Lawn)
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, October 4

9:30 am St. A’s Walking with Purpose
10 am Staff Leadership meeting
9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am Jumpin’ Jams (Lawn)
8 pm Men’s A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, October 5

4:30 pm English Handbells Rehearsal
5:30 pm Youth Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 6

3:30 pm Special Church
5 pm Confirmation Class
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, October 7

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Lawn)
12 pm Alva Solomon Memorial Reception
3-7 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, October 8

9 am Goodwill Truck (Parking Lot)
9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)

SUNDAY, October 9

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am **Worship Service in person and LocalLive**
11 am Coffee Hour in person and Zoom
11:15 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal (2nd flr Piano Rm)

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

The First Presbyterian Church Choir with:

Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Jennifer O’Neill – alto, Evan McCormack – tenor, Devin Mitchell – bass/baritone

Greeters: Judy Schurman and Sue Sherwood

Lay Reader: Nell Smith

Ushers: Peggy Jay and Bob Spangler

Communion Servers: Nancy and Peter Flournoy

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 • Jim Riehl, Business Administrator
Wendy Starr, Office Manager • Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir Director • Kate and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers

Sunday Worship–SIGN UP to Read, Usher, Greet:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aaaad2aa31-sunday>