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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

Bercuese

Pierre Cochereau

***Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 113)**

The Rev. Scott Herr

Leader: Hallelujah! You, who serve God, praise God!

People: Just to speak his name is praise!

Leader: Just to remember God is a blessing—now and tomorrow and always.

People: God picks up the poor from out of the dirt.

rescues the wretched who've been thrown out with the trash.

Leader: God seats them among the honored guests, a place of honor among the brightest and best.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God!

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

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,
 van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Message with the Young Disciples

Invitation to Confession

Barbara Wentzel

Leader: God our Savior, desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Daring to trust ourselves to God's desire for us, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession of Sin (unison)

God of all, we admit that we are more shrewd in getting ahead in earthly things than we are in heavenly things. We may use every advantage to avoid taxes, but not every opportunity to serve justice. We may exaggerate our virtues in giving account of ourselves, but are slow to opportunities for kindness. Forgive our dishonest accounting and slipshod morality for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(silence for personal reflection and repentance)

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is one mediator between God and us, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all.

People: **In him, we are forgiven and offered new life. 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: 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)

Barbara Wentzel

Holy God, speak to us now and help us to listen, that your Word may quiet us, disturb us, touch our need, break our pride, shrink our certainties, and enlarge our wonder. So hearing, help us to live out your Word in acts of love and service. Amen.

First Lesson – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem – Treasures in Heaven

Joseph W. Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,
Where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal,
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n,
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Ask and it shall be given you;
Seek, and ye shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,
For ev'ry one that asketh receiveth,
And he that seeketh findeth,
And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

FPCNC Choir

Second Lesson – Luke 16:1-13

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill,

sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Jesus the Rogue”

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – from Belhar Confession**

The Rev. Scott Herr

We believe

- that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is, in a special way, the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps the orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that, for God, pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
- that in following Christ, the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology, which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Scott Herr

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

Barbara Wentzel

God asks us to be faithful in all that we have been given. With generous hearts and open hands, let us bring our gifts to God.

Offertory

Balm in Gilead

arranged by H. T. Burleigh

There is a Balm in Gilead, To make the wounded whole
There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit, Revives my soul again.

If you can preach like Peter, If you can pray like Paul,
Go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all."

Jennifer O'Neill – alto

*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)

Barbara Wentzel

Holy God, with thanks for all good gifts, we bring our time, our talents, our lives, along with these gifts, for your use and your blessing. Receive them as signs of our love and use them to accomplish your good and gracious will. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, the second system contains the next four lines, the third system contains the next four lines, and the fourth system contains the final four lines. The score includes a variety of musical notation, including whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, as well as rests and bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves.

1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.

teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;

grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

***Benediction**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

***Choral Amen**

***Ringling of the Church Bell**

***Postlude**

Toccata

Michelle Leclerc

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to worship on this, the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time! 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 explore Jesus' perhaps most puzzling parable found in Luke 16:1-13, looking for what it might tell us about surprising ways to share the good news.

Belhar Confession The Belhar Confession was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in 1986, during the time of apartheid and declared that apartheid constituted a status confession in which the truth of the gospel was at stake. Its confrontation of the sin of racism made possible reconciliation among Reformed churches in Southern Africa and aided the process of reconciliation within the nation of South Africa.

Sunday School is back and 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. Thank you.

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.

The flowers today are in Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of John Lanaway by his family.

ABOUT TODAY’S MUSIC

With our festive Rally Day celebration behind, I have taken today’s prelude in a different direction, given the recent losses in our church family and recent 9/11 memorials. One of my favorite organ pieces was a tribute improvised by Pierre Cochereau in memory of Louis Vierne – *Berceuse*. Both Vierne and Cochereau served as head organist at Notre Dame in Paris, Vierne before Cochereau. **Pierre Cochereau** (1924-1984) studied at the Paris Conservatoire with Jean Gallon and Duruflé (harmony) and Dupré (organ). He was organist at St Roch, Paris, 1942-54, and in 1955 became organist of Notre Dame. His specialty was improvisation; the numerous recordings of his improvisations at Notre Dame show his mastery of the genres of the symphony, variations and the toccata. Today’s prelude takes the “melody” of a sweet, gentil *Berceuse* composed by Vierne, and turns it into a wonderful tribute, becoming somewhat anguished mid-way, only to end in the most serene state – perhaps a musical depiction of Cochereau’s grieving process...

Joseph Waddell Clokey (1890-1960) was an educator, organist and composer of sacred and secular music in the first half of the 20th Century. Clokey's father (also named Joseph Clokey) was a Presbyterian pastor, which was certainly an influence on the younger Clokey's focus on sacred music. Clokey was one of the most widely sung composers in churches during the 1950s. In 1987, composer John Ness Beck founded the John Ness Beck Foundation in memory of Clokey and Randall Thompson to promote traditional sacred choral music.

Harry Thacker Burleigh (born December 2, 1866; Erie, Pennsylvania, died September 12, 1949; Stamford, Connecticut) was a Baritone soloist, a composer and a noted arranger of African American spirituals. Burleigh studied under Antonín Dvořák at the National Conservatory of Music in New York City and through his singing acquainted Dvořák with traditional Black vocal music. He was a soloist in New York City at St. George’s Church (1894-1946) and at Temple Emanuel (1900-1925). He composed more than 200 songs and became widely known for his arrangements like *Deep River*.

Michelle Leclerc (1939-2006) was among those artists who leave their mark on their time. She, via her recitals and recording catalog, did her part in reinstating the concert organ’s claim to nobility. Her teachers initially included Jean Langlais, under whose guidance she received the Virtuosity Degree at the Schola Cantorum in Paris. She subsequently coached in the art of improvisation with Pierre Cochereau. At the end of her life, she was Titular Organist of the Cathedral in Sens, where she directed the International Organ Festival, and Co-Titular Organist of the Lutheran Church of les Billettes in Paris. As Professor at the National Conservatory of Orléans and at the Schola Cantorum in Paris, she was often called upon to teach various master classes and was invited to participate in the juries for international competitions.



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.

THIS WEEK AT FPCNC

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP is sponsoring a **weekly Bible Study** on **Wednesdays in September** from **12:45pm – 2:30pm** which started **September 7**. The book we will study is The First Letter of Apostle John. Men and Women of the congregation are invited. Coffee and tea will be available. Come join us in the Parlor/Library!

MANSE MEETINGS: The Church Office is trying to reach out to every church member to invite you to join Scott and other members in what we've traditionally called cottage conversations/now "Manse Meetings". Scott is eager to connect with members of our church family and hear what is on your mind now that we're starting a new church calendar year and hopefully feel more safe given vaccines and boosters to meet in small groups. The groups will be no more than eight–10. There are only a few more dates in September. **Please call Wendy in the Church Office if you want to sign up for either Sunday, Sept. 18, and Tuesday, Sept. 20.**

Next Sunday, September 25 there will be a New Members' Orientation Class 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.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

CHERUB CHOIR (Pre-K to 2nd Grade) starts this Sunday, September 18th. 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”. Rehearsals are held for half an hour on Sundays after Church upstairs in the Bliss House. *Directed by Sherry Tate, who has led our Cherubs for more than 25 years.*



YOUTH CHOIR & CHIMES (3rd Grade to 8th Grade) started this past Wednesday, Sept. 14th. The picture to the right shows two of the kids with Terry enjoying a lesson about the organ. 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. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm. *Directed by Terry Flanagan, our Director of Music and Fine Arts.*

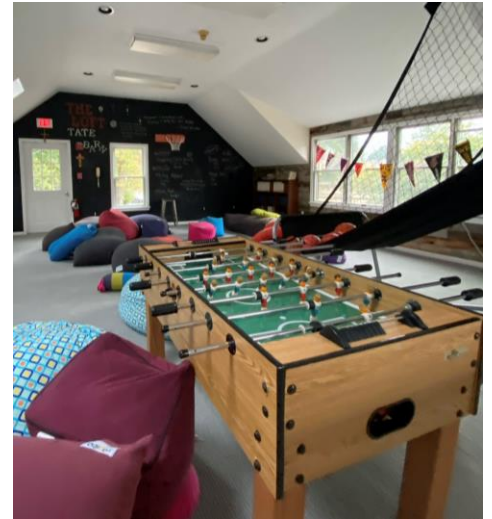
Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) – Kick-Off Meeting – Sunday, September 25th, 2 – 3:30pm

Calling all 5th – 8th Graders (and parents)! We're thrilled to be rebooting our MSYG. After a pandemic of isolation, we're ready to get MSYG back together IN-PERSON for fun, games, snacks, service projects and more!

Go-Kart racing, s'mores making, movie night, food pantry serving...

- What types of events do you want to do?
- What do you NOT want to do?

Now's your chance to meet and have fun with other Youth of faith and help us plan. **Join us in the Tate Barn on Sunday, September 25th from 2-3:30pm** to help us brainstorm our activities for the year. We will play, talk, snack & plan!



High School Youth Group (HSYG) – Kick-Off Meeting – Sunday, September 25th, 4:00-5:00pm

All High School students are invited to our Kick-Off for HSYG. We will meet to reconnect in person after a long break due to the pandemic, and plan our activities for the year ahead. We will consider service opportunities such as: New Covenant House, Save the Sound, Shopping Cart Wars, Habitat for Humanity

We will also discuss opportunities for HSYG Youth to bring friends to these activities and collaborate with other Youth groups. **Join us in the Tate Barn on Sundays.** FPCNC members and non-members are welcome!



Purple Heather Dancers have started up again every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm in the Common Room at FPC. The class comprises of the social dances of Scotland which include jigs, reels and strathspeys. Beginners are most welcome including children from age 10 and up. All members of the FPC congregation are welcome. For more information, contact Sandra Bethray at: purpleheatherdancers@gmail.com.

October 15th Walking Tour of New Canaan. Join the NC Museum & Historical Society for a 2-mile walking tour of downtown New Canaan. 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. Parking is available at 13 Oenoke Ridge. ***Space is limited, so please sign up for either the 10am or 2pm tours.***

10am Sign Up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10am-historic-walking-tour-of-new-canaan-tickets-380689752297>

2pm Sign Up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2pm-historic-new-canaan-walking-tour-tickets-391996852137>

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your hearts.

New prayers and concerns: Prayers for Kevin Fink, a talented young bassist who had elbow surgery this past Wednesday.

Continued concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Family of Morgan Boston; James Champagne (Laura "La" Holden's mother's husband); 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; The Family of Marianne Rothballer; David and Joyce Thomson (parents of Jennifer Van de Graaf); The Family of Ruth Bovier Witt; 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.

UPDATE

Manse BBQ



2022 Rally Day Celebration!

Last Sunday's Rally Day celebration, following Worship, was a great success, bringing our church together in fun, faithfulness and fellowship (not to mention food for all and Old Faithful rides!). The Angry O'Haras wonderfully harmonized the event and even got the crowd dancing. Sign-ups to volunteer for Sunday School (attendance or to help teach), Cherub Choir, Assisting in Worship (usher, reader, greeter, cross bearer) went well but slots are still open for additional volunteers. Thanks much to all of you who helped make this year's Rally Day special!







(LEFT) The High School Rams Football team carried out a new training regimen on Sunday! They carried tables and chairs in numbers previously thought impossible as they helped FPC clear up after Rally Day. They also helped take down the huge tent in record time too. We wish them a successful season this year. The training of lifting those huge weights will no doubt help in the fitness building! (pictured left to right are: Ty Groff, Walker Blair, Rev. Scott, Grayson Ladley, Flynn Coffey, and Graham Ladley)

PARTICIPATE IN CHRIST'S MISSION

New Covenant House: We need your help to prepare or serve food – this is so rewarding! Sign up to help October 1 and/or November 5. Three people to help prepare meals (2-4pm) or two people to serve meals (4-6pm). Sign up or contact the church office or Cindy Graziano at 203-912-1991 or c_graziano@msn.com.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A5AE28A7FF2-newcovenant>


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



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 Fournoy, 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).

 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/>

COMMUNITY



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Do you have the opportunity to help contribute to your community by donating blood during the American Red Cross Sponsored blood donation event coming up on Friday, September 23rd 2022. Scan the QR code to register and find out more information.



In recognition of First Presbyterian Church's ongoing and growing relationship with **Orchestra Lumos (formerly Stamford Symphony)** they would like to offer our congregation seats at their upcoming concert on Saturday, September 24th at the Palace Theatre for just \$5.00 each. Use Promo Code LIMOS5. Buy tickets here: <https://www.palacestamford.org/online/>

Maria Friedman In Concert for just \$5.00

Featuring the music of **Marvin Hamlisch**, **Stephen Sondheim** and
Michel Legrand with **Todd Ellison**, Musical Direction and Piano

Saturday, September 24 at 7:30pm

The Palace Theatre



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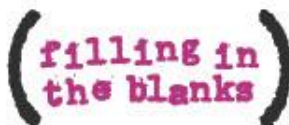
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This year marks the **Rotary Club of New Canaan's 37th Annual Family Lobsterfest** held on **Friday and Saturday, September 30th and October 1st, 2022.**

A fantastic time to enjoy a classic New England style steamed lobster dinner! New this year, choose a classic Lobster Roll! Lobster not your thing? We've got Grilled Salmon and Fried Chicken

dinners too! If you're unable to attend, please consider donating a dinner to our town's amazing First Responders! Proceeds support the club's annual grants to local non-profits. **Buy your tickets by September 11th to receive a 10% discount.** Order tickets at: <https://www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org>.



Rotary Club LobsterFest!



Steamed Lobster, Lobster roll,
Fried chicken or Salmon Dinners



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - UPCOMING CONCERTS THIS OCTOBER!

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. 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).

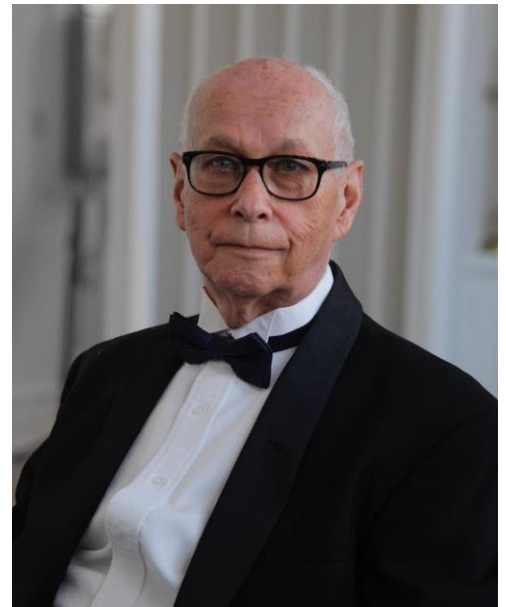
Fanfare for Canterbury Cathedral **David Sampson**
Celebration for Horn and Organ **Randall Faust**
Sonata St. Mark **Tomaso Albinoni arr. Batchelder**
Vocalise No. 18 **Marco Bordogni**
My Spirit Be Joyful **J.S. Bach**
Grand Chœur Dialogué **Eugène Gigout**
Canzon septimi toni No.1 **Giovanni Gabrieli**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



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!





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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
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN

SUNDAY, September 18

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
11 am Coffee Hour in person and Zoom
11:30-1:00 Manse Meeting (Scott's Study)

MONDAY, September 19

7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, September 20

10 am Staff Leadership meeting
9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
1 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting
3-4:30 Manse Meeting (171 Jonathan Road)
6-7:30 RAM Council
8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, September 21

12:45 pm Women's Fellowship (Bible Study)
4:30 pm English Handbells Rehearsal
5:30 pm Youth Music Rehearsal
6:30 pm St. A's Bereavement Group

THURSDAY, September 22

3:30 pm Special Church
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, September 23

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

SATURDAY, September 24

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

SUNDAY, September 25

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
11 am Coffee Hour in person and Zoom
11:30 am New Members' Orientation Class

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

Greeter: Carolyn Scott

Lay Reader: Barbara Wentzel

Usher: Jennifer Frazer and Jennifer Van de Graaf

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

Sign up to help with being a Reader, Usher, Greeter, and/or Communion server.