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Grace and peace to you, and welcome!

As you prepare for Worship, please sign the red welcome pad found at the center of each aisle so that we will know you worshipped with us. Then pass it to your neighbor. The last person to sign the pad should pass it back to the center of the aisle. We suggest you 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.

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude Anthiphon V and III (from *Fifteen Pieces*) Marcel Dupré

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 27:1)** Doug Gillespie

Leader: We are called to the work of Israel, to the work of Jesus.

People: We are called to spread God's love in this world.

Leader: We can do this work, as we are, because of the Holy Spirit.

People: By God's grace, we are salt.

Leader: We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in people.

People: By God's grace, we are light.

Leader: We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

People: By God's grace, we follow the commandments and the law.

Leader: We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

People: By God's grace, we are salt. We are light. God transforms and uses us. Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

Cents-Ability Collection

Invitation to Confession

Jan Lucie

Leader: Everyone is welcome as they are. We invite each other to set our burdens down, including the burden of false pretenses. Let us be honest with God and with ourselves about the ways that we fail so that we can hear the good news of Jesus' redemption anew. Let us confess our sins together and individually.

Confession of Sin (unison)

People: **Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts.**

(silence for further reflection and repentance...)

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us. Hear and believe the good news:

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

*Gloria Patri (No. 581)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the God of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Congregation greets one another and shares the peace of Christ

THE WORD

Prayer For Illumination (unison)

Doug Gillespie

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover the saltiness that brings new life for all; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Eternal Light

Jane Marshall

Eternal Light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.

Eternal Life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me.

Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

FPCNC Choir

Second Lesson – Matthew 5:13-20

The Rev. Scott Herr

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who Are You?"

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn 296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

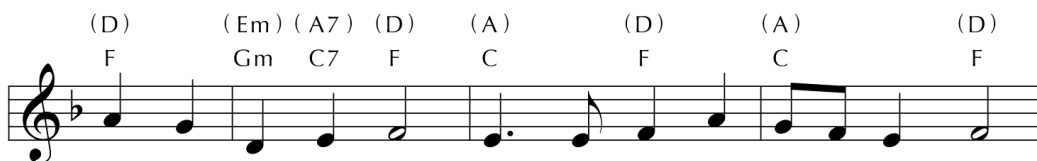
Wondrous Light



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

Call for the Offering

Doug Gillespie

Leader: Friends, we have heard the Word of God proclaimed that we are salt and light. Let us respond by offering God what we hold as precious, our money, time or talents, investing in God's priorities for our world. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Tantum Ergo (from *Trois Prières*)

Jean Langlais

Tantum ergo sacramentum	Therefore, so greatly the Sacrament
Veneremur cernui,	let us venerate with heads bowed
Et antiquum documentum	and let the old practice
Novo cedat ritui.	give way to the new rite.
Præstet fides supplementum	Let faith provide a supplement
Sensuum defectui.	for the failure of the senses.
Genitori genitoque	To the Begetter and the Begotten
Laus et jubilatio,	be praise and jubilation,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque	hail, honour, virtue also,
Sit et benedictio!	and blessing too!
Procedenti ab utroque	To the One proceeding from Both
Compar sit laudation.	let there be equal praise.
Amen.	Amen.

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)

Doug Gillespie

Loving God, we offer you these gifts. Please bless them, just as you bless those who gave them and those who will receive them. May the sharing of these gifts share the light of your love and the saltiness of your justice for all people. In Jesus' name. 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

Jan Lucie

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

The Rev. Scott Herr

The words of institution are spoken here.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

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. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

*Benediction

The Rev. Scott Herr

*Choral Amen

*Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude

Antiphon I (from *Fifteen Pieces*)

Marcel Dupré

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to worship on this Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (the season of celebrating the increasing light in our world and our opportunity to reflect the light of Christ’s love). We are glad you are with us and pray you will experience the grace of God’s welcome during our time together and be spiritually refreshed and socially reoriented for the coming week. Today, we reflect on the two lectionary texts from the prophet Isaiah and Matthew, the gospel writer, to consider what it means to be “salt” and “light” in the world.



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.

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 parents can pick up their children 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 Kristie Godina, FPCNC parent, experienced Teacher and Youth Leader.***

FPCNC also offers **babysitting during our Sunday service** provided by Saturnina Greeves-Cooper and Lizz Reyes 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.

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Marcel Jean-Jules Dupré (1886-1971) was a French organist, composer, and pedagogue. His father Aimable Albert Dupré was Titular Organist of Saint-Ouen Abbey and a friend of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, who built an organ in the family house when Marcel was 10 years old. Having already taken lessons from Alexandre Guilmant, he entered the Paris Conservatoire, where he studied with Louis Diémer and Lazare Lévy (piano), Guilmant and Louis Vierne (organ), and Charles-Marie Widor (fugue and composition). Twelve years later, he was appointed professor of organ performance and improvisation at the Paris Conservatoire, a position he held until 1954. Succeeding Widor in 1934 as Titular Organist at St. Sulpice in Paris, Dupré retained this position for the rest of his life. In 1954, Dupré became director of the Paris Conservatoire; he held this post for only two years before the prevailing national laws forced him to retire at the age of 70.

Jane Marshall (1924-2019) was a composer of choral music, a hymnist, poet and teacher. A longtime member of the Meadows School of the Arts theory faculty and the Sacred Music graduate faculty at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, she taught in the summer continuing education program there and was active as a clinician for choral organizations around the country.

Jean Langlais was born on February 15, 1907, in La Fontenelle, Brittany, France and became blind from the age of two. Sent to the Paris National Institute for the Young Blind in 1918, he studied piano, violon, harmony and organ with great blind teachers among other Albert Mahaut and Andre Marchal. Later, he entered the Paris National Conservatory of Music in Marcel Dupré's organ class, obtaining a First Prize in 1930. In 1931, he received the *Grand Prix d'Execution et Improvisation des Amis de l'Orgue*, after having studied improvisation with Charles Tournemire. He ended his studies with a Composition Prize in Paul Dukas class at the Paris Conservatory in 1934. Professor for forty years at the National Institute for the Young Blind, he also taught at the Paris Schola Cantorum where, between 1961 and 1976, he influenced both French and foreign students. In 1945, he became the successor to Cesar Franck and Charles Tournemire at the organ tribune of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris. He left that position in 1987 at the age of 80, having been titular for 42 years. Jean Langlais died in Paris, on May 8, 1991, at the age of 84.

TODAY



Our youth will serve a soup lunch in the common room. Drop a donation in the specially marked stock pot and enjoy some delicious soup and fellowship. Can't stay? Your donation can also get you a pint of soup to go. All donations will be given to The Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County.

TODAY (Cont'd)

STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to those who have already participated in the Stewardship Campaign. We are blessed to be able to join together in “Stewarding Abundance” and we are off to a great start! If you haven’t already pledged, there’s still time. If you have not sent in a pledge and would like to, please call Wendy in the Church office at 203-966-0002 (ext 1). She will either take your pledge over the phone or have a Stewardship Captain contact you.



The Stewardship Committee and the Church are planning to publish a “Thank You” list of all the members and families that have pledged their support for 2023. This will appear in the Bulletin on February 19th. We would like to include everyone in this list, so, if you have not yet pledged, please call the office soon so we can include you.

Thank you for your participation! We are headed for a great year of ministry and mission at FPCNC in 2023. Let’s make sure we can afford all the good we are called to do. That is what stewardship is all about.

THIS WEEK AT FPCNC

Men’s Gathering meets **Wednesday morning at 7:00 am** online this week! In preparation for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season, we will explore some of the varying spiritual traditions and practices. Jesus said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38). As Richard Foster describes them, the major “streams” of Christian spiritual tradition are: The Contemplative tradition (or prayer-filled life); The Holiness tradition (or the virtuous life); The Charismatic Tradition (or the Spirit-filled life); The Social Justice Tradition (or the compassionate life); The Evangelical Tradition (or the Word-centered life); and the Incarnational Tradition (or the sacramental life). We will discuss, with adequate caffeination, these different streams and some of the practices to begin planning what will be life-giving practices for our Lenten journeys. All are welcome!

Weekly Bible Study is on **Wednesdays**. Our meetings in February will be from **12:45pm – 2:30pm** and we will study the **Gospel of Matthew**. Men and Women of the congregation are welcome. Coffee and tea will be available. Come join us in the Parlor/Library. Sponsored by the Women’s Fellowship.

LOOKING AHEAD

Adult Forum—Join us on Sunday, February 19 at 11:30am! Our next conversation on “Learning Continuously” (our third Mission Pillar), will be led by Dr. Eric D. Barreto, the Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. He earned a BA in religion from Oklahoma Baptist University, an MDiv from Princeton Seminary, and a PhD in New Testament from Emory University. Prior to coming to Princeton Seminary, he served as associate professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, and also taught as an adjunct professor at the Candler School of Theology and McAfee School of Theology. As a Baptist minister, Barreto has pursued scholarship for the sake of the church, and he regularly writes for and teaches in faith communities around the country. He has also been a leader in the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium, a national, ecumenical, and inter-constitutional consortium



comprised of some of the top seminaries, theological schools, and religion departments in the country. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion. **Please RSVP to the church office if you're planning to come.**

LOOKING AHEAD (Cont'd)

SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 immediately following the 10:00am worship service, and we'll have snacks and beverages in the Common Room.

NEW COVENANT HOUSE: We're starting in March and NEED YOUR HELP to prepare or serve food – this is so rewarding! Please sign up to help March 4, April 1 and/or May 6. What's needed: three people to help prepare meals (2-4pm) and two people to serve meals (4-6pm). Sign up online, contact the church office or contact Cindy Graziano at 203-912-1991/c_graziano@msn.com. Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A5AE28A7FF2-newcovenant>



EDITOR'S NOTE



A Thank you from Nate Stucky, who joined our service on October 2, 2022 and then after worship gave a talk on “Farminary: Seeking Faith in an Exhausted World”.

“Thank you very much for your recent gift to the Farminary at Princeton Theological Seminary! It was my great pleasure to be at New Canaan back in October to talk with your congregation about the teaching and ministry that happens at the Farminary, and I am humbled all the more by this gift.”

Birth Announcement from Jim and Lis Ely: We'd like to share a little good news - on Monday, January 23, Meg and Devin Nagy welcomed Constance Joan (Connie) into the world. 8 lbs 7 oz of pure joy. Connie and Mom are doing well, Dad is catching up on his sleep, and two year old Frank is learning (reluctantly) to share the spotlight. And of course Lis and I are over the moon!

Note from Rev. Mary Marple Thies:

Dear Friends in Christ,

On February 16, I am scheduled to have knee replacement surgery. As those of you who have had this procedure know, there will be a significant period of recovery and rehabilitation following the surgery. Therefore, I will not be as available to you as I have been. Starting the first of February, I plan to quarantine myself from crowds to avoid catching any of the bugs that seem to be so abundant right now. That means I will not be participating in worship leadership or visiting in person for the foreseeable future.

So many of you have already offered me your good wishes and promise of prayers and I am most grateful. I have been using a guided meditation for successful surgery. One of the images it suggests is that of being surrounded during surgery by guardian angels and people who are supportive and encouraging. When I hold that image in my head, many of your faces are there.

My thanks for your understanding and caring.

Peace, Mary

A Thank you from Flor D. Gonzalez with the Person to Person DOVE program

“I thank you for your passion, zeal, and commitment to continuing the Dove Program tradition at Person to Person. With gratitude, I share the total number of Doves received.

Total of All Doves: \$43,152.10

For your congregation, FPCNC DOVE donations received is: \$4,900.00”

(Our total of \$4,900 represents more than 10% of the total DOVE funds raised.)



EDITOR'S NOTE (Cont'd)

A Thank You from The Department of Human Services of New Canaan to the Members of First Presbyterian Church. "The Department of Human Services would like to thank you for your donation of \$978.57 toward the New Canaan Food Pantry. Your thoughtful contribution and community spirit are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!"

COMMUNITY

The New Paradigm Theater and the Norwalk Symphony have co-produced West Side Story (2019) and South Pacific (2020) with star and local performers. For each show they also partner with a social justice nonprofit that reflects the theme of the show. For instance, West Side Story brought attention and funding for Building One Community (B1C) and immigration services. **This year they chose Domestic Violence Crisis Center "DVCC" as their nonprofit partner. Production Dates:** Saturday, February 11 at 7:30pm (Snow Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 7:30pm)



For more information: <https://nptheatre.org/carousel-with-norwalk-symphony-orchestra/>

To Buy Tickets <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/norwalksymphony/1368>

PARTICIPATE IN CHRIST'S MISSION

DEACONS' FUND




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.

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

 **SILVER HILL HOSPITAL** If you know of someone in urgent need of mental health support, please remember the resource that our town has in the New Canaan Urgent Assessment Program. The town, in partnership with Silver Hill Hospital, is prepared to offer psychiatric assessment and tailored referral for ongoing care. The Program serves children, teens and adults who are New Canaan residents free of charge. To schedule an intake call, email NCUA@silverhillhospital.org or call Silver Hill Hospital admissions at 1-866-542-4455 and indicate that you are asking about the New Canaan Urgent Assessment Program. For more details use this link: <https://silverhillhospital.org/new-canaan-urgent-assessment-program/>

GROW IN FAITH (Cont'd)



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, Ellen Sisson, Jan Sulkowski, 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).

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your hearts.

New prayers and concerns: Kip and Mike Farrell; Chelsea and Wynne Holden (Chelsea's Grandmother, RoseMarie Romanotto, was rushed to ER last week for extensive testing, had her gallbladder removed and is undergoing add'l testing to make sure that was the issue); Jim Riehl

Continued concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Charlotte Allen and family (her mother died Thursday, January 12, 2023 after a long battle with cancer); Ken Bergstrom (Evelyn Bergstrom's son); John Edwards; Tom Gillespie; Sandy Graf and family (her father, Bill Bellis, died January 12, 2023); Ted Kiernan (Kay Kiernan Brix's son), who had a heart procedure on January 26; Bob LaBadie and family (his brother, Paul Edward LaBadie, died early morning January 11, 2023); The Lewis Family (friends of Lisa and Terry Flanagan); Denise Lynch; Len Nerenburg; Sandy Nissley; Marlene Powers; Steve Richie (friend of Maxine Gaddis and the Flanagan family); The Abo Noktah family (the Syrian family FPCNC sponsored): 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.

For Noroton Presbyterian Church, its Members, Session, Seekers, and the Community of Darien, CT.

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

COVID 19 FPC Mask policy Masks are optional for in-person worship and other activities. Please follow relevant CDC Guilelines 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.

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN

SUNDAY, February 5

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
Cents-ability – bring your spare change
11 am Coffee Hour
11:15 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal (2nd flr Piano Rm)
11:30 am Souper Bowl of Caring (Common Room)

MONDAY, February 6

3-8 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Sanctuary)
3:30pm, 4:30pm Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, February 7

9 am St. A’s Walking With Purpose Group
10 am Staff Leadership Meeting
9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)
8 pm Men’s A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, February 8

7 am Men’s Gathering (Zoom)
12:45 pm Weekly Bible Study (Parlor/Library)

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

THURSDAY, February 9

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

FRIDAY, February 10

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)
3-8 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, February 11

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

SUNDAY, February 12

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
11:00 am Coffee Hour
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: Anna Mae and Chris Bondor

Lay Reader: Jan Lucie and Doug Gillespie

Ushers: Janet Lanaway and Jim Ely

Communion Servers: Nancy Reichart and Stephen Caird (from Special Church) and Serena Gillespie

MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

OUR PASTORS

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

OUR STAFF

Terence J. Flanagan, Director of Music and Fine Arts • Jim Riehl, Business Administrator
Wendy Starr, Office Manager • Megan Schinella, Communications Assistant • Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir Director
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