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Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 19, 2023 • 10:00am
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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.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Epigrams 1, 2 and 6

Zoltán Kodály

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)**

The Rev. Scott Herr

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: **God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.**

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: **God's goodness and mercy are always close.**

Leader: And so we come in confidence and freedom

People: **To seek new life, and to worship and praise the Lord.**

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

***Hymn No. 718**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Blessing for our Younger Disciples

Invitation to Confession

Dan Mason

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the healing joy and meaningful life God intends. Let us pray...

Confession of Sin (unison)

Dan Mason

People: God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be...

(silence for further individual reflection and repentance...)

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Dan Mason

Leader: Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out to offer us new life. 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

Dan Mason

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)

Dan Mason

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

First Lesson – John 10:7-16

Dan Mason

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live in righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness
into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies,
a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

FPCNC Choir, Lisa Flanagan – soprano solo, Devin Mitchell – baritone solo

Second Lesson – Ecclesiastes 6:7-9; Isa 25:6-8

Dr. Miroslav Volf

⁷All human toil is for the mouth, yet the appetite is not satisfied. ⁸For what advantage have the wise over fools? And what do the poor have who know how to conduct themselves before the living? ⁹Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire; this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“A Promise of Abundance”

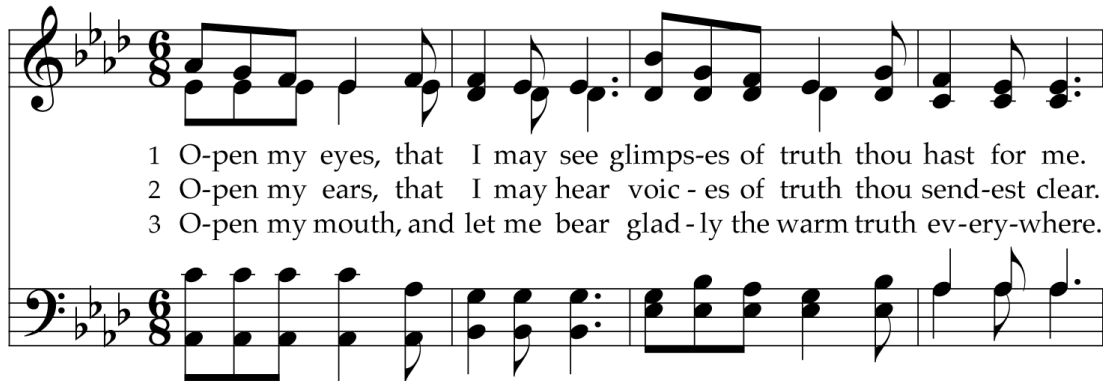
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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

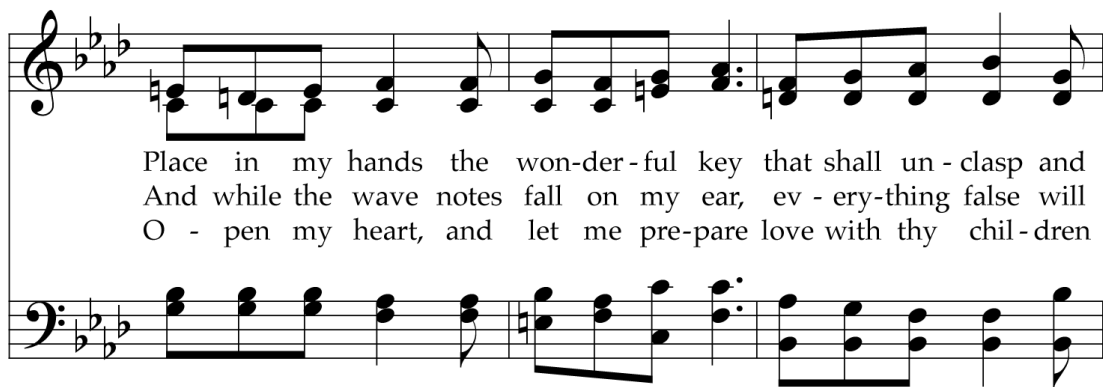
*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

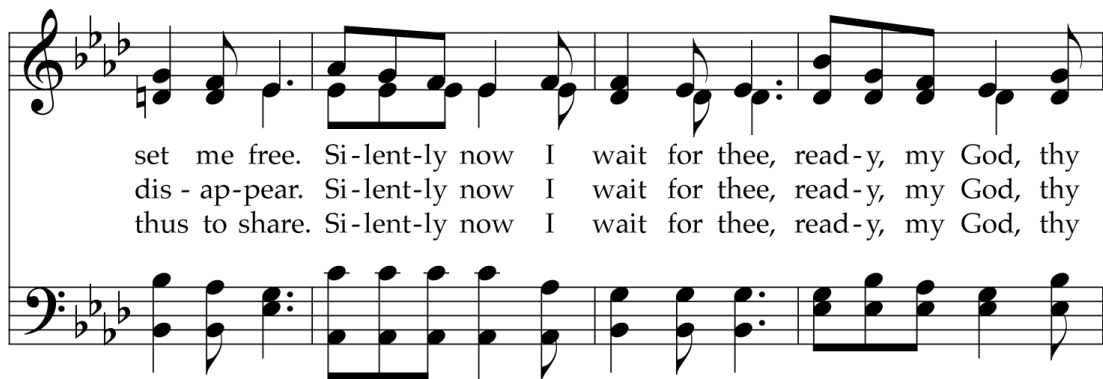
Open My Eyes



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Prayers of the People

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.

Call for the Offering

Dan Mason

Leader: With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

Offertory Solo

The Gospel of Grace

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

I found free grace and dying love, I'm new born again,
been a long time a talkin' 'bout my trials here below.
Free grace, sinner, Free grace, I'm new born again.
So glad, I'm new born again, been a long time a talkin' 'bout my trials here below.

My Savior died for you and me, I'm new born again,
been a long time a talkin' 'bout my trials here below.
I know my Lord has set me free, I'm new born again,
been a long time a talkin' 'bout my trials here below.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Evan McCormack – tenor

*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)

Dan Mason

Loving God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, to bring healing to the nations, and a better life and fairer world for all. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*Benediction

Dr. Miroslav Volf

*Choral Amen

*Ring of the Church Bell

*Postlude

The Modal Trumpet

Frederick Karam

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Holy Spring of the Christian church. Lent is a time for spiritual refreshment and renovation, and traditionally a time for renewed spiritual practices to open our hearts anew to God. The 40 days of Lent are patterned off Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. Today we welcome Dr. Miroslav Volf to the pulpit as he invites us to reflect more deeply on what is God's promise of abundance look like in our lives and life together? After worship, we hope you stay with us for lunch and an adult forum where Dr. Volf will talk more about the topic of his upcoming book, "Life Worth Living." We are glad you are with us and pray you will experience the grace of God's welcome and be spiritually renewed and socially reoriented for the week.

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 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

This morning's organ prelude is by **Zoltán Kodály** (1882-1967), a Hungarian composer, ethnomusicologist, music pedagogue, linguist, and philosopher. He is well known internationally as the creator of the Kodály method of music education. Kodály learned to play the violin as a child. In 1900, he entered the Department of Languages at the University of Budapest and at the same time Hans von Küssler's composition class at the Royal Hungarian Academy of Music. After completing his studies, he studied in Paris with Charles Widor for a year. In 1905 he visited remote villages to collect songs, recording them on phonograph cylinders. In 1906 he wrote a thesis on Hungarian folk song, *Strophic Construction in Hungarian Folksong*. At around this time Kodály met fellow composer and compatriot Béla Bartók, whom he took under his wing and introduced to some of the methods involved in folk song collecting. The two became lifelong friends and champions of each other's music.

Our FPCNC Choir anthem is composed by English composer and teacher of music **John Nicholson Ireland** (1879-1962). Ireland entered the Royal College of Music in 1893, studying piano with Frederic Cliffe, and organ, his second study, under Walter Parratt. From 1897 he studied composition under Charles Villiers Stanford. In 1896 Ireland was appointed Sub-Organist at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, London SW1, and later, from 1904 until 1926, was Organist and Choirmaster at St Luke's Church, Chelsea. From 1923 he taught at the Royal College of Music. His pupils there included Richard Arnell, Ernest John Moeran, Benjamin Britten (who later described Ireland as possessing "a strong personality but a weak character"), composer Alan Bush, Geoffrey Bush (no relation to Alan), who subsequently edited or arranged many of Ireland's works for publication, Anthony Bernard and Percy Turnbull (who became a lifelong friend).

Evan McCormack is singing an arrangement of two spirituals by **Mark Hayes**. Mark was raised in a creative musical environment, beginning piano lessons at age ten and developing his improvisational skills at an early age. He earned a B.M. in Piano Performance from Baylor University. During his college years his dream of becoming a composer and arranger was born and nurtured. Hayes' music is found in the music libraries of churches and universities around the world. His compositions and arrangements are known for their unique American sound, drawing from such diverse musical styles such as gospel, jazz, pop, folk and classical.

Our organ postlude is composed by **Frederick Karam** (1926-1978), composer, organist, choir conductor, trombonist, singer and teacher. He went to school in Ottawa, then studied at the University of Toronto and at the TCM with Gerald Bales, S. Drummond Wolff, and Healey Willan. For his doctorate he submitted his cantata for choir and orchestra, *Lazarus*. He was Organist-Choirmaster 1950-78 at St Elijah Syrian Orthodox Church in Ottawa, and conducted 1955-65 the Ottawa Choral Society and, for eight years, an Ottawa CBC orchestra. He also directed the Toronto Opera Lovers' Group and gave theory and voice lessons. He taught harmony/counterpoint, composition, and voice 1962-78 at the University of Ottawa, and when the Music Dept was established there in 1969, he took on the position of Academic Secretary.

THIS WEEK

MEN'S GATHERING will meet via Zoom this **Wednesday, March 22nd, from 7:00 - 8:00am**. Our featured speaker will be Armin Thies. Armin will lead us in a discussion about being a Christian in the face of modern, secular morality and we're looking forward to an insightful and engaging discussion. Come and join us for virtual but very real fellowship and learning. All men are welcome, and feel free to invite any friends. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday! Questions? Contact Mark Magnusen (mmagnusen@yahoo.com) or Wendy (wendy@fpcnc.org).

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TODAY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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invites you

MIROSLAV VOLF GUEST PREACHER & ADULT FORUM SPEAKER

Discussing his book

Life Worth Living

March 19, 2023

10am Worship Service

11:30am Adult Forum

178 Oenoke Ridge,
New Canaan, CT

All Welcome

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Miroslav Volf – Professor of
Theology, Yale Divinity
School; Director,
Yale Center for Faith & Culture

The Stewardship Committee and the Church want to thank everyone who has made a pledge for the 2023 Church year. Pledges are extremely important to the budgeting and operation of the Church. Your participation is very much appreciated. Thanks to all.

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NEXT SUNDAY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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invites you...

MARK YACONELLI
WILL BE OUR
GUEST PREACHER & ADULT
FORUM SPEAKER

Discussing his book

**"Between the Listening and the
Telling: How Stories Can Save Us"**

March 26, 2023

10am Worship Service

11:30am Adult Forum

**178 Oenoke Ridge,
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**Mark Yaconelli is a speaker, seasoned
retreat leader, community-builder,
storycatcher, and author of six books.**



THIS MONTH

The Lenten season is here! This year, our theme is "Meaningfulness". FPCNC has a lot planned to make this a meaningful Lent with opportunities for spiritual growth while we await the resurrection hope of Easter. In preparation for Lent, you can pick up Lenten devotionals, One Hour of Sharing coin fish banks for your children to help save, brown bags/grocery list for food pantry donations, learn more about the Labyrinth, and activity ideas for your children to learn about Lent.

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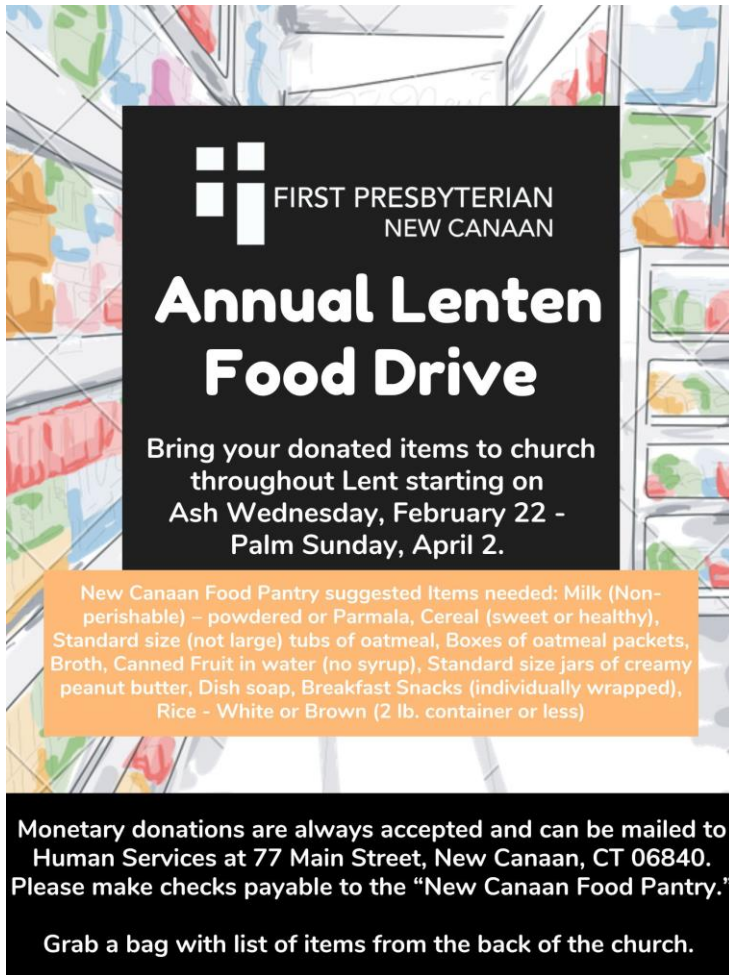
March Meaningfulness (Holden Evening Prayer) is every **Wednesday in March from 6:30-7:30pm** with only two services left. Join us for mid-week fellowship, music, readings, and a light supper in the Common Room. Available for all ages.




Action and Contemplation for Lent... The Sanctuary is open for members who want to spend time for prayer and meditation, using the Labyrinth that is in the Sanctuary, or if you simply want to enjoy some quiet time sitting in the Sanctuary, you are welcome. This is a great opportunity to bring your food donations for the New Canaan Food Pantry, to pray for ourselves and our larger community. We believe prayer and service go together. **Instructions are posted or you can reach out to Scott or the Church office for guidelines.** The Labyrinth is designed to lead one into private meditation via following the intricate path that takes us to the center.

It's not a maze, but a purposeful passage that may be entered into with gentle song, prayer, or quiet meditation. We ask that you remove your street shoes, so please wear socks or bring your slippers from home.

THIS MONTH (Cont'd)



 **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Annual Lenten Food Drive

Bring your donated items to church
throughout Lent starting on
Ash Wednesday, February 22 -
Palm Sunday, April 2.

New Canaan Food Pantry suggested Items needed: Milk (Non-perishable) – powdered or Parmala, Cereal (sweet or healthy), Standard size (not large) tubs of oatmeal, Boxes of oatmeal packets, Broth, Canned Fruit in water (no syrup), Standard size jars of creamy peanut butter, Dish soap, Breakfast Snacks (individually wrapped), Rice - White or Brown (2 lb. container or less)

Monetary donations are always accepted and can be mailed to Human Services at 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT 06840. Please make checks payable to the "New Canaan Food Pantry."

Grab a bag with list of items from the back of the church.

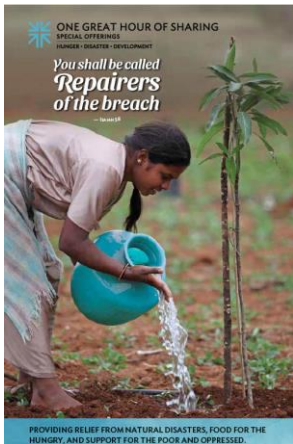


+ FILL OUR SANCTUARY WITH FLOWERS DURING EASTER

If you would like to contribute contact Wendy
203.966.0002 ext 1
Deadline Monday April 4th

To contribute in honor or memory of a family member or friend, please call the Church Office or mail those details and a check marked "Easter Flowers and General Church Beautification" along with the necessary information to FPCNC: 178 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan, CT 06840.

LENT AT FPC (Cont'd)



During the season of Lent (February 22 – April 9), our congregation collects a special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This offering will be included in the Sunday bulletin throughout the season of Lent. **(One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is allocated as follows: the Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent; the Self-Development of People receives 32 percent, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32 percent.)** One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes, literature, and coin fish banks for you and/or your children are located in the back of the Sanctuary.

February 22-April 9, 2023

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHS to 91999 to give



-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Decorate a fish bank or if you have kids do it with them, then collect change throughout Lent. (Fish banks are provided in the back of the church.) Bring the fish bank full of change into Church on Palm Sunday, April 2, and we'll donate all funds collected to One Great Hour of Sharing.



LOOKING AHEAD



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Come Join Us! Lent & Holy Week Services

MARCH MEANINGFULNESS

6:30–7:30pm Light Dinner & Worship

Every Wednesday in March & Labyrinth open

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 2, 10am Worship Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE

April 6, 7pm The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 12pm Worship Service

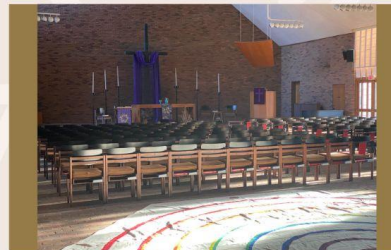
EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 7am Sunrise Service

10am Worship Service

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 9, 11:30am



ALL WELCOME

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LOOKING AHEAD (Cont'd)



SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY – APRIL 23rd, 2023 Mark your calendars and invite family and friends to this year's Scottish Heritage Sunday. Please come share the pageantry of the Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes & Drums band, the grace and joy of the the Scottish Country Dancers, the tartans and kilts, the shortbread and haggis, and all the fun for young and old!

Everyone's Scottish on Scottish Heritage Sunday so feel free to 'Get Your Kilts On!' We have negotiated a discount for kilt and clan attire rentals through KiltRentalUSA. Visit them at www.kiltrentalusa.com and use promo code: POWKLX8EM03B.

Please contact Steve Van de Graaf (stevevdg01@gmail.com) for additional information or to join the Scottish Sunday Committee.



EDITOR'S NOTES

Knobloch Scholarship: Thanks to the generosity of one of our distinguished members, Bill Knobloch, the FPCNC is offering to graduating High School senior congregation members the opportunity to apply for a \$2,500 scholarship to be used for college or university study costs. Application forms are available by contacting Wendy at the church office (wendy@fpcnc.org).

Lost and Found: 2 Water bottles, ear buds and a cute pink rainbow jacket make up a magically delicious find. If you know who they belong to, contact the church office. (All items will be donated/thrown out if not claimed.)



MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE


WALK WITH US-VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Where your donations went this month – March 2023 update

- New Covenant House: Buying and preparing meals for over 100 families. 5+ volunteers are always welcome, **sign up for April 1, May 6 and then again this fall for Sept, Oct or Nov** for the first Saturday of the month using Sign up Genius. What's needed: three people to help prepare meals (2-4pm) and two people to serve meals (4-6pm). **Signup here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A5AE28A7FF2-newcovenant>
- Pacific House: \$1000 for March Mattress and the purchase of four new mattresses at the shelter
- St. Paul's Cultural Center in Antalya, Turkey: \$2000 for earthquake relief. 100% to relief efforts on the ground
- Thank you knitters! Back to School had over 30 items from our church members and friends who will keep school age children warm this year



If you'd like to help, contact the Church Office or Cindy Graziano (203-912-1991 / c_graziano@msn.com).

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/>



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: The Ker family (Jane Doble Ker died last week); The Richie family (Steve Richie died March 3 - friend of Maxine Gaddis and the Flanagan family)

Continued prayer and concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); John Edwards; The Lewis Family (friends of Lisa and Terry Flanagan); Denise Lynch; Len Nerenburg; Sandy Nissley; Marlene Powers; Jim Riehl; Art Trotman (on the death of his sister Elizabeth); Barbara Wentzel, 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, Russia, Turkey, and Syria.

For the following PSNE Clergy: John Hwang, Jessica Jones, Johanna Jung, Steven Jungkeit, James Keller, David Kelsey, Gregory Keosain, Erin Keys, Do Hoon Kim, Ik Tae Kim, Patricia Koons, Kibbie Laird, Maria LaSala, and John Lindner.

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

COMMUNITY



Greenwich Women of Faith Women's Conference 2023

APRIL 22, 8:30AM-3:30PM

"NAVIGATING LIFE"

A full day event taking place on Christ Church Greenwich Campus

Join us for an immersive experience with 15 women speakers. This event is by women and for women, where inspiration meets practical advice. Select your personal schedule from a list of group discussions, speakers, and workshops that will soothe your soul and provide motivation. Space is limited.

Heather Watson Hardie Director,
Founder of Greenwich Suzuki

Academy, "The Suzuki Movement:
Guiding Principles to Help You Steer
Through Life and Parenthood"

Jody Noland, Author, Coach "Leave
Nothing Unsaid" Relationships/letter
writing

Kate Osman, LMSW Therapist "Calming
the Choppy Waters of Anxiety in
Children and Teens"

Susan Gestal, MA, RTP Therapist
"Good Girl/Bad Girl: Boundaries for
Women"

Co-Chairs

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden
Senior Associate Rector,
Lucy Rinaldi
Senior Warden

Welcome by

The Rt. Rev. Laura J Ahrens,
Bishop Suffragan

Icy Frantz, Author "Choosing Life -
Coping with Turning Points in Life"

Deborah Goodwin Royce, Author "The
Female Arc: A Writer's Approach to
Embracing the Chapters of Your Life"

Jenny Clift, Energy Performance Coach
"EFT Tapping to Navigate Life with Less
Stress and More Success"

Ellen Brezovsky, LCSW &
Corina Restrepo, LMSW, Kids in Crisis
"Why Are Kids So Anxious and What Can
I Do About It?"

Amy Mooney, VP, Wealth Management,
Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley &
Claudia Gourdon, Financial Advisor,
Stonebridge Capital
"Women and Money: Navigating Life's
Transitions"

Jill Woolworth, MA, LMFT, Therapist
"Loving & Losing: Growing & Grief"



Register online. \$75 includes breakfast and lunch
Space is limited. christchurchgreenwich.org



Syria-Turkey Earthquake



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in the aftermath of the 7.8- magnitude earthquake and its aftershocks in Syria and Turkey. Thousands are reported dead and injured, numbers that will rise as search and rescue continues. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. In some places, such as Aleppo, this destruction is compounding the damage of the now 11-year war in Syria.

PDA is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas. PDA will remain active throughout the recovery process, accompanying our partners as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by this catastrophic earthquake?

GIVE: PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/give-STearthquake, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR999999-ST earthquake" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



PRAY: *God of mercy, we join in prayer for our siblings in Syria and Turkey, and all other regions affected. In the face of the terrible images that come to us, we ask that your Spirit, O God, once again move in the midst of chaos and destruction. May you provide protection, energy and strength through your presence.*

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In Check Memo: "DR999999-ST earthquake"



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Emergency response to Ukraine war



"(God) shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4)

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, March 19

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
11 am Coffee Hour
11:15 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am Adult Forum with Miroslav Volf

MONDAY, March 20

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Tate Barn)
3-8 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Sanctuary)
7 pm Deacons Meeting (via Zoom)
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, March 21

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, March 22

7 am Men's Gathering (Zoom)
12:45 pm Weekly Bible Study (Parlor/Library)
4:30 pm English Handbells Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, March 22 (Cont'd)

5:30 pm Youth Music Rehearsal
6:30 pm March Meaningfulness Service

THURSDAY, March 23

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

FRIDAY, March 24

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

SATURDAY, March 25

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

SUNDAY, March 26

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
11 am Coffee Hour
11:15 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am Adult Forum with Mark Yaconelli

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: Linda and Randy Ferguson

Lay Readers: Jan Lucie and Dan Mason

Ushers: Jim Ely and Sue Sherwood

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
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