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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

I (from *Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Op. 101*)

C.V Stanford

***Call to Worship (based on Matthew 14:16-17, 20)**

Scott Beyer

Minister: God willingly satisfies our greatest needs

People: even when we come with only our hunger.

Minister: God provides abundantly for all

People: even when we have little to share.

Minister: Let us learn again to love our neighbor as ourselves

People: joining in God's miracle-working power.

Minister: We come just as we are

People: to offer our worship and receive the fullness of God's blessing.

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!

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Blessing for our Younger Disciples

Stephanie Hare

Invitation to Confession

Allison Gray

Leader: Even in these quiet and calm summer days, there are many loud and frantic voices in our lives. In this moment, we recall the nature of our identity, rooted in God's grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have wrestled with God, and not always followed the way set before us in Jesus Christ. With every confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Allison Gray

People: O Lord our God, You call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires. We are wounded and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for Your help. We have forgotten to trust You with our little, to multiply it with Your great power. Forgive us, O Lord. In the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to hold on, turn to Your ways of doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with You, so that all may receive the abundance of Your blessing...

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

Leader: In Jesus' name, we pray.

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scott Beyer

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all, indeed, all of creation. 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

Scott Beyer

Leader: In Paul's letter to the Philippians, we read, "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." God's peace is here for us to receive. May the peace of our Lord Jesus 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)

Stephanie Hare

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God, make us hungry for spiritual food, that the Word may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

First Lesson – Genesis 32:22-31

Stephanie Hare

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Vivace (from *Sonata in F Major*)

Georg Philipp Telemann

Ashton Turner - flute

Second Lesson – Matthew 14:13-21

The Rev. Scott Herr

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Minister: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Hungry for Grace"

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 649

Amazing Race, 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.

Call for the Offering (from 2 Corinthians 9:7)

Allison Gray

Leader: God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give with an open and joyful heart in order that God would multiply the blessings of grace for us and all the poor of our community, each according to their needs. Let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory Solo

Allegro (from *Sonata in F Major*)

Georg Philipp Telemann

Ashton Turner - flute

**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)**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we share, to feed the world with Your love; through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Eucharistic Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

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.

The Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

If you require gluten free, please request that when you come to receive the body of Christ.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

The Rev. Scott Herr

Compassionate and Loving God, thank You that when we come to Your table hungry for grace, for forgiveness, for hope, You provide for us abundantly and generously. Send us now filled with Your Spirit, strengthened to be wounded healers who love You and our neighbors as we love ourselves. With all the saints, we give You thanks and praise for the grace we need to live each day for Your glory; in Christ, with Christ through Christ and for Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur-mur stilled:
all is right:
cho-sen band: take your part:
to God all praise and glo-ry!

***Benediction**

The Rev. Scott Herr

***Ringing of the Church Bell**

***Postlude**

II (from *Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Op. 101*)

C.V Stanford

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship on this 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time! Today we will reflect on some of the different ways in which we are “hungry” and how Jesus shows compassion and offers to “feed” us. It’s also an opportunity to remember that Communion is all about feasting on God’s generous provision of grace. We are glad you are with us and pray you will experience the grace of God’s welcome and be spiritually inspired and socially encouraged for the coming week!

Today we welcome **Ashton Turner** who will play the flute for us. Ashton Turner just graduated from Fairfield’s Fusion Academy. He studies flute with Lisa Arkis at Wilton Music Studios and has performed in the school’s flute recitals since he was 12. (Wilton Music Studios uses our space for flute lessons Mondays and Fridays each week.) Ashton also attends Concordia Music Conservatory, where he studies piano with Dr. Jacob DeHoyos. He has performed keyboard works of Bach and Mozart with Orchestra 914 and the Greenwich Village Orchestra, under the baton of Barbara Yahr. He performs on flute and piano for community organizations, church services, and senior centers, as well as as an accompanist for his mother’s ballet class. Ashton is passionate about Baroque and Sacred music. He is honored to play Telemann with Mr. Flanagan in the beautiful First Presbyterian Church in New Canaan.



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

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 our Pastors or a member of the Deacons should you know of someone who could use some help, a visit, or a phone call. Thank you for your continued support in helping the Deacons serve others in need.

DEACONS' FUND



Children are also warmly welcome to stay in Worship! Since Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer, we have moved the **Pray-Ground** cushions, children's books, and coloring materials from the way back corner of the Sanctuary to the area in front of the back pew. The Pray-Ground is a designated place in the Sanctuary where young children can experience Worship through age-appropriate worship materials and tools that will help keep them engaged in what is happening. We will be rotating books and coloring materials in the Pray-Ground throughout the Summer. Although it can seem counter-intuitive to adults, children are often able to process what they hear more effectively when they have something to do with their hands.

Any child worshipping in the Pray-Ground should bring their grown-up with them to the Pray-Ground. Including young children in Worship can sometimes feel a little daunting, especially on days when they're feeling a little extra fidgety, but we don't need to be discouraged to keep children in the Sanctuary. There are many important things that children learn while in Worship, even when we're not sure if they're paying attention. Young children learn by observing the adults around them. Children acquire the "language" of worship by listening to and observing the words the adults around them say, much like how they learn their native tongue. Quite simply, children learn to worship by regularly being in Worship. **So families with little ones should feel free to worship together in the Pray-Ground!**

Another addition to the Sanctuary for the summer is the Labyrinth. The labyrinth is designed to lead one into private meditation and prayer 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. Walking the labyrinth can be a meaningful and powerful practice for personal introspection and transformation. Instructions are posted or you can reach out to Scott or the Church office for guidelines. To help preserve the labyrinth, we ask that you remove your street shoes, so please wear socks or bring your slippers from home.

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.**

If you wish to place flowers in the Sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, baptism, or birthday, or to memorialize a beloved family member or friend, please contact the church office.

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's organ pieces are composed by **Sir Charles Villiers Stanford** (1852-1924), an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. Born to a well-off and highly musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge before studying music in Leipzig and Berlin. While still an undergraduate, Stanford was appointed Organist of Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1882, aged 29, he was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music, where he taught composition for the rest of his life. From 1887 he was also Professor of Music at Cambridge. Among his pupils were rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. As a conductor, Stanford held posts with the Bach Choir and the Leeds Triennial Music Festival. Stanford's best-remembered pieces are his choral works for church performance, chiefly composed in the Anglican tradition. Some critics regarded Stanford, together with Hubert Parry and Alexander Mackenzie, as responsible for a renaissance in music from the British Isles.

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) was a German Baroque composer and multi-instrumentalist. He is one of the most prolific composers in history, at least in terms of surviving oeuvre. Telemann was considered by his contemporaries to be one of the leading German composers of the time, and he was compared favourably both to his friend Johann Sebastian Bach, who made Telemann the godfather and namesake of his son Carl Philipp Emanuel, and to George Frideric Handel, whom Telemann also knew personally. Almost completely self-taught in music, he became a composer against his family's wishes. After studying in Magdeburg, Zellerfeld, and Hildesheim, Telemann entered the University of Leipzig to study law, but eventually settled on a career in music. He held important positions in Leipzig, Sorau, Eisenach, and Frankfurt before settling in Hamburg in 1721, where he became musical director of that city's five main churches. As part of his duties, he wrote a considerable amount of music for educating organists under his direction. This includes 48 chorale preludes and 20 small fugues (modal fugues) to accompany his chorale harmonisations for 500 hymns. His music incorporates French, Italian, and German national styles, and he was at times even influenced by Polish popular music. He remained at the forefront of all new musical tendencies, and his music stands as an important link between the late Baroque and early Classical styles. The Telemann Museum in Hamburg is dedicated to him.

THIS WEEK

REMINDER – *The Goodwill truck will be here **Saturday, August 12 from 9:00am-1:00pm in the FPCNC parking lot.** Bring donations of clothing, furniture, and household items in good condition. Receipts for tax purposes will be available. Goodwill Industries provides vocational services for people with disabilities and special needs. (The Goodwill Truck is here every 2nd Saturday of each month until December 9.)*



LOOKING AHEAD

Peaches on the Patio - August 27 during coffee hour immediately following our Worship Service. Come and enjoy some fresh Georgia peaches and cream, along with some fellowship and hopefully some great August weather.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Looking ahead to September: do you want to make a difference in the lives of the young people in our congregation? Consider volunteering with our Sunday School! Whether you are looking for a new way to get involved in a meaningful and fun ministry of our congregation or you're a seasoned and experienced teacher, your time and skills will be a wonderful addition to our **Sunday School program which will be kicking off on Rally Day, September 10.** You absolutely do not have to be a Biblical scholar or theologian to help! We are looking for adults

LOOKING AHEAD (Cont'd)

and older teens who are excited about building relationships with kids and exploring Bible stories together with a sense of wonder and curiosity. Sound like fun? Let us know about your availability and if you have a preference for what age you'd like to work with by following this link: fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/Teachers2023-24 Please reach out to Steph Hare, Director of Family Ministries with any questions! stephanie@fpcnc.org

SAVE THE DATE – RALLY DAY PICNIC – Sunday, September 10. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun immediately following Worship. We'll be grilling hot dogs; there will be lots of salads and sides, and of course ice cream. The Angry O'Haras Band will be returning to serenade us and get our feet moving and, for the younger crowd, they'll be a bouncy castle to really get them moving! And, of course, Old Faithful will be there to give rides to young and old. Mark your calendars to come and join fun!





Nothing says you care like underwear!

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

will be collecting donations of underwear for men, women and children in need to help improve their lives from

September 3 – 24

- ♦ NEW women's panties ♦
- ♦ NEW men's boxers and briefs ♦
- ♦ NEW children's underwear ♦

All sizes and ages needed.

All items donated will be distributed to organizations that help those who are homeless, living in shelters, or who are on a low income.

Underwear is the most under-donated, and most needed, item of clothing. No one should be deprived of the simple, daily necessity of clean underwear that many of us take for granted. Hygiene and physical comfort are only a part of this basic human need. New, clean underwear also provides dignity and self-esteem. Cash donations are also welcome. Contact Cindy Graziano, the church office or leave the funds in the collection plate marked "Undie Sunday".

The Undies Project Inc. was started to fulfill this need.

www.theundiesproject.org

The Undies Project Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

COMMUNITY

7th Annual Community Addiction Awareness Vigil on August 30 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Join the New Canaan Chamber of Commerce for the 7th Annual Vigil in downtown New Canaan, complete with live music, a Remembrance and Resource Walls, authentic speakers, and a candlelight vigil with local faith leaders. Event takes place in the location of the former Pop Up Park, at the corner of South Avenue & Elm Street.



EDITOR'S NOTES

SCAM ALERT: Please remember that if you see any emails from Scott, Terry, Steph or myself, the email addresses will ONLY be from our work emails... Example of a recent email scam to some FPC members was from "pastor02915@gmail.com".

REAL FPC Email Addresses:

Scott scott@fpcnc.org
Terry terry@fpcnc.org
Steph steph@fpcnc.org
Wendy wendy@fpcnc.org

Peter and Nancy Flournoy's new address: 19 Creeks Edge Drive, Saco, ME 04072. Their email address and cell phone numbers will remain the same.



Thank you! to Virginia Isbell for allowing us to display her painting “**The Sky is No Limit**”, and thanks to Dan Mason for his installation of the triptych... We hope you enjoy!


This painting was born in a storm.

The sky is no limit.

By Virginia Isbell

Virginia's triptych, *The Sky is No Limit*, will be on display in the Sanctuary for the summer. We hope this painting will inspire you to think and reflect on your own *moments of grace*. More details about the artist are here: www.isbell-art.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 Peg Bull, Lisa Gifford, 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).



MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

WALK WITH US – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

THANK YOU 2023 VOLUNTEERS!

Where your donations went in Spring 2023 and how you can help!

- **Meals on Wheels:** We are continuing to find monthly volunteer opportunities to deliver meals in New Canaan besides our annual financial gift of \$1000 a year to MOW. Volunteer slots are full through May but they need summer volunteers.
- **The Diaper Bank of Connecticut \$500.00** Access to diapers supports a mom's mental health; an adequate supply of diapers may prove to be a simple way of reducing stress. Diaper need has been documented to be the number one predictor of postpartum depressive symptoms (above and beyond food insecurity) in a sample of low-income mothers in CT. Mothers with diaper need reported emotional consequences related to being unable to change their child's soiled diaper such as anxiety, guilt, frustration, and feeling like a bad mother. Research says the ability to have diapers will help infant health and supports mom's well being.
- **New Covenant House:** Buying and preparing meals for over 100 families. 5-7 volunteers are always welcome, sign up for **Oct or Nov** for the first Saturday of each month.
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% of this donation goes 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

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

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your hearts.

New prayers and concerns: Reeves family (Spencer is having surgery on August 10 at NYU Langone)

Continued prayer and concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Gloria Bridgman as she had surgery July 24 and is recovering; John Edwards; Dan Hodges (home from hospital but still sick); Mark Harmon (Darlene's husband); The Harrison Family (Dalton Harrison, Kim Herr's father, died July 9); The Lewis Family (friends of Lisa and Terry Flanagan); Denise Lynch; Denise Lynch's sister Suzanne (died Friday, July 14); Sandy Nissley; Marlene Powers; 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 Westminster Presbyterian Church, its Members, Session, Seekers, and the Community of West Hartford, CT.

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

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.*

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

In Check Memo: “DR999999-ST earthquake”



TSE23-BI

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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SUNDAY, August 6

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
11 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY, August 7

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

TUESDAY, August 8

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

WEDNESDAY, August 9

THURSDAY, August 10

FRIDAY, August 11

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 4:00 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
3-8 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, August 12

9 am-1 pm Goodwill Truck (FPC Parking Lot)
9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)

SUNDAY, August 13

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service in person and LocalLive
11 am Coffee Hour

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Communion Preparer: Peg Bull

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