



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

*Where Faith, Families & Friends Connect*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany • January 28, 2024 • 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.*

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

## THE GATHERING

**Prelude**

Toccata in C, BWV 564

Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*Call to Worship**

Stephanie Hare

Leader: Why have you come this morning?

**People: We have come to worship God who gives life.**

Leader: Why have you come?

**People: We have come because we are dazzled by the ways God has remained constant among us.**

Leader: Why have you come?

**People: We have come because God is present in season and out, for better and for worse, in sickness and in health.**

Leader: Why have you come?

**People: We come because there is God, only God.**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share:  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;

by whose grace we find re - demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.  
 light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an-swering to our deep-est prayer.  
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.

Righ-teous-ness and rich com-pas-sion shall at-tend us all our days;  
 Ours to give as we are giv-en: arms to lift when oth-ers fall;  
 Fill our hearts with un-der-stand-ing, brace our weak-ness by your might;

may God's prom-ise to be faith-ful ech-o through our songs of praise!  
 im - ag - es of God's great good-ness, faith-ful ser - vants to God's call.  
 awe - some hon-or, born in wis-dom; your great glo-ry, our de-light!

## Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

## Blessing for our Younger Disciples

Stephanie Hare

## Call to Confession

Jan Lucie

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us then come with humble hearts to say before God how it is with us.

## Confession of Sin (unison)

Jan Lucie

**We confess, O God, to giving our attention to those voices that so often shut out Your voice. The voice of easy answers declares that discipleship shouldn't be costly, but convenient. The voice of busy schedules assures us that we can wait to do Your will until we have more time. The voice of cozy friendships calls us to love only those who are easy to love. The voice of entitlement says we deserve all that we have. The voice of pride nudges us to believe we can live without You. Forgive us for being tempted by these voices. Silence them, we pray, and help us to attend to you alone.**

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

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Jan Lucie

Leader: Here is the good news: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—

People: **To forgive us in our failure, to set us free from evil's power, to make us the people God means us to be.**

## \*Gloria Patri (Refrain to Hymn No. 113)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Gloria*

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

#### \*Passing of the Peace

Jan Lucie

**Leader:** Forgiven and at peace with God, we are set free to be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Congregation greets one another and shares the peace of Christ*

#### THE WORD

#### Lighting the Candle for God's Global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace

Stacy Arevalo

**Leader:** Today we light a candle for God's global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace....

**People:** **Sung response Hymn No. 757, verse 3:** Today We All are Called to Be Disciples  
*Kingsfold*

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

## First Lesson – Psalm 111

Jan Lucie

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

There is a Balm in Gilead

William L. Dawson

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

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

If you cannot sing like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, And say "He died for all."

FPCNC Choir, Joseph DeV Vaughn - tenor

## Second Lesson – Mark 1:21-28

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Minister: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD****\*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 180** Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*Authority*

1 "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's heal - ing,  
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the gray cells  
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our mind and



Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't bear it.  
 of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and driv - ing,  
 in our heart. Speak your word that when we hear it



Flee as night be - fore the sun." At Christ's voice the de - mon  
 twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind, doubts that stir the heart to  
 all our de - mons shall de - part. Clear our thought and calm our



trem - bled, from its vic - tim mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that  
 pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing rea - son's sight, guilt that makes our  
 feel - ing; still the frac - tured, war - ring soul. By the pow - er



was as - sem - bled stood in won - der, stunned, and hushed.  
 lov - ing fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.  
 of your heal - ing make us faith - ful, true, and whole.

## Prayers of the People

Stacy Arevalo

### 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.

## Calling for the Offering

Stacy Arevalo

Leader: You may remember the children's grace, "God is great and God is good. And we thank him for our food." We thank God not only for food but for all that sustains us and makes life good. In gratitude, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

## Offertory Anthem

Praise

Alec Rowley

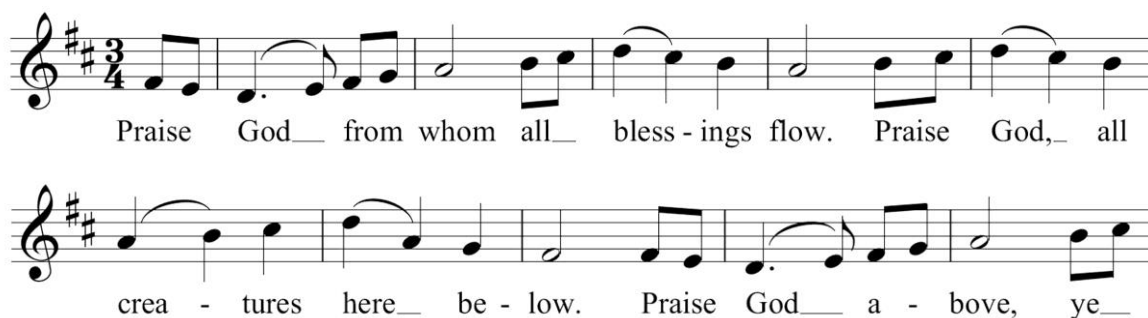
To the Master of Music and loveliness: Praise, power, dominion forever.  
To the Lord of the Word of Creation, be praise, power, dominion forever.  
To the Master of movement and light: Praise, power, dominion forever.  
To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be Praise, power, dominion forever.  
To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love: To the Artist of Life,  
To the Greatest and Least: Praise, power, dominion forever.  
For He is the greatest upon His high throne,  
And He was the least as the child of a Maiden:  
Praise then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary,  
And praise now to Christ Who is God in the midst of us. Praise.  
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee:  
Give us Thyself in Time and Eternity.  
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee:  
Offering all that we are or can hope to be,  
Lord of all beauty Praise, power, dominion forever

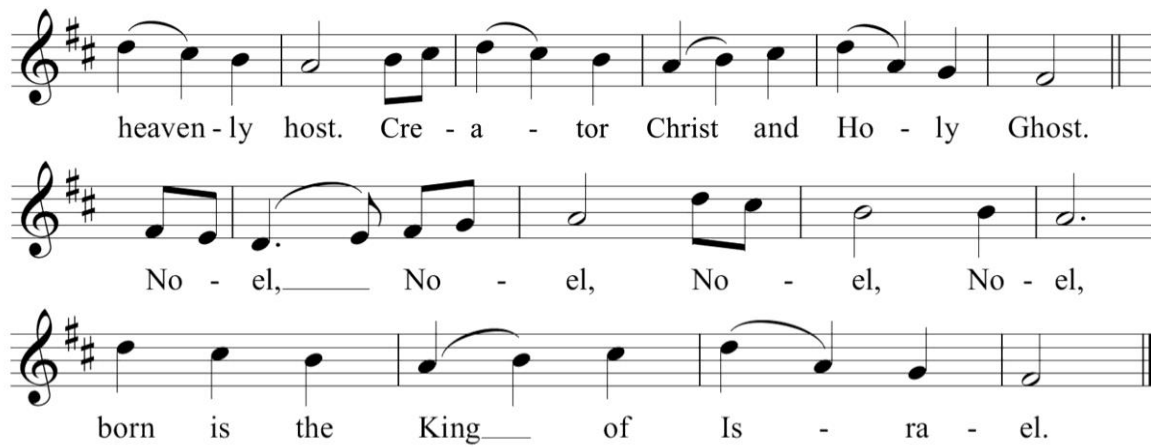
FPCNC Choir, Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Devin Mitchell - bass

## \*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*The First Noel*





**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Jan Lucie

God of gifts, in gratitude for all we have been given, we bring these symbols of our adoration. Receive, bless, and use them we ask, that your mission may be done. Bless and free us to share not only the gifts we have but also the gifts we are. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn No. 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

*We Are Called*







*Refrain*



**\*Benediction**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

**\*Choral Amen**

**\*Ringing of the Church Bell**

**\*Postlude**

Fuga, BWV 564

Johann Sebastian Bach

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### **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Welcome to Worship** on this Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (January 6 was the Feast of the Epiphany). This is the Church season in which God's light is revealed in the world. Today we will explore Jesus' first miracle as recorded in Mark, for it tells us about Jesus' ministry and ours. We are glad that you are here and pray you will hear God's Word for you.

**All children from Kindergarten age on up are welcome to join us for Sunday School this morning!** Children depart the Worship service for Sunday School after the Blessing for Young Disciples. Sunday School is held upstairs in the "piano room" of the Bliss House (at the top of the stairs closest to the Pastor's Study). Adults can meet up with their children in the Common Room immediately following Worship. During the winter quarter, we will be learning about Jesus' life and ministry, the work of his Disciples, and how we can be disciples too!

**Children are also warmly welcome to stay in Worship!** For children who stay during Worship, the **Pray-Ground** can be found in 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 continue to rotate books and coloring materials on an ongoing basis. 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 from keeping 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!**

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.

**Cents-ability.** We're now leaving the Cents-ability jar in the hallway on the way to the Common Room. If you have any spare change, please drop it into the jar either on the way to Coffee Hour or whenever you're in Church. You can also take home a small cents-ability bank to collect change. All change collected will be donated to the New Canaan Food Pantry. Thank you for your awareness and generous response to hunger.



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## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's organ music is by **Johann Sebastian Bach** (1685-1750), the famous German composer and organist of the Baroque era, whose sacred and secular works for choir, orchestra and keyboard drew together almost all elements of the Baroque style and brought this musical form to its maturity. Bach composed for every musical category of his time except for the genre of opera, and expanded musical composition in format, quality, and technical exactness through harmonizations, fugues, and intricate melodies. Ultimately, Bach's sole aim was to glorify God, as the designation *Soli Deo Gloria* (To God Alone the Glory) was signed on many of his compositions.

Our first choir anthem is composed by **William Levi Dawson** (1899-1990), an American composer, choir director, professor, and musicologist. Dawson ran away from home to study music full-time as a pre-college student at the Tuskegee Institute (now University) under the tutelage of school President Booker T. Washington. Dawson paid his tuition by being a music librarian and manual laborer working in the school's Agricultural Division. He also participated as a member of Tuskegee's choir, band and orchestra, composing and traveling extensively with the Tuskegee Singers for five years; he had learned to play most of the instruments by the time he completed his studies in 1921. Besides chamber music, he is known for his contributions to both orchestral and choral literature. His best-known works are arrangements of and variations on spirituals.

Our offertory anthem is composed by **Alec Rowley** (1892-1958), an English composer, organist, pianist, lecturer and writer on music. He composed a large number of works, mainly on a small scale and often of an educational nature though with some larger-scale orchestral and choral works. He was a dedicated teacher, broadcaster and writer. He entered the Royal Academy of Music in 1908, where he studied under Frederick Corder, H.W. Richards (organ) and Edward Morton (piano). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists (FRCO) in 1914, and held a succession of church organist appointments: at St John's, Richmond, 1912–21, St Alban's, Teddington 1921–32 and, during the Second World War, at St Margaret's, Westminster. From 1920 he was a lecturer at Trinity College of Music, later a professor and Fellow of the college. He became well known as a broadcaster during the 1930s, through a series of piano duets with Edgar Moy. From 1939 to 1947 he served as a member of the Royal Philharmonic Society's management committee. He became a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music (FRAM) in 1934.

### **We welcome Nikolas Brannan to our Tenor Section**

Greetings! My name is Nikolas Brannan. I am a classically trained vocal performer and have been singing since the sixth grade. I completed my Bachelor's of Music, Classical Vocal Performance at Western Connecticut State University. During my college tenure as a member of WCSU's Opera Ensemble, I performed in *Fille du Regiment* as Tonio, in *Merry Wives of Windsor* as Fenton, and in *Street Scene* as Mr. Buchanan, among others. I have also performed with Charis Chamber Singers and participated in the National Concert Chorus, performing in the Forever Music concert at Carnegie Hall. I was extremely fortunate to participate in the Patti Hagman 2022 Summer Salzburg Festival, where I performed "Tornami a dir che m'ami" from *Don Pasquale*. I'm excited to be singing with the First Presbyterian Church Choir and looking forward to making music together.

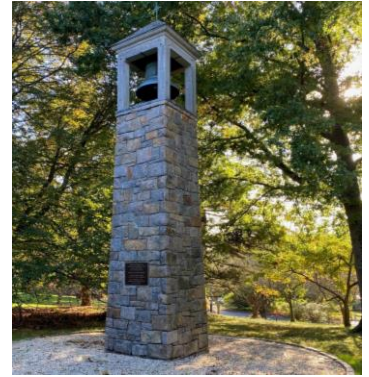


## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Our Sunday School is growing, and we can use your help!** If you are interested in helping Steph teach Sunday School this year, please reach out to Stephanie Hare ([stephanie@fpcnc.org](mailto:stephanie@fpcnc.org)) or by completing this short form here: <https://fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/Teachers2023-24>. Let's help our young disciples grow in their understanding and relationship to God!

## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE 2024

**Stewardship 2024 Pledge.** On November 19 we came together to *pledge our support to each other, and to our Church, for the coming year and investing in the "Beloved Community"*. Please prayerfully complete the 2024 Pledge Card, which you should have received in the mail or there are extra pledge cards in the back of the Sanctuary. If you didn't submit your pledge during the "walk forward" time in our Worship service, you can place it in any of the collection plates or mail it back to the Church. We pray that you will join us in committing ourselves anew to the ministry and mission of Christ through our congregation and be more generous stewards of the abundance we have received.



## THIS WEEK

**Wednesday Weekly Bible Studies** meets every Wednesday at 10:00am. Please come at 9:45am to share a cup of tea or coffee. We will be continuing our study of the book of Matthew and then the book of Acts to follow. Come and see! Everyone is invited!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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# Wednesdays At The Well

Our next series of Wednesdays at the Well begins January 10th!  
The theme for January is "Make Peace."

Wednesdays at the Well are midweek, intergenerational opportunities to learn and grow in faith together - and all ages are invited to participate.

We will be exploring peace for four Wednesdays in January in the Common Room: (1/10, 17, 24, & 31).

Dinner will be served and all are invited!  
**6:30-7:45 pm**

Join us for our last session of **Wednesdays at the Well** on **January 31st**! Our theme for January is "Make Peace"; we will be exploring topics such as: what does peace mean; the practice of cultivating inner peace; and learning to look at differences between people with a sense of curiosity.

***If you're planning to attend, please call the Church office so we can properly plan for dinner.***

## CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

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|---------------------------|---|
| Wednesdays in January     | Wednesday at the Well (January 10, 17, 24, 31) – 6:30-7:45pm  |
| Saturday, Feb. 3, 12:30pm | Karen Wells Memorial Service & Reception  |
| Sunday, Feb. 4, 11:30am   | Souper Bowl of Caring   |
| Sunday, Feb. 4, 3:00pm    | Lumos Orchestra Concert   |
| Saturday, Feb. 10, 4:00pm | Charis Chamber Voices Annual Fundraising Gala   |
| Wednesday, Feb. 14, 12pm  | Ash Wednesday Service   |
| Wednesdays During Lent    | Holden Evening Prayer (Wednesdays February 21–March 20 – 6:30-7:30pm)   |
| Sunday, Feb. 18, 11:30am  | Adult Forum – Suzanne Adam (Domestic Violence Crisis Center)  |
| Sunday, Feb. 25, 11am     | FPC Annual Meeting – immediately following Worship  |
| Sunday, Feb. 25, 2pm      | Abby Wise Memorial Service  |
| Saturday, March 2, 6:00pm | SAVE THE DATE for the First Annual Agape Gala: The Called to Conquer Awards (Support the MLK Community Presbyterian Church – Springfield, MA) |
| Sunday, March 3, 11:30am  | Adult Forum – Cleveland Coleman (Indulgences)   |

## SAVE THE DATE

FPCNC invites you to participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring\*** on **February 4th**. We love the big game, but we love our neighbors more. An estimated 111 million people watch the Big Game while 53 million Americans struggle with hunger. Don't sit on the sidelines. Join us in making a difference in our community!

The week *before* the Super Bowl, we will host our very own *Souper Bowl*. Following church, we 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 frozen pint of soup to go. Suggested donation is \$5 per pint. All donations will be given to The Food Bank of Lower Fairfield. Last year we raised almost \$900!

Interested in making soup or helping serve on Feb 4th? Contact our SOUPer coordinator, Lisa Flanagan (917-653-3127, [DoRaeMe@me.com](mailto:DoRaeMe@me.com)).



*\*About TACKLE HUNGER: Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Tackle Hunger's signature Souper Bowl of Caring effort is a youth-inspired movement working across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals, Tackle Hunger and the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has created over \$175 million worth of support that stays completely local to make sure no one goes without soup in their bowl.*

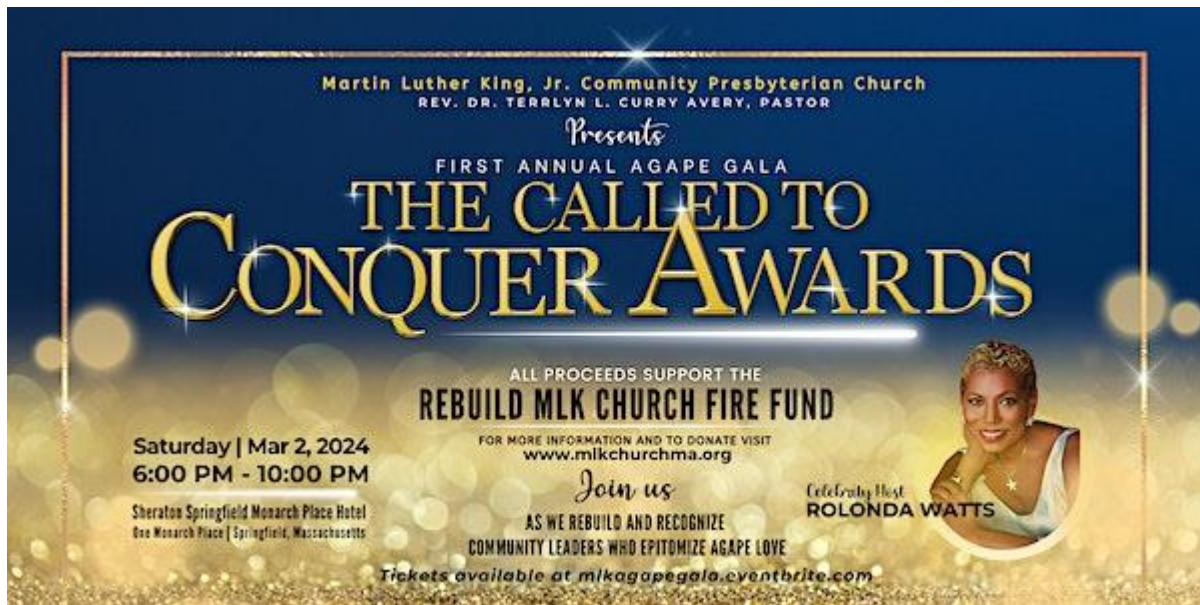


## **SAVE THE DATE** (Cont'd)

### ***Common Grounds – A gathering place for Fellowship, Coffee and Refreshments***

#### **Valentine's Breakfast & Tea – Thursday, February 8 at 10:30am**

Please join us for a Valentine's breakfast and tea in the Common Room. Take a mid-week break to join in conversation and fellowship with your church family and friends. We'll have tea, coffee and special Valentine's morning refreshments as we meet up during the cold days of February. Whether you are retired, work locally or work from home, take a fellowship break and join us. ***Please RSVP to Wendy in the Church Office at (203) 966-0002 by February 7th.*** We look forward to seeing you all on February 8th. Questions, please contact Linda Martin or Steve Van de Graaf. All are welcome. Please mark your calendar and save the date.



**The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ma**, tragically lost their church facilities last year due to arson and FPCNC is seeking to support their rebuilding efforts.

On Saturday, March 2nd, MLK, Jr. Community Presbyterian Church is having a fundraising Gala to help rebuilt their church. A number of our congregation will be purchasing tickets and attending the Gala to show our support but the more the merrier! Please consider supporting this worthy mission by purchasing Gala ticket(s) at [www.mlkagapegala.eventbrite.com](http://www.mlkagapegala.eventbrite.com). Tickets are \$108.55 each (including online portal fees), see additional information below.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Presbyterian Church presents**  
**The First Annual Agape Gala: The Called to Conquer Awards**  
**Saturday, March 2 from 6:00–10:00pm**  
**Sheraton Monarch Place Hotel, Springfield, MA**

Contact Steve Van de Graaf at [stevevdg01@gmail.com](mailto:stevevdg01@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS @ FPC

### **The First Presbyterian Church welcomes Orchestra Lumos on Sunday, February 4 at 3:00pm**

Inspired by Clara Schumann... Clara, wife of Robert, dear friend of Brahms, duo partner of violinist Joseph Joachim and champion of Mendelssohn and



Chopin. Her influence was significant as a performer, teacher and composer and during her long career she changed the format and repertoire of the piano recital by lessening the importance of purely virtuosic works. In an era where women did not have careers, her unbelievable perseverance as both a composer and a devoted wife and a mother to eight children, made her an extraordinary role model for her time.

Featured artists: Deborah Buck, violin (L)

Orli Shaham, piano (R)

Tickets: <https://orchestralumos.org/inspired-by-clara-schumann/>



**Charis Chamber Voices** invites you to our Valentine's Soirée, a benefit concert & dinner celebrating Love at the **First Presbyterian Church**.

**Saturday, February 10 at 4:00 pm**

*Enjoy a concert followed by wine & beer, hors d'oeuvres & food stations, dessert, a live auction and more!*

Our annual fundraising gala will raise money for our May 4th and 5th presentations of Johann Sebastian Bach's *St. John Passion*, accompanied by a full Baroque orchestra.

Tickets: Single \$125 Couple \$200 (Cocktail attire)



## EDITOR'S NOTES

**Lost and Found** – Call the church office if any of these items are yours or if you know who they belong to.

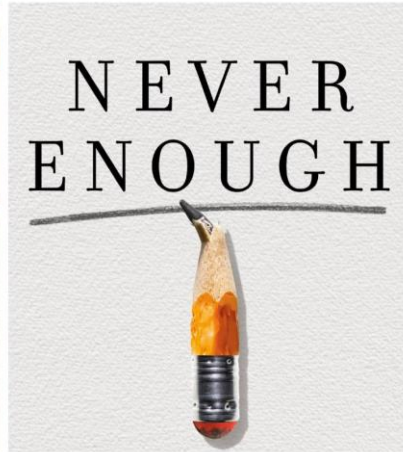
A Leatherman Skeletool was found last Sunday, January 14.



Sunglasses were found last Sunday, January 21.



## COMMUNITY



**Never Enough, a conversation with author  
Jennifer B. Wallace on "Toxic Achievement  
Culture"**

**When:** Tuesday, January 30th, Doors open at 6:30pm, program begins at 7pm

**Where:** St. Luke's School, 377 N. Wilton Rd, New Canaan

If you missed the New Canaan CARES Fall Community Event with Jennifer Wallace, author of *Never Enough: When Achievement Culture Becomes Toxic and What We Can Do About It*,

our friends at St. Luke's School are hosting a conversation with Jennifer this Tuesday, January 30 to discuss the topic of toxic achievement culture and what we as parents, educators, and community members can do about it! Registration is required:

<https://stlukesct.myschoolapp.com/podium/push/default.aspx?i=635583&s=96&snd=bea5a837-5dbb-4223-9f98-7ef7c368ec0c>



## COMMUNITY (Cont'd)



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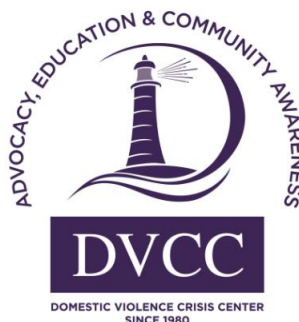
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**If you or someone you know needs help, call DVCC's  
24-hour hotline at 203.588.9097 or visit the website  
at [DVCCCT.org](http://DVCCCT.org) for more information.**

## Humanitarian response in Israel/Palestine

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children  
of God."*  
(Matthew 5:9)



We have witnessed the millions of people caught in the middle of the devastating conflict between the government of Israel and Hamas. This is a dire humanitarian crisis and the loss of human life is unimaginable. Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable, and supporting partners in Palestine and Israel who are responding to the needs of their neighbors. Our biggest concern is the safety and care for those caught in the middle of this conflict and in need of humanitarian aid, no matter their religious beliefs, politics or nationality. Years of recovery lie ahead. Will you stand in the "GAP" for all affected by this conflict? — Give. Act. Pray.

**GIVE:** Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/GIVE-IP](http://pcusa.org/GIVE-IP), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR000081-Israel/Palestine" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



**ACT:** Urge the U.S. government to advocate for an immediate cease-fire and the end of the blockade on Gaza to ensure urgent access to humanitarian aid, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

**PRAY:** *Dear God, We come before you with heavy hearts, burdened by the ongoing conflict in the land of Israel and Palestine. As we listen to the stories, and see the news of what is unfolding, we pray for all the people affected by this strife, for the innocent civilians, the children, and the families who endure the pain of violence and unrest. In times of darkness, help us remember that we are all your children, and that love and compassion can transcend the divisions and hate that lead to war. Grant us the strength to work tirelessly for a world where conflicts are resolved through dialogue, justice and respect for one another.*

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## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your hearts.

**New prayers and concerns:** prayers of healing for Lisa Gifford (who had knee surgery); prayers for the Installation Service of the Rev. Jon Wasson, on Sunday, January 28, who is beginning his service as Senior Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, Illinois


**Continued prayer and concerns:** Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Judy and Tom Duncan (Lisa Flanagan's parents), as they both recover from COVID and Tom from pneumonia; Ashley (Lisa Flanagan's cousin) who had heart transplant; Jane Fowler, as she recovers from injuries; Amy Granato, who is battling lung cancer; Mark Harmon (Darlene's husband); David Johnson, son of Elsbeth Johnson, as he is suffering from ALS; Mark McEvoy, Jim McEvoy's brother, who is undergoing chemotherapy and other treatments for bone cancer; Denise Lynch; Sandy Nissley; Marlene Powers; Spencer Reeves; Devon Reich (Wendy Starr's friend's daughter) who is battling brain cancer; Joan Scherman (Mark Magnusen's friend) whose cancer has returned; Gretchen Watkins as she's recovering from surgery; Sherry Young (Kay Brix's friend) who is recovering from a fall that resulted in a broken hip; 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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is our presence around the world when disasters happen. Through them we are on the ground around the world, responding to the enormous needs following wildfires and earthquakes and during war.

For Barrington Presbyterian Church, its Members, Session, Seekers, and the Community of Barrington, RI.

## 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](mailto: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 Allyn Bachran, Peg Bull, Daniel Mason, Debera Prosek, 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).



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN**

### **SUNDAY, January 28**

**9 am** Music Rehearsals  
**10 am** Worship Service in-person/LocalLive  
**11 am** Coffee Hour  
11:15 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal

### **MONDAY, January 29**

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Tate Barn)  
3-8 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Choir Rm)  
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

### **TUESDAY, January 30**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, January 31**

10 am Weekly Bible Studies  
4:30 pm English Handbells Choir Rehearsal  
6 pm RAM Council (Choir Room)  
6:30 pm Wednesdays at the Well (Common Room)

### **THURSDAY, February 1**

3:30 pm Special Church  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY, February 2**

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

### **SATURDAY, February 3**

9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)  
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)  
12:30 pm Karen Wells Memorial Service & Reception

### **SUNDAY, February 4**

**9 am** Music Rehearsals  
**10 am** Worship Service (in-person/LocalLive)  
**11 am** Coffee Hour  
11:15 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
3 pm Lumos Orchestra Concert

### **THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

The First Presbyterian Church Choir with:

Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Annie Chester – alto, Nickolas Brannan and Joseph DeVaughn – tenor, Devin Mitchell – bass

**Greeters:** Debera Prosek and Keith Simpson

**Lay Readers:** Jan Luci, Stephanie Hare and Stacy Arevalo

**Ushers:** Serena Gillespie 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 • Stephanie L. Hare, Director of Family Ministries  
Jim Riehl, Business Administrator • Wendy Starr, Office Manager • Stacy Arevalo, Seminary Intern  
Sherry Tate, Director of Cherub Choir • Kate and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers

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