



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

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Palm/Passion Sunday • March 24, 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**

Exultet

Francis Jackson

**\*Call to Worship**

Lynn Jackson

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna! Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: Hosanna! Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing.

**People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**\*Processional Hymn No. 196:**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*(All are invited to wave their Palms on the singing of the refrain.)*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

*to Refrain*

**Blessing for our Younger Disciples**

Stephanie Hare

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Scott Herr

**Call to Confession**

Lynn Jackson

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us come before God and one another confessing how it is with us.

**Confession of Sin (unison)**

Lynn Jackson

**People: Holy God, You come to us in ways we least expect. We ask for success; You teach us acceptance. We ask to be loved; You ask us to love. We ask for ease; You challenge us. We ask for a triumphant Messiah; You come as one obedient to death. We glorify the winner; You glorify the loser Who died on a criminal's cross. Forgive us and turn our hearts to You, we ask, for Jesus' sake. Amen...**

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

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

**People: Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Lynn Jackson

Leader: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

**People: Through His obedience, we are freed from bondage to sin and death. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*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**

Lynn Jackson

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. With kindness, forgive one another as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you.

**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**

The Rev. Scott Herr

Minister: 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 – Philippians 2:5-11

Angela Johnson

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Hosianna dem Sohne David (from *Biblical Proverbs*)

Georg Philipp Telemann

*Hosianna dem Sohne David!  
Gelobet sei, der da kommt  
in dem Namen des Herrn.  
Hosianna in der Höhe.*

O hosanna, thou Son of David  
O blest is he who is come  
in the name of the Lord.  
Sing hosanna in the highest.

FPCNC Choir

## Second Lesson – Mark 11:1-11

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“Borrowers and Givers Be”

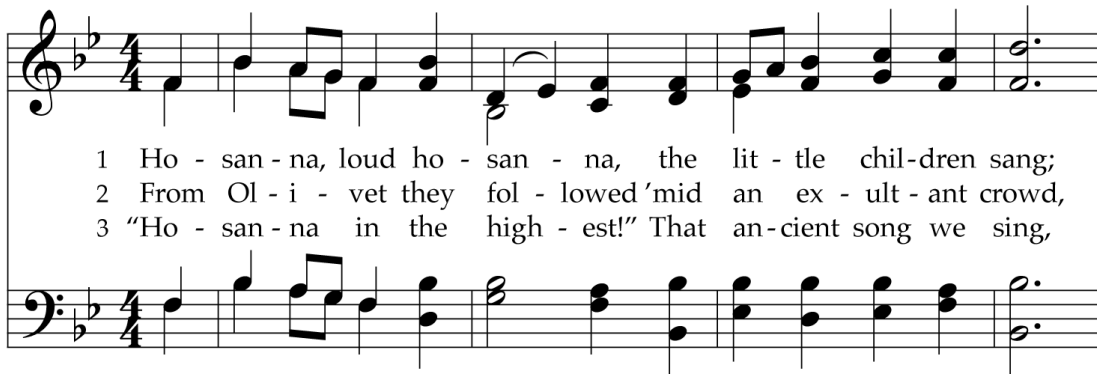
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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

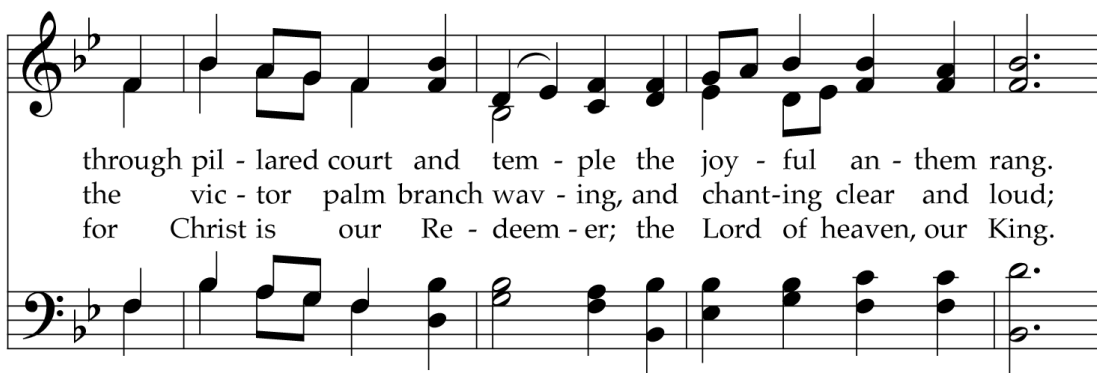
\*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

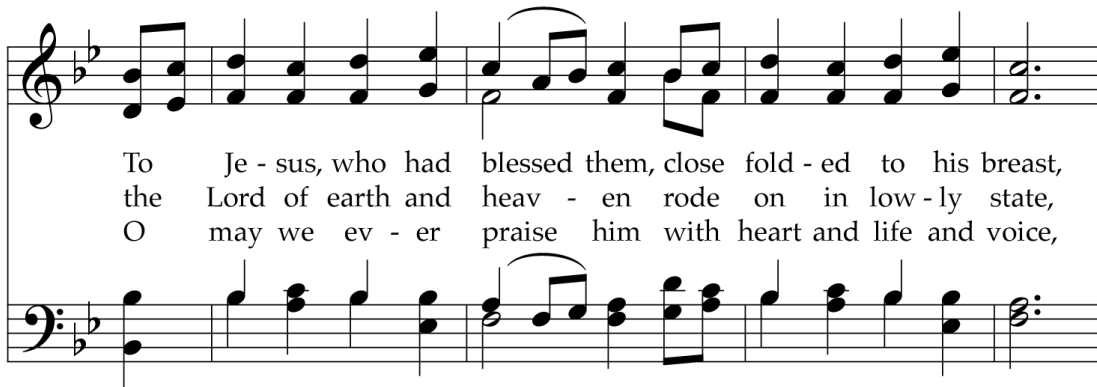
*Ellacombe*



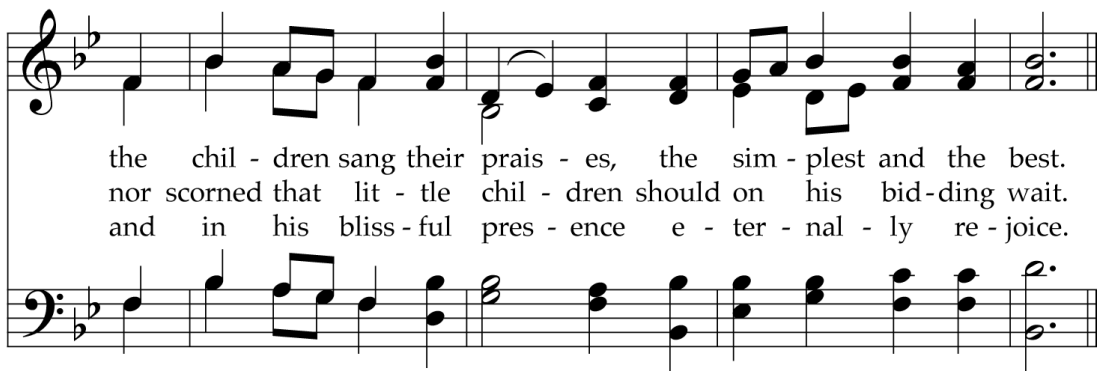
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

## Prayers of the People

The Rev. Scott Herr

### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Call for the Offering

The Rev. Scott Herr

Minister: Remembering the gift we have been given in Christ, let us offer our thanks to God.

### Offertory Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus!

Arranged by Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a hinder me.  
For He is King of Kings, He is Lord of lords,  
Jesus Christ, de first an'; las', No man works like Him.  
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man works like Him.  
De river of Jerdin He did cross, No man works like Him.  
Oh! King Jesus rides in de middle o' de air,  
Oh! He calls de saints from everywhere.

Allison Gray - soprano

### \*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)

Angela Johnson

**God of great power and tender mercies, we thank You that Jesus came to Jerusalem with love.  
Use our gifts and our lives to share Your love with the world, through the One, who comes in Your name. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 198

Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!

*St. Drostan*

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

\*Benediction

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\*Choral Amen

\*Ringing of the Church Bell

\*Postlude

Postlude: Processional for Organ

Warren Martin

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**Welcome to Worship on this last Sunday of Lent**, the Holy Spring of the Church. Lent is the 40-day period (subtracting Sundays, or “mini-Easters”) from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, just before Easter (this year, March 31st). We pray that during this last week of Lent, you will open yourself to whatever God desires to give you. Today we will mark the sharp turn from Jesus’ triumphal parade to Jerusalem to the growing darkness of Holy Week, using Mark’s account of that first Palm Sunday. We are glad that you are joining us for Worship today and pray that God’s Spirit may be at work in your life and in this community of faith.

### **Note from Worship Committee:**

As we progress through Lent and our year dedicated to exploring the search for peace, notice the over 600 cranes that grace the wall to the east of the Chancel and at the back of the Sanctuary. The crane is a Japanese symbol of peace, here in origami form. These cranes were first strung above the center aisle of our Sanctuary five years ago in conjunction with the Confirmation Class of that year although they were folded on commission. In addition to the baskets and burlap that remind us of the Lenten journey through the wilderness, each week we have added candles to the Chancel, reminding us of our search for new understanding, the light for our searching. The number of candles added each week corresponds to the number of the week of Lent which we are entering; thus this Sunday we add six more candles.

**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 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**

This morning's prelude is composed by **Francis Alan Jackson** (1917-2022), a British organist and composer who served as Director of Music at York Minster for 36 years, from 1946 to 1982. Jackson had been a Chorister at St Michael's Church, Malton, along with his brother Paul, until he joined the Choir of York Minster in 1929, where he sang under Sir Edward Bairstow for four years, after which he returned to Malton to serve as Organist at St Michael's from 1933 to 1940. He studied at Durham University and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists (FRCO) in 1937. After active service during the Second World War, he returned to York Minster in 1946 to become Organist and Director of Music, succeeding Bairstow. From 1972 to 1974 he served as President of the Royal College of Organists.

Our first choir anthem is composed by **Georg Philipp Telemann** (1681-1767), 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. 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.

Allison Gray will sing a solo for our Offertory, a spiritual arranged by **Francis Hall Johnson** (1888-1970), an American composer and arranger of African-American spiritual music. He is one of a group – including Harry T. Burleigh, R. Nathaniel Dett, and Eva Jessye – who had great success performing African-American spirituals. Johnson received an extensive education. He attended the private, all-black Knox Institute and earned a degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. He also attended Atlanta University, the Juilliard School, Hahn School of Music, and the University of Pennsylvania. As a boy, Johnson was tutored on piano by his older sister, and he taught himself to play the violin after hearing a violin recital given by Joseph Henry Douglass, grandson of Frederick Douglass. In time, however, he became more interested in choral music, forming the Hall Johnson Negro Choir, the first of many

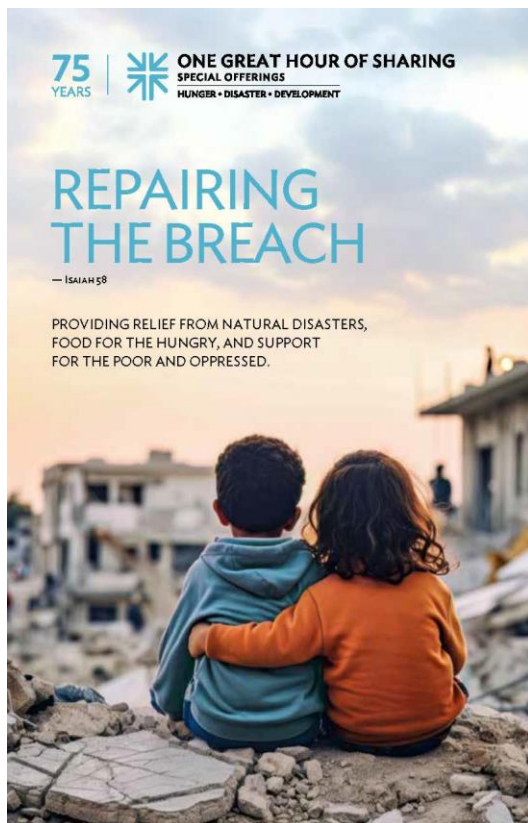
## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC (Cont'd)

choral ensembles, in 1925. Johnson and his choir became renowned through their participation in the 1930 Broadway production of Marc Connelly's *The Green Pastures*. In addition to his theatrical work, Johnson wrote the Easter cantata *Son of Man*, which premiered at New York's City Center in 1946.

Our postlude is composed by **Warren Martin** (1916-1982), best known for his association with Westminster Choir College. He entered the college in 1932 and graduated in 1936, earning his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. After major posts at First Congregational Church in Los Angeles and Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago, he returned to Westminster Choir College in 1950, where he was a member of the faculty for more than 30 years until his death. The *Processional for Organ* was composed in 1955 at the request of John Finley Williamson, the founder of Westminster Choir and co-founder of Westminster Choir College, and remains a traditional part of Westminster's commencement exercises.

## TODAY

**Today, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, March 31**, 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. Special Offering envelopes are available in your bulletin or ask an Usher for one. One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes and coin fish banks are located in the back of the Sanctuary and the coin fish banks will also be provided in Sunday School.



**February 14–March 31, 2024**

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
- + Online at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](https://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.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

### **IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit [pcusa.org/oghs](https://pcusa.org/oghs)



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# MARCH 24TH, 2024

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**10 AM** WORSHIP SERVICE

**11:30 AM** ADULT FORUM

DISCUSSING:

OUR JOURNEY

AFTER 9/11:

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# **ANNUAL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

**Share the Spirit of Giving during Lent  
Live Our Mission!**

**Bring your donated items to Church  
throughout Lent starting on  
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH –  
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH**

## **New Canaan Food Pantry suggested items needed:**

- Milk (Non-perishable) - powdered or Parmalat**
- 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)**
- Juice boxes**

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



**Grab a bag with list of items from back of Church.  
Bags donated by Walter Stewart's.**

## 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!

## NEW MEMBERS

### **Welcome Hudson, Elise, Ivy and Tadd!**

Ivy Schultz and Tadd Spering lived in Astoria, NY for many years and attended a Lutheran Church there before moving to New Canaan with their children, Hudson and Elise, in 2020.

Ivy is the Director of Entrepreneurship for Columbia Engineering, where she oversees the development of the startup ecosystem and helps earlier stage technology startups bring their products to market, and Tadd is an entrepreneur who has primarily worked with digital technology but is currently working on a new venture, PerLumen, to produce wood-based metamaterials for residential and industrial use.

The whole family enjoys hiking, skiing, and cultivating homegrown tomatoes and other vegetables in their backyard.



## THIS WEEK



**MEN'S GATHERING** will meet via Zoom this **Wednesday, March 27th from 7:00–8:00am** and our guest speaker will be Tom Butterworth. Tom is a long-time New Canaan resident and an FPCNC member for the past few years. He was elected to New Canaan's Town Council in 2018 and prior to that he had an interesting background and career in law and financial and benefits planning. We're excited to hear from Tom and to learn about his faith, family and life experiences. 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 at 7am! Any questions, contact Mark ([mmagnusen@yahoo.com](mailto:mmagnusen@yahoo.com)).

**Wednesday Weekly Bible Studies**, led by Darlene Harmon, meets every Wednesday at 10:00am and they will be studying the book of Acts. Please come at 9:45am to share a cup of tea or coffee. We hope you can come join us! Everyone is invited!

**Toiletry Kit Assembly for the Homeless** Join us at 6:00pm on Maundy Thursday (immediately preceding our 7:00pm Worship service) in commemoration of Jesus' washing the feet of his Disciples and his mandate to "...love one another; even as I have loved you..." we will be packing toiletry kits in the Common Room for those experiencing homelessness. All are welcome!



# *Fill Our Sanctuary With Flowers During Easter*

If you would like to contribute contact Wendy

203-966-0002 ext. 1

Deadline March 27th

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 Rd, New Canaan, CT 06840

NEXT SUNDAY



# *Join Us For Our Easter Egg Hunt*

Kids of all ages can enjoy the fun of  
finding dozens of eggs in the gardens at FPC.  
Come join us!

Sunday, March 31st  
Egg hunt starts, 11:30 am





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## Come Join Us! Holy Week Services

### **Palm/Passion Sunday**

March 24, 10am Worship Service

### **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae**

March 28, 7pm The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### **Good Friday**

March 29, 5pm Worship Service

### **Easter Sunday**

March 31, 7am Sunrise Service

8am Breakfast

(Common Room)

10am Worship Service

11:30am Easter Egg Hunt

(weather permitting)



All Are Welcome!

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## LENT AT FPC

**Action and Contemplation for Lent...** During Lent the Sanctuary will be open for members who want to spend time for prayer and meditation, using the Labyrinth 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 for the Labyrinth 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.



## CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Sunday, March 24, 10:00am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b>
<b>Sunday, March 24, 11:30am</b>	<b><u>Adult Forum</u> – Frank and Mary Fetchet (Voices Center)</b>
<b>Wed., March 27, 7:00am</b>	<b>Men's Gathering (Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>6:00pm – Toiletry Kit assembly for the Homeless (Common Room)</b>
	<b>7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Communion Service</b>
<b>Friday, March 29, 5:00pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</b>
<b>Sunday, March 31, 7:00am</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service (breakfast provided at 8am)</b>
<b>Sunday, March 31, 10:00am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Worship Service</b>
<b>Sunday, March 31, 11:30am</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	<b>New Covenant House Stamford, CT (2:00pm Meal Prep / 4:00pm Serve Food)</b>
<b>Sunday, April 7, 4:00pm</b>	<b>Enoch Megrue and George Megrue Memorial Concert</b>
<b>Wednesdays at the Well</b>	<b>(April 10–May 15 at 6:30-7:45pm)</b>
<b>Thursday, April 11, 3-5:30pm</b>	<b>New Canaan Chamber Music Concert</b>
<b>Friday, April 12, 7:30-9pm</b>	<b>New Canaan Chamber Music Concert</b>
<b>Sunday, April 21, 11:30am</b>	<b><u>Adult Forum</u> – Mark Labberton</b>
<b>Saturday, May 4, 11:00am</b>	<b>Ruth Swanberg Memorial Service &amp; Reception</b>
<b>Sunday, May 5, 10:00am</b>	<b>Scottish Heritage Sunday 50th Anniversary</b>
<b>Sunday, May 5, 4:00pm</b>	<b>Charis Chamber Voices Concert</b>

## SAVE THE DATE

### Scottish Heritage Sunday 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Sunday, May 5



Mark your calendars and invite family and friends to this year's big event. 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! Contact Steve Van de Graaf ([stevevdg01@gmail.com](mailto:stevevdg01@gmail.com)) for additional information or to join the Scottish Sunday Committee.



New Canaan Chamber Music  
Andrew Armstrong, Artistic Director

Introducing Alison Shearer

 Abigél Králik violin	 Alison Shearer alto sax + flute	 Andrew Armstrong piano	 Marguerite Cox double-bass
 Karl Strobbe violin	 Joan DerHovsepan viola	 Ani Aznavoorian cello	

April 11, 2024, 3:00 pm | April 12, 2024, 7:30 pm  
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

## **MISSION & OUTREACH**

**WALK WITH US! VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

**March-April 2024**

**THANK YOU 2024 VOLUNTEERS!**

*Where your donations went this month 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 can be found on their website.

**-April Earth Day** celebration and opportunity to volunteer in April. Posting will come on Easter Sunday; watch for reminder in the Bulletin.

**-New Covenant House:** Buying and preparing meals for over 100 families. 5-7 volunteers are always welcome, sign up for April, May, and August, Sept, Oct for the first Saturday of the month using Sign up Genius or contact the Church office to sign up. **NEEDED: April volunteers and May cooks! If you have interest in going to COSTCO to purchase food, please reach out to me. We can shop together to learn how.**

**-Pacific House:** \$1000 for March Mattress and the purchase of four new mattresses at the shelter. A donation box will be placed in the back for: White washclothes and Twin Bed Sheet Sets. Also: April help is needed to take inventory in the basement of one of their shelters. We have three people signed up to help for a 4-hour shift – specific date in April or May to follow. Please join in if you are free that day.

**-Women Empowerment Women, New Canaan:** \$2500 donation for an 8-week Skills Program beginning this spring for women struggling with family or personal challenges. Conducted by a licensed social worker, the program has been credited for literally changing the direction of a woman's life whether it is in the area of personal addictions or that of a family member.

**-Lent Food Drive:** Thanks to all that are able to give! We will need 2-4 cars to help load up and deliver the bags to the Food Pantry of New Canaan at the end of March.

**-Toiletry Kits for the Homeless:** Join us at 6:00pm on Maundy Thursday (immediately preceding our 7:00pm Worship service) in commemoration of Jesus' washing the feet of his Disciples and his mandate to "...love one another; even as I have loved you..." we will be packing toiletry kits in the Common Room for those experiencing homelessness. All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY



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ABC New Canaan

Interested in becoming a **Host Family for ABC New Canaan**? Join us for the Host Family open house on Monday, April 8 at 11:00am at ABC House, 64 Locust Avenue. Eligible families must have at least one child attending New Canaan High School when the ABC scholar begins his/her freshman year and must be committed for all four years. This is the perfect opportunity to give an ABC scholar and your family the gift of a lifetime! Interested in joining us or if you have any questions, please email Nancy Shullman at [mrshullman@aol.com](mailto:mrshullman@aol.com).

**Domestic violence doesn't take a break  
for the holidays.**



**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.**

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

**Please keep the following people in your hearts.**

***NEW prayers and concerns:*** Armin Thies


***Continued prayers and concerns:*** Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Sherman Bull; Judy and Tom Duncan (Lisa Flanagan's parents); Ashley (Lisa Flanagan's cousin) who had a heart transplant; Joseph and Barbara Esterly (Kristie Godina's parents); Peter Findlay (Mimi Findlay's brother-in-law) who was recently diagnosed with glioblastoma and about to start chemotherapy treatment in NYC, and his wife, Patty Findlay, and his sons, Ian and Josh; Amy Granato, who is battling lung cancer; Mark Harmon (Darlene's husband); Family of Gail Elder Harden (Lucy) who died March 1, 2024; David Johnson, son of Elsbeth Johnson, as he is suffering from ALS; Denise Lynch; Sandy Nissley; Marlene Powers; Devon Reich (Wendy Starr's friend's daughter) who is battling brain cancer; Joan Scherman (Mark Magnusen's friend) whose cancer has returned; Kathy Ullerich (Wendy Starr's friend) who is undergoing chemo and surgery for pancreatic cancer; Family of Julia Voorhies who died March 3, 2024; Family of Toby Woods (Kristina, Peter and Nicholas) as 18 year-old Toby died February 21; 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 the following PSNE Clergy: John Hwang, Jessica Jones, Johanna Jung, Steven Jungkeit, James Keller, David Kelsey, Gregory Keosaian, Erin Keys, Do Hoon Kim, Ik Tae Kim, Patricia Koons, Kibbie Laird, Maria LaSala, and John Lindner.

## 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 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, March 24**

**9 am** Music Rehearsals  
**10 am** Palm Sunday Worship Service  
(in-person/LocalLive)  
**11 am** Coffee Hour  
**11:30 am** Adult Forum Mary & Frank Fetchet (Lunch)

### **MONDAY, March 25**

**9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30** Jumpin' Jams (Tate Barn)  
**2-8 pm** Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Choir Rm)  
**8 pm** Purple Heather Dancers

### **TUESDAY, March 26**

**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, March 27**

**7 am** Men's Gathering (Zoom)  
**10 am** Weekly Bible Studies  
**4:30 pm** English Handbells Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, March 28**

**3:30 pm** Special Church  
**6-7, 8-9 pm** Choir Rehearsal  
**7 pm** Maundy Thursday Communion Service

### **FRIDAY, March 29**

**9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30** Jumpin' Jams (Tate Barn)  
**3-8 pm** Wilton Studios–Music Lessons  
**5 pm** Good Friday Tenebrae Service

### **SATURDAY, March 30**

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

### **SUNDAY, March 31**

**8 am** Music Rehearsals  
**10 am** Easter Worship Service  
(in-person / LocalLive)  
**11 am** Coffee Hour  
**11:30 am** Easter Egg Hunt

## THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

The First Presbyterian Church Choir  
with:

Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Jamie Ratcliffe – alto, Nikolas Brannan – tenor, Devin Mitchell – bass

**Greeters:** Janet Lanaway and Linda Martin

**Lay Readers:** Lynn Jackson and Angela Johnson

**Ushers:** Jim Beall and Paul Martin

**Cross Bearer:** Stephan von Jena

## 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 • Kate and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers

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