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Fifth Sunday of Easter • April 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:

Praeludium in f, BWV 534

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Call to Worship**

Stephanie Hare

Leader: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

People: **for we are the Church of Jesus Christ!**

Leader: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

People: **opening our hearts and minds for the worship of God!**

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Minute for Mission – Scottish Heritage Sunday 50th Anniversary

Steve Van de Graaf

Blessing for our Younger Disciples

Stephanie Hare

Call to Confession

Jennifer Van de Graaf

Leader: When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God’s goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead...

Confession of Sin (unison)

Jennifer Van de Graaf

People: Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in You. Forgive our pursuit of distractions that separate us from You. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in You alone...

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

Leader: In Jesus’ name we pray.

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jennifer Van de Graaf

Leader: Hear and believe the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun.

People: We receive this good news that we are forgiven and made righteous. Thanks be to God!

***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**

Jennifer Van de Graaf

Leader: The first words of the risen Christ to his followers were, "Peace be with you." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share that peace with one another.

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

Jennifer Van de Graaf

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 – Acts 8:26-40

Jennifer Van de Graaf

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

(Psalm 145: 15-16)

FPCNC Choir

Second Lesson – John 15:1-8

The Rev. Scott Herr

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Reconnecting”

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 624: I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

Toulon

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;



my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

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: Having heard the good news and being assured of God's love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are. Let us give our offering as a token of our giving throughout the week.

Offertory Solo:

O Rest in the Lord (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him; and fret not thyself because of evil doers.
(*Psalm 37: 7*)

Jamie Ratcliff - alto

***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)**

Jennifer Van de Graaf

Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of Your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for Your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving and hope that these tithes, gifts and offerings will bring Your healing love to others in need. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn No. 370:**

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won-ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

***Benediction**

The Rev. Scott Herr

***Choral Amen**

***Ringing of the Church Bell**

***Postlude:**

Fuga in f, BWV 534

Johann Sebastian Bach

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship on this Fifth Sunday of Eastertide. Today we will reflect on how Christ reminds us that our spiritual life, in order to remain healthy and fruitful, requires connectivity and welcome. Through the lens of the two lectionary texts from the book of Acts and the Gospel according to John, we will explore how connecting with Jesus connects us with the sometimes unlikely “other.” We are glad that you are joining us for Worship today and pray that you will be spiritually refreshed and renewed, and socially reoriented for the week ahead.

Note from Worship Committee:

During 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.

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

All children from Kindergarten age on up are welcome to join us for Sunday School each Sunday! Children depart the Worship Service for Sunday School after the Blessing for Young Disciples. Sunday School is held upstairs in our dedicated room on the 2nd floor of Bliss House (enter staircase next to the Pastor's Study, at top of stairs go straight and it's last door on your right). Adults can meet up with their children in the Common Room immediately following Worship.

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.**

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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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) 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!

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This Sunday, we hear for our organ prelude and postlude, **Johann Sebastian Bach's** *Praeludium et Fuga in f, BWV 534*. Though the sources do not support a clear attribution, and despite several unusual features, the 19th-century attribution of this piece to Johann Sebastian Bach was never seriously questioned until quite recently (in an article by David Humphreys in 1985). The now generally accepted rejection from his oeuvre of course makes the question of authorship real. Though the known transmission can be traced back to a (lost) copy, once in the possession of Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809), it is highly unlikely that he was the one who wrote BWV 534. The style of the piece and the nature of the transmission make an attribution to Bach's eldest son Wilhelm Friedemann (1710-1784) much more plausible. Though the work is unique in certain respects, several of its features point to the style of this composer, while the quality of the whole work may be seen to as an echo of the improvisations of the legendary organist.

Our FPCNC Choir's anthem is composed by German-born American pianist, composer, and music educator **Jean Berger** (1909-2002). He composed extensively for choral ensemble and solo voice. He studied musicology at the universities of Vienna and Heidelberg, where he received his Ph.D. in 1931 with Heinrich Bessler as his advisor. He also studied composition with Louis Aubert in Paris. He worked as the assistant conductor at an opera house in Mannheim. After the Nazi Party seized power in Germany in 1933, he moved to Paris, where he took the French name Jean Berger and toured widely as a pianist and accompanist. From 1939 to 1941, he was an assistant conductor at the Municipal Theater in Rio de Janeiro and on the faculty of the Brazilian Conservatory. In 1941, he moved to the United States. From 1946 to 1948, he worked as an arranger for CBS and NBC and toured as a concert accompanist. In 1948 Berger moved into the academic world, taking a faculty position at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, which he held until 1959. From 1959 to 1961, he was on the faculty of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. From 1961 to 1966, he taught at the University of Colorado at Boulder and then the Colorado Women's College in Denver from 1968 to 1971. From 1970 on, he lectured widely throughout the world on various aspects of American music.

Our alto soloist, Jamie Ratcliffe, will sing a solo from **Felix Mendelssohn's** *Elijah* this morning. *Elijah* is an oratorio depicting events in the life of the Prophet Elijah as told in the books *1 Kings and 2 Kings* of the *Old Testament*. It premiered on 26 August 1846 at Birmingham Town Hall in its English version, conducted by the composer. The piece was composed in the spirit of Mendelssohn's Baroque predecessors Bach and Handel, whose music he greatly admired, however, in its lyricism and use of orchestral and choral colour the style clearly reflects Mendelssohn's own skill as an early Romantic composer. Mendelssohn had discussed an oratorio based on Elijah in the late 1830s with his friend Karl Klingemann, which resulted in a partial text that Klingemann was unable to finish. Mendelssohn then turned to Julius Schubring, the librettist for his earlier oratorio *St. Paul*, who quickly abandoned Klingemann's work and produced his own text that combined the story of Elijah as told in the *Book of Kings* with psalms. In 1845, the Birmingham Festival commissioned an oratorio from Mendelssohn, who worked with Schubring to put the text in final form and in 1845 and 1846 composed his oratorio to the German and English texts in parallel, taking care to change musical phrases to suit the rhythms and stresses of the translation by William Bartholomew, a chemist who was also an experienced amateur poet and composer.

Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day! Last year the men serenaded our women on their special day, and we are going to do so again this year. Start singing in the shower to work on your voice and join us as we prepare to sing on May 12. We will rehearse on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30pm in the Choir Room. Music is available to look at. Reach out to Terry if you have questions.



THIS WEEK

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!

 **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Wednesdays At The Well

Join us April 10th through May 15th.
We will practice loving God, our neighbor, and our enemy.

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

Dinner will be served and all are invited!

6:30-7:45 pm

All Are Welcome
Visit fpcnc.org or call us at 203-966-0002 ext. 1



CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesdays at the Well	(April 10–May 15 at 6:30-7:45pm)
Saturday, May 4, 11:00am	Ruth Swanberg Memorial Service & Reception
Sunday, May 5, 10:00am	Scottish Heritage Sunday 50th Anniversary
Sunday, May 5, 10:00am	Sofia Swanberg Baptism
Sunday, May 5, 4:00pm	Charis Chamber Voices Concert
Saturday, May 18, 11:00am	Anne MacKenzie Memorial Service & Reception
Saturday, June 1, 12:00pm	Circle of Grace: A Journey Through the Labyrinth – Woman’s Retreat

Calling All Children for The Kirkin' O' the Tartan

Calling **ALL CHILDREN!** to participate in the KIRKIN' O' the TARTAN, a procession into the Sanctuary, on Sunday, May 5th for the Annual Scottish Sunday Service.

All interested, please email Nancy LaBadie or the Church Office by Tuesday, April 30 (nancydllabadie@gmail.com). There will be a brief rehearsal for the kids on Sunday, May 5 in the Sanctuary at 9:30am.

We encourage (but don't require) all to wear the tartan in whatever form of one's choice. A ceilidh will follow the Service, featuring songs of Scotland, Mt. Kisco Pipes and Drums, Purple Heather Scottish Dancers along with servings of shortbread made by the Scottish Heritage Committee. **Please Sign up by April 30.**



PENTECOST – Do you speak another language, and would you be willing to share it publicly during Worship? The celebration of Pentecost is coming up quickly on Sunday, May 19th, and part of the text from Acts 2 involves the crowds gathered hearing the good news in their own language. So, we plan to have different languages as a part of the reading of the Acts text on Pentecost Sunday, to experience a taste of that first Pentecost. The sentence that you will be asked to read in your language is Acts 2:4, “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” If you are available and willing, please reach out to Wendy at wendy@fpcnc.org or email Scott (scott@fpcnc.org) with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that this will make Pentecost Worship meaningful and inspiring!

Knobloch Scholarship: Thanks to the generosity of one of our distinguished members, Bill Knobloch, the First Presbyterian Church is offering to any Fall 2024 matriculated college student who is a member of the congregation the opportunity to apply for a \$2,500 scholarship to be used for college or university study costs. Application forms are available by contacting Wendy at the church office (wendy@fpcnc.org). **Application deadline is April 30th.**

NEXT SUNDAY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Scottish Sunday

May 5th @ 10 AM

50th Anniversary

**Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes & Drums,
Purple Heather Dancers,
The tartans and the kilts,
The shortbread and haggis,
Great Scot!**



**All Are Welcome 178 Oenoke Ridge
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NEXT SUNDAY (Cont'd)

2024 marks the 300th anniversary of Bach's beloved masterpiece, the St. John Passion. **Charis Chamber Voices** will present this masterwork featuring Grammy-nominated British vocalist Ryland Angel as the Evangelist and former FPCNC bass Christopher Grundy as Jesus. Accompanying them will be a Baroque Orchestra including our own Terence J Flanagan playing continuo along with many of the same instrumentalists who performed with our choir in our last Cantata Sunday! Choose from one of two performances: Saturday, May 4 at 7:00pm at O'Byrne Chapel on the Manhattanville College campus in Purchase, NY and **Sunday, May 5 at 4:00pm here at First Presbyterian Church**. There will be a free pre-concert lecture at 6:00pm before the Saturday evening performance. Learn more at www.charisvocals.org or by scanning the QR code.

CONCERT
Charis Chamber Voices

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
ST. JOHN PASSION

WITH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
TERENCE J. FLANAGAN, ORGAN
RYLAND ANGEL, EVANGELIST
CHRISTOPHER GRUNDY, JESUS



May 5, 4:00pm

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Circle of Grace: A Journey Through the Labyrinth

June 1st, 2024

178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan CT

Saturday 12-4 pm

MISSION & OUTREACH

March-April 2024 - THANK YOU 2024 VOLUNTEERS!

-**Tech4Girls:** FPCNC is pleased to be able to sponsor Tech education for two girls in Ghana, West Africa, for \$2500, as part of the Tech4Girls program. Tech4Girls is a hands-on learning program which trains girls and women in digital skills, including ICT, coding and AI, in order to empower them with tech skills for career development. The initiative creates opportunities for African girls and women to immerse themselves in technology and acquire skills needed for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Girls will also be taught soft skills including entrepreneurship, emotional intelligence and leadership.



Tech4Girls is part of the HACSA Foundation's "Lifeline for Africa". The HACSA Foundation is an international non-profit founded by Ambassador Johanna Svanikier, a Ghanaian attorney and former ambassador to France, Portugal and UNESCO. To learn more about Tech4Girls and HASCA, please visit <https://thehacsa.org/>.

-**RAM Council** is a nonprofit organization -- based in New Canaan -- that provides two groups; high school students 9th-12th graders and 7th-8th grades (RAM JR) an avenue to substance-free activities, healthy alternatives to substance abuse, and an opportunity to build leadership skills through hosting educational forums. With an active membership, teens know that they're making a difference in their community, and have the confidence to make healthy decisions. FPCNC currently allows them to use our space and in addition, we are excited to sponsor several activities throughout the year for the teens: pizza parties, bowling or an outdoor activity with our \$2000 donations.

-The mission of **Save the Sound** is to protect and improve the land, air, and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound. We are pleased to support their efforts with legal and scientific expertise and bring people together to achieve results that benefit our environment. Our \$1000 donation supports their efforts now and for future generations.

Don't forget next Saturday, May 4th, is **New Covenant House** cooking and serving to 100 people. We could use another set of hands for the 2-4pm (cooking) and the 4:15-6:15pm (serving). **Please reach out to Cindy.**

-**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 here: www.mowofnc.org. Be part of our "Angel List" as a last minute driving volunteer.... we'll call you if we have an opening in our volunteer schedule. See Jen Van de Graaf.

-**Pacific House:** \$1000 for March Mattress and the purchase of four new mattresses at the shelter. 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 – contact Cindy.

-**Women Empowering Women**, New Canaan: \$2500 donation for an 8-week Skills Program began this spring for women struggling with family or personal challenges.

-**Lent Food Drive:** Thanks to all that were able to give! We collected over 60 bags of food for the NC Food Pantry at St. Mark's.

-**Toiletry Kits for the Homeless:** We prepared over 75 toiletry kits for the homeless.

COMMUNITY

BE A HERO

Learn Hands-Only CPR & AED

After training 900+ individuals in 2013, Hands for Life New Canaan is back!

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FOR LIFE



NEW CANAAN
2024

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SUNDAY, APRIL 28 • 10AM - 4PM

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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your hearts.

NEW prayers and concerns


Continued prayers and concerns: Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); Sherman Bull; Judy and Tom Duncan (Lisa Flanagan's parents); Coco (4th grader) and her mother Jennifer and father Logan who experienced a trauma recently; Peter Findlay (Mimi Findlay's brother-in-law); Family of Jack Fonss; Amy Granato (Julie Fowler's sister); Gigi Guthrie; Mark Harmon (Darlene's husband); David Johnson (Elsbeth Johnson's son); Denise Lynch; Sister Eddie McLaughlin (Maxine Gaddis' friend) who's in hospice; Sandy Nissley; Chris O'Conner (Barbara Wentzel's son-in-law and Jen Gulden's brother-in-law); Marlene Powers; Devon Reich (Wendy Starr's friend's daughter); Joan Scherman (Mark Magnusen's friend); Bette Anne Thaut (Mary Thies' college roommate), whose husband died on March 19; Mary Thies; Kathy Ullerich (Wendy Starr's friend); 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 Connecticut Korean Presbyterian Church, its Members, Session, Seekers, and the Community of New Haven, CT.

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 Stacy Arevalo, Peg Bull, Carole Clarkson, 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, April 28

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service (in-person/LocalLive)
11 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY, April 29

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
2-8 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons (Choir Rm)
6-9 pm NCHS Madrigal Rehearsal
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, April 30

9 am St. A's Walking with a Purpose
9:30, 10:30, 11:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, May 1

10 am Weekly Bible Studies
1 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting
3:30 pm Staff Leadership Meeting
4:30 pm English Handbells Rehearsal
6:30 pm Wednesday at the Well

THURSDAY, May 2

3:30 pm Special Church
7 pm Choir Rehearsal
7-9 pm FPNS End of Yr Board Dinner (Common Rm)

FRIDAY, May 3

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
10 am Shortbread Baking
2-8 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons
6-10 pm Charis Chamber Voices Rehearsal

SATURDAY, May 4

9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)
11 am Ruth Swanberg Memorial Service/Reception

SUNDAY, May 5

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Scottish Heritage Sunday Worship Service (in-person / LocalLive)
11:15 am Scottish Heritage Sunday Celebration
4 pm Charis Chamber Voices Concert

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: Cathy and Rick Hollingsworth

Lay Readers: Jennifer Van de Graaf and Stephanie Hare

Ushers: Jim Ely and Janet Lanaway

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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