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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:** Fanfare Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Scott Herr

**\*Call to Worship (John 12:12-15)** The Rev. Scott Herr

**Leader:** The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

**Leader:** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

**People:** **“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”**

**Leader:** Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” Hosanna!

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

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

**People:** **Hosanna in the highest**

\* 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!

## The Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

### *The Sacrament of Baptism for Wynne Sanford Holden Jr., son of Chelsea and Wynne Holden, and Gray Davis Rizzo and Mack James Rizzo, sons of Mark and Carly Rizzo*

#### The Words of Institution

The Rev. Scott Herr

Minister: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Jesus also said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Obeying the Word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of His promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

#### The Presentation

Bob Spangler, Elder

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Wynne Sanford Holden Jr., son of Chelsea and Wynne Holden grandson of John & Lanah Holden and Billy & Susan Fleming, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (Here to stand with Chelsea and Wynne are the godparents: Taylor holden and Suzanne Accordino.)

On behalf of the Session, I present Gray Davis Rizzo and Mack James Rizzo, sons of Mark and Carly Rizzo, grandsons of Brian & Laurie Davis and Ray & Kelly Rizzo, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (Here to stand with Mark, Carly, Gray and Mack are the godparents: Aly Foote, Matt Rizzo and Jeff Rizzo.)

Minister: Friends, God is love. We love because God first loved us. In baptism God declares that love and claims us as God's own. I ask you now to profess your faith publicly before the congregation. Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Parents: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister: Do you trust in him?

**Parents: We do.**

Minister: Do you desire for your children to be baptized into the family of faith?

**Parents: We do.**

Minister: Relying on God's grace, do you intend for your children to be Christ's disciples, to obey his Word, and to show his love?

**Parents: We do.**

#### The Congregation's Covenant

Stacy Arevalo

Leader: Will the congregation please stand in body and/or spirit? Do you, as witnesses to this Sacrament promise your love, support, protection, and care for Wynne Holden, Gray Rizzo and Mack Rizzo as they grow as God's own children? If so, please say "We do."

**People: We do.**

Leader: Do you promise to pray for and support as needed Chelsea & Wynne Holden and Carly & Mark Rizzo as they seek to guide and nurture their children in the family of faith? If so, please say, "We do."

**People: We do.**

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray: Loving God, we give you thanks that from the chaos of the waters, you brought forth creation. Through the water of the sea, you led your people, Israel, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the water of the Jordan, your Son was baptized and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death and give us cleansing and rebirth. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Wynne Holden, Gray Rizzo and Mack Rizzo, that they may be strengthened to serve you with joy until you make all things new. In Jesus' name.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

Minister: What is the name of this child?

**Parents:** Wynne Sanford Holden Jr.

Minister: Wynne Sanford Holden Jr., child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Minister: What is the name of this child?

**Parents:** Gray Davis Rizzo

Minister: Gray Davis Rizzo, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Minister: What is the name of this child?

**Parents:** Mack James Rizzo

Minister: Mack James Rizzo, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*The minister may walk with the children to introduce them to the congregation.*

## The Prayer of Blessing

Minister: Let us pray: Gracious God, giver of life, we pray for Chelsea & Wynne Holden and Carly & Mark Rizzo and their children, Wynne, Gray and Mack. Give them wisdom and patience to guide them in the way of Jesus Christ and in the faith of the church. Let your peace dwell in their home, that their family life may be instructed by faith, sustained by prayer, and governed by love. Strengthen them in their own baptism, that they may all rejoice as your beloved children, and serve you faithfully, in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

## Formal Welcome of the Children

Sue Benko, Deacon

Deacon: Wynne, Gray and Mack have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of Christ. Please join with me in welcoming Wynne, Gray and Mack using the words printed in your bulletin.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Wynne, Gray and Mack into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry. Amen!**

*The family will receive a certificate of baptism and gift from the congregation and be seated.*

## Call to Confession

Jan Lucie

Leader: Like those adoring crowds that welcomed Jesus, we come with glad shouts of "Hosanna!" and joyful songs of praise, yet our faith fades in trouble, and our enthusiasm fizzles when we face challenges. Let us come before God in honesty, trusting in God's forgiveness and steadfast love... Let us confess our sin together first in unison, and then in silence.

## Confession of Sin (unison)

Jan Lucie

**God of Perfect Love, we join the crowds over the centuries who shout your praises and who are loud in affirming you as Lord. However, we confess while our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your priorities. We sing easily of your greatness but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Lord, have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with your healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!**

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

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Jan Lucie

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy. Blessed is the one who has done for us what we could not do for ourselves, bringing us new life and love. Friends, hear and believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen!**

**\*Gloria Patri (No. 580)**

*Gloria Patri (Scottish)*

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of several chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Jan Lucie

Leader: Jesus said, "My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." 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.

*(All share a greeting of peace with one another.)*

**THE WORD**

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

Stacy Arevalo

Leader: Today we light the Candle for God's Global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace giving thanks for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, through which our church cares for people around the world.

**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 (page 197 – New Testament)**

Stacy Arevalo

<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 *Biblische Sprüche*) Georg Philipp Telemann

*Hosianna dem Sohne David!* O hosanna, thou Son of David!  
*Gelobet sei, der da kommt* O blest is he who is come  
*in dem Namen des Herrn,* in the name of the Lord,  
*Hosianna in deer Höhe.* Sing hosanna in the highest.

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**Second Lesson – Luke 19:28-40 (page 83 – New Testament)**

The Rev. Scott Herr

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Where is this Parade going, anyway?"

The Rev. Scott Herr

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 213: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

*Rathbun*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with five lines of text corresponding to the five measures of the melody. The lyrics are: 1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing; 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ; 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and; 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the; 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing.



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

**Prayers of the People**

Jan Lucie

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

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

**Call for the Offering**

Jan Lucie

Today we take a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. While stones can declare God's glory, God calls us to embody divine compassion. With gratitude for God's great faithfulness and for all that we have received, but mindful of the great needs in our land and around the world, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

**Offertory Anthem:**

Ride on, King Jesus!

Nancy Wertsch

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a hinder me.  
 For He is King of kings, for He is Lord or lords.  
 Jesus Christ, the first and last, No man works like Him.

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**\*Doxology:**

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)**

Jan Lucie

**Generous God, with faith, hope and love, receive the gifts we bring, especially our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. May these dollars and our lives be used to proclaim your love, especially to those in need, to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn No. 198:**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

*St. Drostane*

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

The Rev. Scott Herr

\*Choral Amen

\*Ringing of the Church Bell

\*Postlude:

Marche Triomphale

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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***Join us in the Common Room after worship for a time of fellowship, coffee/tea and snacks. Don't forget to stop by the Welcome Table.***

### **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Welcome to worship on this Palm Sunday**, and the beginning of “Holy Week,” the time in which we move into the central dramatic events of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It’s a poignant time, and we hope that you’ll be able to consider not only the events of Jesus’ triumphal entry, but also connect today with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and early Easter morning! Today we reflect on how Jesus enters into Jerusalem and makes his way to the cross, and remember the significance of the events of this week. It’s painful in many ways, but also helpful to know that ours is a God who is not removed from the suffering and treachery of our world, but enters into the suffering of our world to be God *with* us and “God *for* us. We are glad you are worshipping with us, and pray that you will be spiritually refreshed and socially reoriented for the week ahead.

**Sunday School!** Join us as we explore Bible stories and all our questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the world around us. Children begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families then following the Blessing for Young Disciples, we move to our Sunday School classes upstairs in the Bliss House.

If your child is participating in Sunday School, please fill out this very short form so that we have up-to-date family contact numbers, and you can provide us with any information about your child that will help us minister to them: <https://fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/2024SundaySchoolStudents>

Adults or older teens who want to come be part of the fun of Sunday School, we need you! Join us and bring your own sense of wonder and joy as we learn together what it means to be part of God’s big family. Let us know of your interest by filling out this form: <https://fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/Teachers2024-25>, or reach out to Steph Hare – [stephanie@fpcnc.org](mailto:stephanie@fpcnc.org).

FPCNC also offers **childcare during our Sunday Service** provided by Saturnina Greeves 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.**

**Have a prayer request?** We are called to pray without ceasing... In addition to receiving prayers during the Service with the microphone, our **prayer box** offers the opportunity to submit handwritten prayer requests at any time. The box is in the back of the church adjacent to the Sanctuary entrance. Any prayer requests will be brought into the Sanctuary for worship by the Ushers. These requests will be included in our Prayers of the People for that Sunday. You will have the option to exclude your prayer from the communal prayer if you prefer. All prayers will be held and prayed over in confidence. Any questions or concerns, please contact Stacy ([sarevalo@fpcnc.org](mailto:sarevalo@fpcnc.org)).

## TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

Our **COMMUNITY** is growing! Honoring the Session-adopted theme of COMMUNITY for 2025, the installation on the "chapel" wall of the Sanctuary continues to grow showing our church community and the communities to which we reach out: Covenant House, Pacific House, ABC, and the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church affected by the fires, to name a few. Come up close and find these and perhaps your name! Our prayers are inspired by these reminders! *Jan Lucie, Chair WMA*

Our **Welcome Table** is available each week as a resource for you to ask questions and learn about different ways to be involved in the life of this congregation, including music, study, fellowship, prayer and service opportunities in the church and community. Feel free to stop by after worship during Coffee Hour.

**Cents-Ability** – The Cents-ability jar is in the hallway on the way to the Common Room. Please drop your spare change into the jar either on the way to Coffee Hour or whenever you're at 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

On this festive Palm Sunday morning, our organ music is composed by **Nicolas Jacques Lemmens** (1823-1881), an organist, music teacher, and composer for his instrument. Lemmens took lessons from François-Joseph Fétis, who wanted to make him into a musician capable of renewing the organ-player's art in Belgium. Fétis sent him to Adolf Friedrich Hesse in Germany to learn Johann Sebastian Bach's tradition. In 1847, Lemmens won the Paris Conservatoire's prestigious Prix de Rome with his *Le roi Lear (King Lear)*. One year later he published his first work for organ: *Dix improvisations dans le style sévère et chantant (Ten improvisations in a strict and singing style)*. In March 1849 he was appointed Organ Teacher at the Royal Brussels Conservatoire, aged only 26; and he trained numerous young musicians, including two eminent Frenchmen, Alexandre Guilmant and Charles-Marie Widor.

Our FPCNC Choir's first 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 favorably both to his friend Johann Sebastian Bach, who made Telemann the godfather and namesake of his son Carl Philipp Emanuel, and to George Frideric Handel, whom Telemann also knew personally. Almost completely self-taught in music, he became a composer against his family's wishes. After studying in Magdeburg, Zellerfeld, and Hildesheim, Telemann entered the University of Leipzig to study law but eventually settled on a career in music. He held important positions in Leipzig, Sorau, Eisenach, and Frankfurt before settling in Hamburg in 1721, where he became Musical Director of that city's five main churches. As part of his duties, he wrote a considerable amount of music for educating organists under his direction.

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

Our second choir anthem is composed by **Nancy Wertsch**, an American composer specializing in music for the voice. A native of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, she currently lives and works in New York City. She has enjoyed a career as a multi-faceted musician in a variety of disciplines: as an accomplished pianist, mezzo-soprano soloist, composer, teacher, professional chorister, and choral contractor and consultant. Her education includes studies with renowned Danish pianist Gunnar Johansen at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and with Edith Oppens and Leonard Shure at the Aspen Music School; vocal studies with Paul Ulanovsky at the Yale Summer School and Martial Singher at the Music Academy of the West; graduation from the Curtis Institute of Music as a voice major; and a Fulbright Grant for studying at the Hochschule für Musik in Berlin. For ten years she served on the voice faculty at the University of Memphis, before moving to New York City where she has worked and lived since

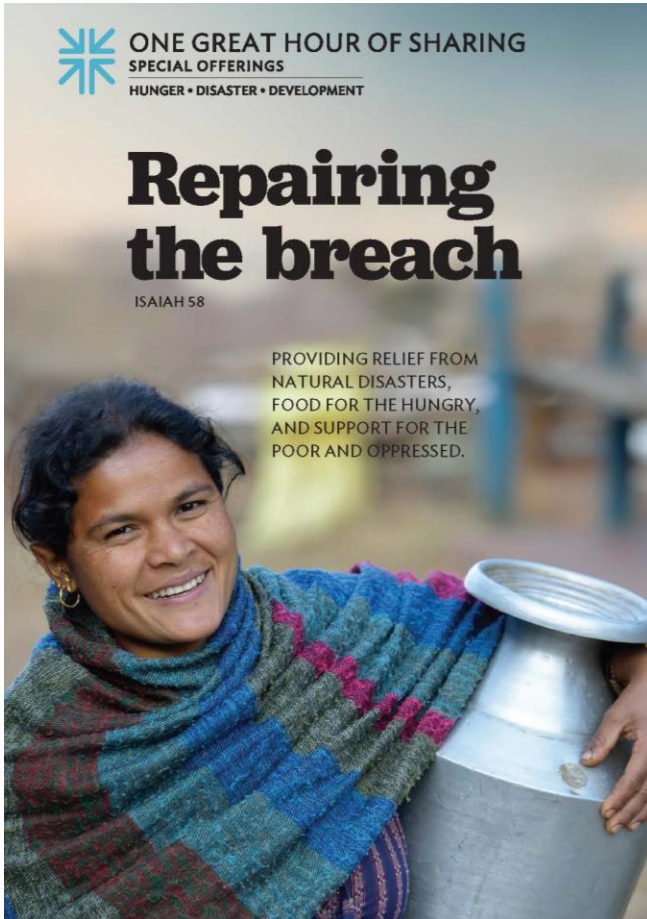
## **ELEMENTS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

### **The Passing of the Peace**

The Passing of the Peace has been exercised in the church since the beginning. "Peace be with you." is the greeting Jesus used with his disciples (Luke 24:36, John 20:19, 26). Paul opened each of his letters with the words "Grace and peace be with you." (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:3; 2 Cor 1:2). With the Passing of the Peace, we maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3) and identify ourselves as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20). In fact, Paul instructs us to "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (Rom. 16:16, 1 Cor. 16:20, 2 Cor. 13:12, 1 Thess. 5:26), which was a common greeting at the time in Rome and Greece. The Passing of the Peace is not the "seventh inning stretch" or a preview of coffee hour. While the bond of community is strengthened by greeting newcomers or engaging in conversation with others, the primary purpose of the Passing of the Peace is the sharing of God's peace. A simple "good morning" is not the same. Nor is the Passing of the Peace a pro-forma ritual. Looking into the other person's eyes and sincerely wishing that they experience the peace of God beyond all understanding expresses the intent of this liturgical element.

## TODAY

**Today is the last Sunday**, that our congregation collects a special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Please consider donating as 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 and literature are available at the Usher's table throughout the season of Lent. **(One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is allocated as follows: the Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent; the Self-Development of People receives 32 percent, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32 percent.)**



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FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,  
AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
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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)

## WEEKLY PROGRAM(S)

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

## THIS WEEK

### FPC Office Hours:

Monday, April 14 – Tuesday, April 15: **OFFICE CLOSED (Wendy on vacation)**

Wednesday, April 16 – Friday, April 18: **9:00am – 5:00pm**

If you have any Pastoral Care needs when the office is closed, please call Scott (203-921-7536) or Mary (203-921-9434).

HOLY WEEK



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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## Come Join Us! Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday  
Service**

April 13, 10:00am

**Maundy Thursday  
Service**

April 17, 7:00pm

**Good Friday Service:  
Seven Last Words  
of Christ**

@ NC Community Baptist Church  
April 18 - (12 noon-3:00 pm)

**Easter  
Sunday**

Sunday, April 20  
7:00am, Sunrise Service  
8:00am, Breakfast  
10:00am, Easter Service  
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

All Are Welcome!  
178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT  
[www.fpcnc.org](http://www.fpcnc.org) 203-966-0002 ext. 1

## HOLY WEEK (Cont'd)

### **Palm Sunday:**

*Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where crowds waved palm branches, symbolizing his kingship and ultimate victory.*

#### **Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:00am**

### **Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:**

*These days are often marked by events leading up to the Last Supper, such as Jesus cleansing the temple and his betrayal by Judas.*

### **Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday):**

*Commemorates the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist (Communion) and washed his disciples' feet, symbolizing service and humility, and gave the New Commandment (Mandatum Novum), from which is derived the name, "Maundy" Thursday.*

#### **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm**

This year again, we will hold a *Tenebrae Service*, sometimes known as a "Service of Shadows," on Maundy Thursday to mark the events of the day that Jesus entered into his Passion. During our Tenebrae service, the Sanctuary is gradually darkened through the extinguishing of candles coinciding with a series of scripture readings and music, concluding with the *strepitus* (Latin for "great noise"), foreshadowing the earthquake that followed Christ's death. Our Tenebrae service begins at 7:00pm, so the Sanctuary will be dark at the conclusion of the service. All are welcome. While this service may be too intense for younger children, older kids may be able to appreciate the solemnity and magnitude of this holy day.

### **Good Friday:**

*Marks the crucifixion of Jesus, a day of reflection and remembrance of his sacrifice for humanity's salvation.*

#### **Good Friday Seven Last Words Service – 12:00 noon** (doors open 11:30am) – Community Baptist Church

**"Father, forgive them"** Luke 23:34 – (Rev. Scott Herr - First Presbyterian Church)

**"Today, you will be with me in paradise"** Luke 23:43 – (Stacy Arevalo, MDiv.-First Presbyterian Church)

**"Woman, behold your son! ... Behold your mother"** John 19:26-27 – (Rev. Stephan Grozinger - St. Michael's Lutheran Church)

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** Matthew 27:46 – (Rev. Brian Shelby Hampton - Shiloh Baptist Church)

**"I thirst:** John 19:28 (pending confirmation)

**"It is finished:** John 19:30 – (Rev. Martha Epstein - United Methodist Church)

**"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"** Luke 23:46 – (Rev. Gilbert Burgess - Community Baptist Church)

### **Holy Saturday:**

*Commemorates Jesus' burial and descent into hell, a period of quiet waiting for and anticipation of the resurrection.*

### **Easter Sunday:**

*Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, signifying victory over death and sin, and the promise of eternal life.*

#### **Sunrise Worship Service – 7:00am (Memorial Garden)**

**Followed by Breakfast at 8:00am**

#### **Easter Sunday Worship Service – 10:00am**

**Followed by Easter Egg Hunt**

## HOLY WEEK (Cont'd)

### **PARTICIPATION DEADLINES – THIS WEEK:**

Easter Flower donations are due Tuesday, April 15 – call the church office if you haven't already done so.  
Annual Lenten Food Drive – any last minute food donations are due Monday, April 14.



*Fill Our  
Sanctuary With  
Flowers During  
Easter*

If you would like to contribute  
contact Wendy 203-966-0002 ext. 1  
Deadline Tuesday, April 15

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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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, MARCH 5TH –  
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

**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.



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**Good Friday:  
Seven Last Words Service**

Join us for worship, reflection,  
and prayer at the Community  
Baptist Church

April 18, 12:00 noon  
174 Cherry Street, New Canaan



## 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, April 20th  
Egg Hunt starts immediately following worship





## SAVE THE DATE



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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# Open Mic Night

FPCNC Open Mic: Diverse Expressions  
Featured Performance by Sarah LeMieux

You are invited to an evening  
to share music and/or poetry  
(originals and covers welcome)!

Wednesday April 23

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
followed by an  
open jam session

178 Oenoke ridge,  
New Canaan CT

Walk-ins Welcome

Contact Nick Depuy at  
[nickdepuysite@gmail.com](mailto:nickdepuysite@gmail.com)  
to sign up and for more information

**Thursday, May 1, is the National Day of Prayer.** Since 1952, people across America have been invited to pray for our nation. This year's theme is from Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Although there will be no special service, you may wish to offer a prayer for our nation, like this one written by Woodrow Wilson.

*Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## EDITOR'S NOTES

**Knobloch Scholarship:** Thanks to the generosity of one of our distinguished members, Bill Knobloch, the First Presbyterian Church is offering to any Fall 2025 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 in the church office at 203-966-0002 ext 1 or [wendy@fpcnc.org](mailto:wendy@fpcnc.org). **Application deadline is May 16th.**

## EDITOR'S NOTES (Cont'd)



**Lost and Found:** Is this your jacket? It needs to find its home again. It's tired of hanging around...

## UPCOMING CONCERT @ FPC

A concert poster for Charis Chamber Voices. The background is a painting of a landscape at sunset or sunrise, with a castle on a hill. The text on the poster includes: CHARIS CHAMBER VOICES, JEREMY WIGGINS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, TERENCE J. FLANAGAN ACCOMPANIST, Seraphic Songs, featuring Arvo Pärt - Berliner Messe - with string orchestra, MAY 3 &amp; 4, 2025, and WWW.CHARISVOCALS.COM | ADULTS \$25 SENIORS \$20 STUDENTS \$15. There is a QR code in the top right corner.

**Seraphic Songs with string orchestra**

**Sunday May 4 | 4:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan 178 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan CT**

*Seraphic Songs* is a concert dedicated to timeless themes of faith, memory, and unity. This concert explores the diverse ways humanity expresses spirituality, commemorates loss, and discovers hope. Through the music of Arvo Pärt, Hugo Distler, Hubert Parry, and Tarik O'Regan, we encounter reflections on both the sacred and the human, with each composer providing a unique perspective on the profound and universal questions that unite us all.

## SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

### *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 4th for the Annual Scottish Sunday Service.

All interested, please email Nancy LaBadie [nancydllabadie@gmail.com](mailto:nancydllabadie@gmail.com) or the Church Office [wendy@fpcnc.org](mailto:wendy@fpcnc.org) by Tuesday, April 29.

There will be a brief rehearsal for the kids on Sunday, May 4 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 lunch and servings of shortbread made by the Scottish Heritage Committee.

***Please Sign up by April 29!!***

**Mark your calendars and invite family and friends to this year's big event – Sunday, May 4th.** 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! for additional information or to join the Scottish Sunday Committee, contact Steve Van de Graaf ([stevevdg01@gmail.com](mailto:stevevdg01@gmail.com)).

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**Scottish Sunday**

**May 4th @ 10 AM**

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

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### Calling all KNITTERS!

The Back to School Shop is gearing up for the 2025 Shop, opening this summer. Warm hats keep hundreds of kids in Fairfield County warm through winter months. Several congregants have actively been involved in the past few years, so if you are a knitter why don't you join them? Back to School is promoting efforts in their newsletter next month. It would be *great* to add: "FPCofNC Knitters" in their newsletter. Please let Cindy G. or Wendy in the church office know if you are interested in coordinating our efforts, or able to knit hats this spring.



### Earth Day is in April

While **April 22nd** remains the cornerstone of global environmental awareness efforts, the scope of engagement has steadily expanded beyond a single day to encompass the entire month of April, thus evolving into what is now commonly known as Earth Month. Plant a tree or seeds, clean a hiking trail or check out Save the Sound and clean a beach! Stop by the Common Room to pick up a seed packet during coffee hour and for Earth Month 2025 check out what's happening in New Canaan and at the Library <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/earth-month-2025>.

**RAM Council** provides middle school and high school students in New Canaan avenues for substance-free activities. A donation has been made for their fundraiser event on May 3rd.

### Cemetery Restoration project

We are considering a donation on behalf of FPC to the New Canaan Cemetery restoration project of headstones at our cemeteries. This donation will impact many but particularly veterans whose tombstones have been neglected. Look for final announcement regarding this next month. If you'd like to donate to this cause, please contact Cindy G. or the church office.

If you are interested in a tour of the **Pacific House** facility, we are planning to deliver breakfast on a Sunday after church with a tour of the facility afterwards. If interested, please contact Cindy G. or Wendy in the church office and we'll pick a date.

### New Covenant Center

One last opportunity to serve this spring! **May 3**. Can you help with prepping and/or serving a meal at New Covenant Center in Stamford, CT? If you're interested, contact Cindy or the church office. **What's needed: 2-3 cooks and 2-4 servers.** We're also looking for people to pick up food at Costco the Wednesday or Thursday before that Saturday. It takes about 90 minutes to pick up and take the food to New Covenant Center in Stamford. For more information, please reach out to Cindy Graziano [c\\_graziano@msn.com](mailto:c_graziano@msn.com) or Wendy in the church office.



Sign up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A5AE28A7FF2-newcovenant>

**Annual Lenten Food Drive Continues!** Through this Sunday, April 13, don't forget to bring bags of groceries to church. We will deliver the food to NC Food Pantry @ St. Marks on Tuesday, April 15. ***If you can help, please contact Wendy in the church office.***

We are also looking at a mission trip in the summer...interested? More to come! Contact Cindy Graziano [c\\_graziano@msn.com](mailto:c_graziano@msn.com) with any questions. Thanks for sharing your gifts.

*"When you find your spiritual gift, God will give you an opportunity to use it."*



SCAN FOR TICKETS

**Saturday, May 3rd**  
Doors open at 5:30pm  
73 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan



\$150 per person  
Mint Juleps & Hors d'oeuvres  
Can't attend? Donate now at [waveny.org/donate-now](http://waveny.org/donate-now)  
Questions? Email [derby@waveny.org](mailto:derby@waveny.org) or call 203-594-5333



# SUPPORT MEETINGS

**THIRD TUESDAY EVERY MONTH**

**March 18**  **April 15**  **May 20**

**6:30-7:30pm**

**Congregational Church of New Canaan**  
**Meet in the Parlor or Library**

Are you or is someone you care about a member of the LGBTQ+ community? Come and join PFLAG Stamford, right here at our church, to share our joys and struggles and lift each other up.

Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

RSVPs aren't necessary, but feel free to email [polly.obrienmorrow@gmail.com](mailto:polly.obrienmorrow@gmail.com) for more information.

**CONNECT WITH PFLAG STAMFORD**

**[PFLAGStamford@gmail.com](mailto:PFLAGStamford@gmail.com) / FB: [PFLAG Stamford](https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGStamford) / IG: [@PFLAGStamford](https://www.instagram.com/PFLAGStamford)**

## COMMUNITY (Cont'd)



**New!** **Adult Day Program for New Canaan**

*All Communications are Highly Confidential*

Taking a break and enjoying personal time during the day is a crucial step in managing the stress of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

The Adult Day Program (ADP) offers a safe and supportive environment for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia while providing caregivers with much needed time for themselves to run errands, go to appointments, see friends or simply rest.

**What can families and participants expect?**

- Disease specific, cognitively stimulating activities and programs provided by professionally trained Waveny staff
- Socialization with peers
- Quiet space for independent activity and rest
- Light breakfast and multi-course lunch
- Transportation through local resources
- Monday thru Friday scheduling
- 9:30am-3:30pm
- full- and half-day options

**What care needs and levels of support are provided?**

- General supervision
- Light personal care including bathroom assistance
- Meal set-up, supervision and cueing
- Guided activities with Waveny's Therapeutic Recreation team

*The ADP program is made possible by the generosity of The New Canaan Community Foundation, local philanthropists Jim and Dede Bartlett, and Waveny LifeCare Network.*

Navigator: Alzheimer's and Dementia at Home for New Canaan  
203-594-5289 | [navigator@waveny.org](mailto:navigator@waveny.org)



### Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group

**When: Fourth Wednesday of every month at 2pm**  
**Where: The Tate Room, New Canaan Library**  
**151 Main Street, New Canaan**

Join Chris DiElsi, LMSW and Navigator at Waveny LifeCare Network for a peer support group at New Canaan Library. Attendees can find guidance, offer support, and ask questions in a safe environment.

Each meeting you can expect to:

- Discuss and provide coping techniques and strategies
- Share stories and experiences of your own journey
  - Share feelings, needs, and concerns
  - Learn about community resources

**Space is limited, registration is required**

Visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/> to register  
Questions? Call 203.594.5289 or email [navigator@waveny.org](mailto:navigator@waveny.org)



**COMMUNITY (Cont'd)**



Waveny Lifecare Network's

**NAVIGATOR**

*Alzheimer's and Dementia at Home for New Canaan*

**Providing support and guidance to those impacted by Alzheimer's and dementia in New Canaan**

*All Communications Confidential*

- 24/7 access to dedicated Alzheimer's and dementia specialists
- Complimentary grant-based program
- Exclusive respite apartment
- Exclusive social model adult day programming
- Expedited access to Waveny's continuum
- Access to trusted resources outside of Waveny
- Wellness checks and safety assessments
- Education on disease progression and healthcare resources available
- Assistance with insurance and public benefits
- Coordination of care, advance care planning, discharge planning
- Emotional support
- Alzheimer's and dementia caregiver support group
- Dedicated mobile app

**Contact us for a consultation**  
**Phone: 203-594-5289**  
**Email: Navigator@waveny.org**

*In collaboration with*



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 COMMUNITY  
 FOUNDATION**

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Save the number, save a life. Add the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988) to your phone now—it could save a life later. Trained crisis counselors are available to talk 24/7/365.

**NEW CANAAN  
 Behavioral Health  
 ALLIANCE**

Finding the right behavioral health support for yourself, family member or a friend can feel overwhelming. The New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance (NCBHA) is excited to announce the launch of its website. New Canaan Human Services, NCCF and Silver Hill Hospital have partnered with over 30 local agencies and organizations to encourage, develop and support a greater community awareness of behavioral health issues and resources in our area. To talk directly to someone that can help navigate available resources, or just to see what behavioral health events are happening around the area, visit [www.newcanaanbha.org](http://www.newcanaanbha.org).

**Support for domestic violence victims is available through the holidays.**



**24-hour Hotline:** (203) 588-9097

**CT Safe Connect 24-hour Hotline:**  
 (888) 774-2900 (call/text)

**Main Business Line:**  
 (203) 588-9100

[www.dvccct.org](http://www.dvccct.org)

**Our services are free and confidential, multilingual and multicultural. Help is available.**

*DVCC is the only state-certified domestic violence agency recognized by the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) serving the communities of Norwalk, Stamford, New Canaan, Darien, Westport, Weston and Wilton.*

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

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

***New prayers and concerns:*** Callum, Jessica Lister's three-year-old nephew, who was diagnosed with ocular cancer and may need his eye removed; Jessica Lister, who had surgery on April 8, asking for prayers of healing while she recovers.


***Continued prayers and concerns:*** Joe Achenbaum (Whitney Gulden's future father-in-law) has cancer. Joe Achenbaum is a cousin of Barbara Achenbaum's husband Jon; Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); David Altchek undergoing medical treatments (Charles Altchek's father); Joe Baird and his family (Maxine's friend) as Joe has entered into Hospice; family of Dave Benko (Sue Benko's brother-in-law) died March 21; Mark Bridgman (Gloria Bridgman's son); Betty Drew (Sue Dishart's mother) is in the hospital; family of Kip Farrell as she died Wednesday, April 2; Peter Findlay (Mimi Findlay's brother-in-law); Amy Granato (Julie Fowler's sister); Chris Harris (Dede Trefts' lifelong and beloved friend) is in the last stage of a very long battle with cancer; Dan Hodges; Barbara Holt (friend of Nancy LaBadie); David Johnson (Elsbeth Johnson's son); Josephine Markell (Jim Riehl's 105-year-old aunt); Maryanne Lombardi (Brian Lombardi's mother) who has brain cancer; Mary (Barbara Wentzel's sister); Mark Martelle (friend of Maxine Gaddis) diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease; Sandy Nissley; Nancy Russell (Linda Martin's sister) who is suffering from lung failure and awaiting a lung transplant; Joan Scherman and Kevin Bedford (Mark Magnusen's friends); Charlie Stewart (Jim Riehl's brother-in-law) who's in hospice; Homero Villareal; and 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 gun violence.

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, hurricanes and earthquakes and during war.

**PSNE Community Prayer:** For the following PSNE Clergy: Dana Lindsley, Heather Little Andrade, Cory Loder, Melodie Long, Ross Ludeman, Donald Lundgren, Skip Macaulay, Deborah Mahaney, Patricia Marion, Rachel Mastin, William Maxwell, Laurie McKnight, and Marilyn McNaughton.

## 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 Stacy Arevalo, Peg Bull, Kathy Edwards, Debera Prosek, Ellen Sisson, and The Rev. 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**

**CALENDAR – UPCOMING WEEK**

**SUNDAY, April 13**

9 am Music Rehearsals  
10 am Palm Sunday Worship  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

**MONDAY, April 14**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Tate Barn)  
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons  
7 pm Deacon Meeting (Zoom)  
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

**TUESDAY, April 15**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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, April 16**

10 am Weekly Bible Studies  
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons  
4:30 pm English Handbells Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, April 17**

3:30 pm Special Church  
7 pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service  
8 pm Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, April 18**

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Tate Barn)  
12 pm Good Friday Service (@ Community Baptist Church of New Canaan)  
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

**SATURDAY, April 19**

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

**SUNDAY, April 20**

7 am Easter Sunrise Service (Memorial Garden)  
(followed by breakfast)  
8:30 am Music Rehearsals  
10 am Easter Sunday Worship  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

**CALENDAR – APRIL & MAY**

Wednesday, April 23, 7:00am Men's Gathering (Zoom)  
Wednesday, April 23, 6:30pm Open Mic Night  
Saturday, April 26, 2:00pm Nancy Helle Memorial Service  
Saturday, May 3, 11:00am George Post Memorial Service  
Sunday, May 4, 10:00am Scottish Heritage Sunday  
Sunday, May 4, 4:00pm Charis Chamber Voices Concert  
Sunday, May 14, 7:00pm New Canaan High School Choirs 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

**Greeter:** Jeannie Hart and Jennifer Van de Graaf

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

**Ushers:** Drew Gurley and Janet Lanaway

**Cross Bearer:** Jim Ely

**MINISTERS**

The Entire Congregation

**OUR PASTORS**

The Reverend Dr. R. Scott Herr, Senior Pastor • The Reverend Mary Marple Thies, Parish Associate

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