



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

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Fourth Sunday of Easter • May 11, 2025 • 10:00am
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Grace and peace to you, and welcome!

As you prepare for worship, please sign the red welcome pad found at the center of each aisle so that we will know you worshipped with us. Then pass it to your neighbor. The last person to sign the pad should pass it back to the center of the aisle. We suggest you prayerfully allow the silent, sacred space of where you are, and the quiet stirrings of the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

***Call to Worship (Isaiah 53:5-6)** Stephanie Hare

Leader: He was wounded for our transgressions,

People: **crushed for our iniquities;**

Leader: upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

People: **and by his bruises we are healed.**

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray;

People: **we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Call to Confession

Armin Thies

Leader: Our sin is before us, leading us astray. But God is merciful and just, and will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us return to God through our prayer of confession, first in unison, and then silently.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Armin Thies

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. We have failed to love you and love our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us again to Christ and Christ's way of self-giving love. Guide our steps in mission and ministry for your sake and the world...

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

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Armin Thies

Leader: We are an Easter people, forgiven and set free, ready to sing God's glory and live in the compassion, forgiveness and love of God's grace. Hear then and believe the good news:

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

*Gloria Patri (No. 580)

Gloria Patri (Scottish)

**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.**

*Passing of the Peace

Armin Thies

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.

(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 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 9:36-43 (page 128 – New Testament)

Stacy Arevalo

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

The Gift of Love

Arranged by Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, and are freed. Amen.

FPCNC Men’s Choir

Second Lesson – John 10:22-30 (page 104 – New Testament)

Armin Thies

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Get up!”

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 187: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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Prayers of the People

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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

Call for the Offering

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

As Christ’s disciples, let us offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure, to give testimony to God’s transforming power of love and care.

Offertory:

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Arranged by Cathy Moklebus

FPCNC English Handbell Choir

*Doxology:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn Tune No. 606: *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)

Armin Thies

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 802:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (verses 1,2,3, and 6)

St. Columba

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

*Benediction

The Rev. Scott Herr

*Choral Amen

*Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude:

Fuge in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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***In celebration of Mother's Day, you will all receive flowers
 as you leave the Sanctuary this morning.***

***Then join us in the Common Room after worship for a time of fellowship and don't
 forget to stop by the Welcome Table to see what's happening in our community.***

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship on this “Good Shepherd” Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today we will reflect on the imagery of Christ as “the Good Shepherd.” It was common in prophetic and other Hebrew scriptures to refer to kings as the shepherds of Israel. Often times the prophets maligned the kings of Israel as bad shepherds, not caring for the “sheep” and only caring for themselves. The prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Micah used the imagery of God as a shepherd to describe God’s care for the people, God’s leadership and protective nature. In today’s gospel text, we read of Jesus referring to himself as one who cares for his “sheep” and the astonishing claim that *he and God are one*. What does this mean for our lives? How is Jesus a good Shepherd for us? How then shall we live? Whatever we make of these questions, we are glad you are here, 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.

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.**

Our **Welcome Table outside the Common Room** 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.

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).

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.



SIGN UP to Read, Usher and/or Greet <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aaaad2aa31-sunday>

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

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

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This Sunday, our organ music is composed by **Dieterich Buxtehude** (1637-1707), a Danish composer and organist of the Baroque period, whose works are typical of the North German organ school. As a composer who worked in various vocal and instrumental idioms, Buxtehude's style greatly influenced other composers, such as Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel. Buxtehude is considered one of the most important composers of the 17th century. He served at the Marienkirche, in Lübeck which had two pipe organs, a large one for big services and a small one for devotionals and funerals.

Our FPCNC Men will sing for our women on this Mother's Day; music arranged by **Hal H. Hopson** (b. 1933), a full-time composer and church musician residing in Cedar Park, Texas. He has over 3000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music. With a special interest in congregational song, Hal continues to make a significant contribution to the new repertoire of hymn tunes and responsorial psalm settings as evidenced by the proliferation of his settings that are included in newly published hymnals and psalm collections.

For our offertory music, our English Handbell Choir rings music arranged by **Cathy Moglebust** (b. 1958). Cathy has developed and directed handbell music programs since 1983 and has played bells since childhood. She is one of today's most popular handbell music composers, having written over 500 compositions and arrangements. Cathy earned both her B.A. (Music/Percussion, 1982) and M.Ed. (Teacher Education/Music, 1988) at South Dakota State University, in her hometown of Brookings, SD. Her handbell education began in 1970 with the Towers Handbell Choir of First Lutheran Church in Brookings, under the direction of the late Mrs. Barbara Berntson.

ELEMENTS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

The Revised Lectionary

The Revised Common Lectionary is a guide to the scripture readings assigned for each Sunday and is the product of a collaboration between the North American *Consultation on Common Texts* and the International *English Language Liturgical Consultation*. The Lectionary has a three-year cycle, one year for each of the synoptic gospels, Mathew, Mark and Luke. Readings from the gospel of John occur every year during Advent, Lent, Holy Week, the Easter season and Pentecost. In addition to the gospel readings, passages from the Old Testament or the Acts of the Apostles, the Psalms, the Epistles or the Book of Revelation are included. The Lectionary thus provides the means for surveying the essentials of all of Scripture.

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



Come join the online **Men's Gathering on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00am!** We will be reflecting on the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30 and considering questions like: Why did Jesus tell this parable in the first place? What is the business principle here regarding ROI? And what might be the spiritual principle? What are examples that you can think of where we are investing wisely, or not at all? Get your caffeine fix and join us for provocative conversation and learning together. Contact Mark Magnuson mmagnusen@yahoo.com if you need the Zoom link.

Goodwill collection truck will be here this coming Saturday, May 17 from 9:00am-1:00pm in the FPCNC parking lot. Bring donations of clothing, furniture, and household items in good condition. Receipts for tax purposes will be available. Goodwill Industries provides vocational services for people with disabilities and special needs. **(The Goodwill truck is here every 2nd Saturday of each month until November 8.)**



NEXT SUNDAY



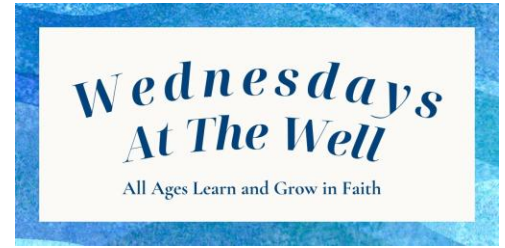
Transgender and Christian: A Journey of Self-Acceptance. Recently in the news, we have been hearing a lot about gender politics and policy changes. Behind all of the noise and distraction, there are real people with real life experience. We have the opportunity on **Sunday, May 18**, to welcome and hear the story of a Christian Transgender Woman, Stephanie Dykes, during an adult forum after worship. As a congregation, we have an "All Are Welcome" sign at our Sanctuary

entrance. Two key Mission pillars of our congregation are "to love inclusively" and "to learn continuously." Read more about Stephanie in her bio below, and plan to come and learn about her life experience and journey of faith. The Adult Forum will be from 11:30am–1:00pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Dr. Stephanie Dykes is a Lutheran transgender woman, currently living in Southern California. Dr. Dykes earned her Ph.D. in educational research and measurement from the University of South Carolina, where she also earned her master of arts in teaching. She completed her undergraduate degrees in history and administrative management from Clemson University, which is also located in South Carolina. Dr. Dykes has spoken at conferences across the United States and Canada on topics ranging from women's and gender studies to institutional research. She has also spoken at colleges and universities across the United States about her experiences as a transgender woman. Since 2022, Dr. Dykes has marketed herself as a speaker and vocal soloist to congregations and institutions of higher learning of the ELCA. She has been accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and will begin her studies in the fall 2025 semester.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesdays at the Well will be back on May 21! At the April Wednesday at the Well, our theme, Unplugging, produced so much lively discussion that we couldn't contain all that wonderful conversation and exploration in one session! So we will continue in May to explore what it means to take a break. In other words, we're talking about practicing Sabbath: resting, finding time for silence and solitude, helping us appreciate the beauty of the world around us, and exploring feelings of gratitude for all of God's creation and everyone in it.



Join us for dinner and intergenerational fun and faith development from 6:00–7:30pm. All ages are warmly welcome to learn and grow together! For more information and to RSVP, please reach out to Steph Hare at 203-966-0002 ext 5 / stephanie@fpcnc.org or contact the church office 203-966-0002 ext 1 / wendy@fpcnc.org.

A dark blue poster with white text and a vintage microphone illustration. The text includes the church name, event title, featured performer, time, location, and contact information.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Open Mic Night

FPCNC Open Mic:
Featured Performance by
Frank Critelli

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

Thursday, May 22
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
to sign up and for more information

A pink poster with white text and a large ice cream cone illustration. The text includes the church name, event title, date, time, and location.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 15

11:30am, during
Coffee Hour

All Are Welcome!

178 Oenoke Ridge New Canaan, CT
Visit fpcnc.org or call us at 203-966-0002 ext 1

An orange poster with white text and peach illustrations. The text includes the church name, event title, date, time, and location.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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3rd Annual Peaches on the Patio

Sunday, July 13

11:30 am, during
Coffee Hour

178 Oenoke Ridge New Canaan, CT
Visit fpcnc.org or call us at 203-966-0002 ext 1

SAVE THE DATE (Cont'd)



The New Canaan Parent Support Group (NCPSTG) is hosting its **9th Annual *Community Addiction Awareness Vigil*** on **Wednesday, August 27th**, with live music starting at 6:30pm and testimonials at 7pm. This year's program includes three speakers in long-term recovery, all of whom grew up in New Canaan. The event takes place at 6 South Avenue and is the largest vigil in the state. For more info, go to ncparentsupportgroup.org.

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 (wendy@fpcnc.org or 203-966-0002 ext 1). **Application deadline is May 16th.**

A Celebration of Graduates of All Ages! We want to celebrate and recognize all those in our church community who are graduating this spring. Please contact Wendy in the church office (wendy@fpcnc.org or 203-966-0002 ext 1) with the following details of the graduate (name, school, and degree/area of study) and we'll add those details to a list which will appear in the bulletin the end of June.

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, June 8**, 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 (wendy@fpcnc.org) or Stacy (sarevalo@fpcnc.org). We look forward to hearing from you and hope that this will make Pentecost Worship meaningful and inspiring!

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 contact Cindy Graziano (c_graziano@msn.com) or Wendy in the church office if you are interested in coordinating our efforts, or able to knit hats this spring.



We have had a few people interested in a one-day mission trip this summer. As part of that outreach, we are also looking to bring lunch to the Pacific House on a Sunday in June or July. Please let the church office know if you have interest in either or both of these outreach opportunities.

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

Thanks for sharing your gifts.

UPCOMING CONCERTS @ FPC

New Canaan High School
Choral Program
Spring Concert
Together in
HARMONY
May 14, 2025
7:00pm
First Presbyterian
Church of
New Canaan


New Canaan Chamber Music
Andrew Armstrong, Artistic Director
Roll Over, Three B's

Amy Schwartz Moretti, violin

Edward Arron, cello

Andrew Armstrong, piano
May 15 at 3:00 pm | May 16 at 7:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan
newcanaanchambermusic.org/tickets

MUSIC ON THE HILL

presents

The Merry Month of May

A Celebration of Madrigals Old & New!

The Festival Chorus



La Camargo Dancing, Nicolas Lancret

Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

178 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan

Tickets: \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door.

Children/students free.

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New Canaan Chamber Music
Andrew Armstrong, Artistic Director

Children's Concert

Excerpts from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons"
Performed by Music Conservatory Students under the Direction of Andrew Armstrong



Spring



Summer






Autumn




Winter


Sunday, May 18th, 3pm to 4pm
The New Canaan Library's Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
FREE FOR CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT TICKET HOLDER
newcanaanchambermusic.org/tickets

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 for more information.

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Waveny Lifecare Network's

NAVIGATOR

Alzheimer's and Dementia at Home for New Canaan

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
- Light breakfast and multi-course lunch
- Socialization with peers
- Transportation through local resources
- Quiet space for independent activity and rest
- 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



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




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

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**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.

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

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: Mindy Starr-Pfahler (Wendy's cousin) recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer and going through multiple surgeries and radiation.

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 (Charles Altchek's father) is undergoing medical treatments; family and friends of Kenny Altman (Maxine's friend) who died suddenly on April 19; family of Joe Baird (Maxine's friend) who died April 16; Mark Bridgman (Gloria Bridgman's son); Sherman Bull, who is recovering from hip surgery; Callum (Jessica Lister's three-year-old nephew) who is recovering from surgery which removed his eye due to ocular cancer; Betty Drew (Sue Dishart's mother) is in the hospital; 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); family of Maryanne Lombardi (Brian Lombardi's mother) who died April 23; Josephine Markell (Jim Riehl's 105-year-old aunt); 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); 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.


Prayers for the family of Renee Chin, a Greenwich High School student who died April 26. Please also pray for the Greenwich High School staff and students who are so deeply affected by her death.

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: Tracy Mehr-Muska, Danilo Mena, John Merz, Joseph Miller, Mark Montgomery, Gary Morello, Terry Newberry, Kathryn Nichols, Carol North, Patrick Notley, Susan Olson, Laura Opsahl, Deborah Packard, Donald Parker, and Jenny Peek.

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, 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, May 11

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Sunday Worship (Mother’s Day)
11:30 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY, May 12

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons
6:30 pm NC High School Choirs Rehearsal
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, May 13

9:30, 10:30, 11:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)
10:30 am Staff Leadership Meeting
7 pm Session Meeting
8 pm Men’s A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, May 14

7 am Men’s Gathering (via Zoom)
10 am Weekly Bible Studies
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons
7 pm NC High School Choirs Concert

THURSDAY, May 15

3 pm NC Chamber Music Concert
3:30 pm Special Church (Tate Barn)
8 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, May 16

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons
7:30 pm NC Chamber Music Concert

SATURDAY, May 17

9am-1pm Goodwill Truck (FPC Parking Lot)
9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)
1 pm Virginia “Kip” Farrell Memorial Service & Reception

SUNDAY, May 18

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Sunday Worship
11:15 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Adult Forum – Stephanie Dykes

CALENDAR – MAY thru JULY

Wednesday, May 21, 6:00pm

Thursday, May 22, 6:30pm

Friday, May 30, 7:30pm

Saturday, June 7, 1:30pm

Saturday, June 14, 2:00pm

Sunday, June 15, 10:00am

Sunday, June 15, 11:30am

Sunday, June 15, 2:00pm

Sunday, July 13, 11:30am

Wednesdays at the Well (Monthly)

Open Mic Night

Music on the Hill presents The Merry Month of May

H. Thayer West Memorial Service & Reception

Wilton Studios – Music Recitals

Elders & Deacons Installation

Ice Cream Social

Wilton Studios – Music Recitals

3rd Annual Peaches on the Patio

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

The First Presbyterian Men’s Choir

with:

Nikolas Brannan – tenor, Devin Mitchell – bass

Greeters: Sue Sherwood and Kate Trotman

Lay Readers: Armin Thies, Stephanie Hare and Stacy Arevalo

Ushers: Bob Spangler and Stephan von Jena

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

Stacy Arevalo, Director of Pastoral Care, Adult Discipleship and Spiritual Formation

Jim Riehl, Business Administrator • Wendy Starr, Office Manager • Kate and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers

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