



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

Where Faith, Families & Friends Connect

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time • July 13, 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:

Präludium

Arcangelo Corelli

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: Christ has set us free;

People: Free to worship;

Leader: Free to love the Lord your God

People: With all our heart, soul, strength and mind.

Leader: Free to see and care for those around us;

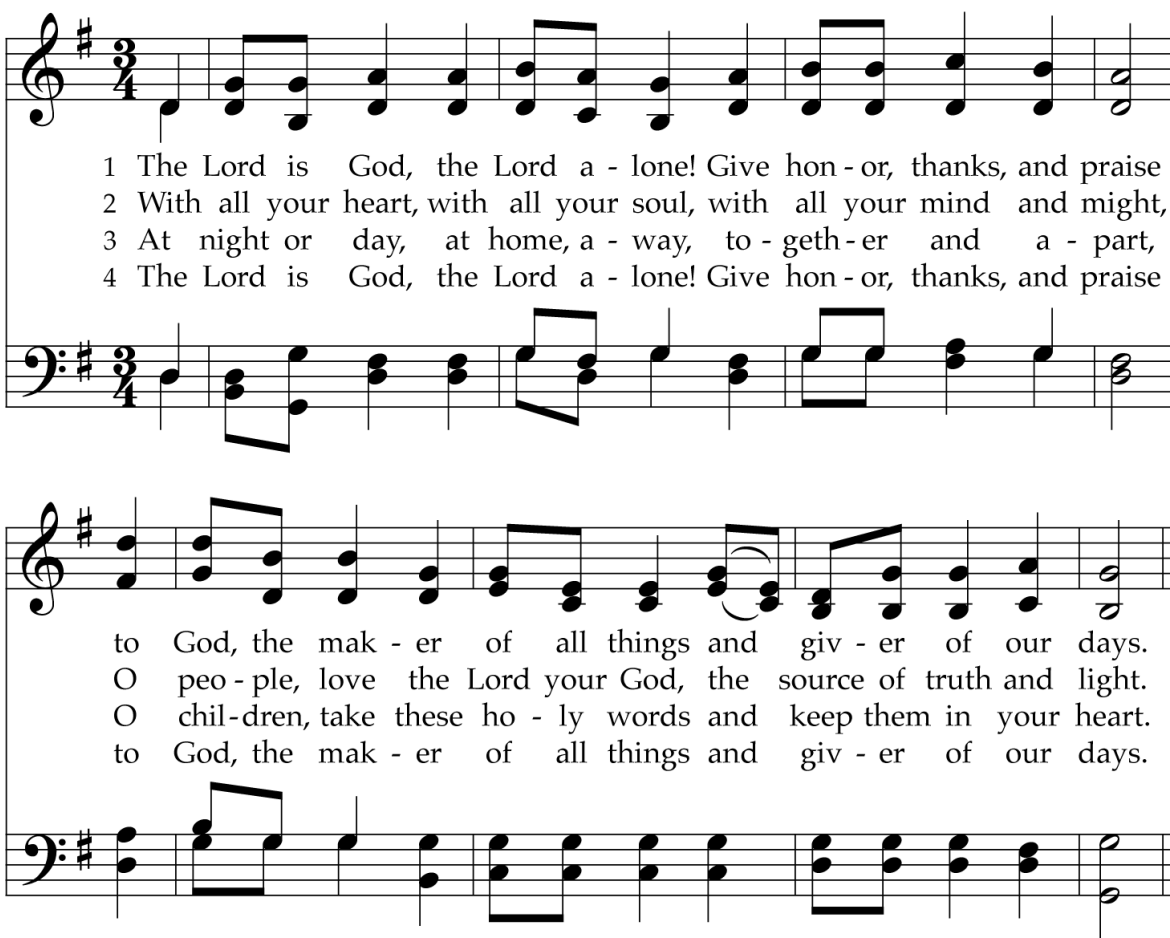
People: Free to serve;

Leader: Free to welcome and include;

People: Free to love our neighbors as ourselves!

Leader: Come, let us worship God together here in this Sanctuary

People: And to be strengthened to better honor God through loving our neighbors.



1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
 2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
 3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
 4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
 O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
 O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
 to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Blessing for our Younger Disciples

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Call to Confession

Armin Thies

Leader: Our world and our human desires often lead us to oppose God's way. Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins before our God.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Armin Thies

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ to better love you and our neighbors...

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

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Armin Thies

Leader: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Hear, believe and live in 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: Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways." Friends, may the peace of 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

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Armin Thies

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Lesson – Colossians 1:1-14 (page 199-200 – New Testament)

Armin Thies

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Who’s My Neighbor”

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 451: Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Call for the Offering

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share of the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory Solo:

“If with all your hearts” (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

Ye people rend your hearts, and not your garments. For your transgressions the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil. “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever find me.” Thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

Nikolas Brannan - tenor

***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

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn No. 738:**

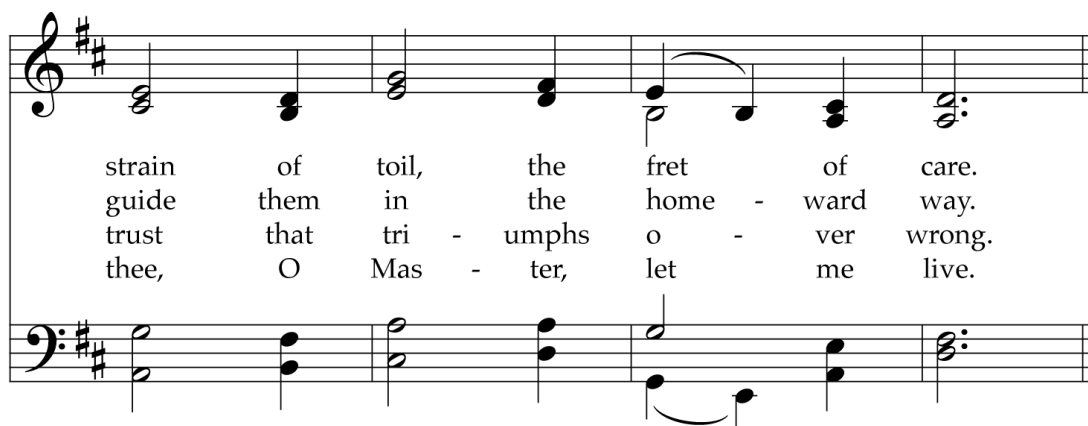
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
2 Help me the slow of heart to move
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
by some clear, win - ning word of love;
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with



*Benediction

The Rev. Scott Herr

*Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude:

Gavotte

Arcangelo Corelli

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Join us in the Common Room after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments. 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 Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is the long season (almost six months) of remembering the teaching of Jesus and learning to order our lives accordingly. Today we will reflect on one of Jesus' most famous parables the parable of the Good Samaritan. Through the lectionary texts from the gospel according to Luke and Paul's letter to the Colossians, we will continue to reflect on not only what we are free from, but what we are free for, that as Jesus summarizes the Law, we are set free to love God and love our neighbor. The question is, "Who is My Neighbor?" And what does it mean to love our neighbor as we love ourselves? Big questions, indeed! We are glad that you are joining us for worship, and pray you'll be spiritually renewed and socially reoriented for the week ahead.

Sunday School will resume in September. Children are warmly welcome to stay in Worship! For children who stay during worship, the **Pray-Ground** can be found in the area in front of the back pew bench. The Pray-Ground is a designated place in the Sanctuary where young children can experience worship through age-appropriate worship materials and tools that will help keep them engaged in what is happening. We will continue to rotate books and coloring materials on an ongoing basis. Although it can seem counter-intuitive to adults, children are often able to process what they hear more effectively when they have something to do with their hands.

Any child worshipping in the Pray-Ground should bring their grown-up with them to the Pray-Ground. Including young children in worship can sometimes feel a little daunting, especially on days when they're feeling a little extra fidgety, but we don't need to be discouraged from keeping children in the Sanctuary. There are many important things that children learn while in worship, even when we're not sure if they're paying attention. Young children learn by observing the adults around them. Children acquire the "language" of worship by listening to and observing the words the adults around them say, much like how they learn their native tongue. Quite simply, children learn to worship by regularly being in Worship. **So families with little ones should feel free to worship together in the Pray-Ground!**

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

FPCNC also offers childcare during our Sunday Service provided by Saturnina Greaves 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. From Sunday, July 6 through Sunday, August 3, there will be NO access to the Nursery School building due to minor renovations/painting. Please drop off your children with the Nannies in the Common Room for those Sundays. Parental and guardian sign-in is required and we do ask that you pick up your child promptly after the Service.

The Worship, Music and Fine Arts Committee sends greetings and heartfelt thanks to all of our church members who have stepped up to help and assist during Sunday morning worship services over the past few months. Serving as an usher, greeter, reader, communion preparer, communion server or cross bearer is an important role as it helps our church staff and enhances the worship experience for all. To those who have signed up to help over the past months, we thank you. As we move into the summer months, we ask you to prayerfully consider signing up to serve during June, July and August.



We can all be busy over the summer traveling and vacationing but our Sunday worship services continue on and could use your kind assistance when you are in town. Please consider logging into the Sign-Up Genius found on the homepage of the church website (www.fpcnc.org) to find a Sunday morning that works for you. If you are new to the congregation and would like to find out more about how you can participate on Sunday mornings, please speak with Jan Lucie, Armin Thies, Linda Martin or call Wendy Starr in the church office for further information. Being a part of the “worship team” is a wonderful way to get to know other church members while assisting our church staff during Sunday worship. We know that those who have served in the past and continue to help find this to be a very meaningful experience. Thank you for the generosity of your time and your talents. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you in Sunday worship at 10 am and at coffee hour after the service on the back patio. Happy Summer to all !!

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

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 Mary (marythies75@gmail.com).

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. Stop by after worship during Coffee Hour.

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

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

This Sunday, our keyboard music is composed by **Arcangelo Corelli** (1653-1713), an Italian composer and violinist of the middle Baroque era. His music was key in the development of the modern genres of Sonata and Concerto, in establishing the preeminence of the violin, and as the first coalescing of modern tonality and functional harmony. He was trained in Bologna and Rome and spent most of his career there with the protection of wealthy patrons. His writing was admired for its balance, refinement, sumptuous and original harmonies, for the richness of the textures, for the majestic effect of the theatricality and for its clear, expressive and melodious polyphony. He was the first to fully apply, with an expressive and structuring purpose, the new tonal system, consolidated after at least two hundred years of experimentation. As a virtuoso violinist he was considered one of the greatest of his generation and contributed, thanks to the development of modern playing techniques and to his many disciples scattered throughout Europe, in placing the violin among the most prestigious solo instruments. He was also a significant figure in the evolution of the traditional orchestra. His position in the history of Western music is considered crucial, being recognized as one of the greatest masters at the turn of the 17th and 18th century, as well as one of the earliest and greatest classicists.

Nikolas Brannan will sing our offertory solo, music composed by **Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy** (1809-1847), widely known as Felix Mendelssohn. He was a German composer, pianist, organist and conductor of the early Romantic period. Mendelssohn enjoyed early success in Germany, and revived interest in the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. After a long period of relative denigration due to changing musical tastes and antisemitism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, his creative originality has been re-evaluated. He is now among the most popular composers of the Romantic era. We hear music from *Elijah, Op. 70, MWV A 25*, an oratorio depicting events in the life of the Prophet Elijah as told in the books 1 Kings and 2 Kings of the Old Testament. The oratorio was first performed on 26 August 1846 at Birmingham Town Hall in its English version, conducted by the composer, and it was immediately acclaimed a classic of the genre. Notwithstanding the work's triumph, Mendelssohn revised his oratorio wholesale before another group of performances in London in April 1847. The German version was first performed on the composer's birthday, 3 February 1848, in Leipzig, a few months after Mendelssohn's death, under the baton of the composer Niels Gade.

Work has begun on our historic Aeolian Skinner Organ...The static regulator, also known as a bellows or reservoir, has been removed from our pipe organ to be re-leathered (see before and after photos below). This is a crucial component that ensures a consistent air pressure supply (from the blower) to the organ pipes, preventing pitch fluctuations due to varying airflow demands. It acts as a pressure buffer, maintaining a stable wind pressure regardless of how many pipes are being played simultaneously. The regulator typically consists of a bellows mechanism, often with a weighted top or spring-loaded system, that expands and contracts to compensate for changes in air pressure. When the blower is turned on, the regulator expands, and a valve closes



(Before Static Regulator Removal)

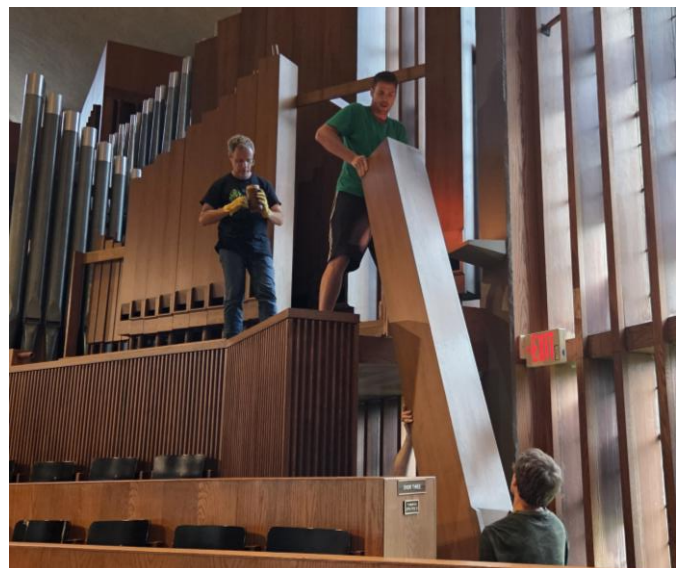
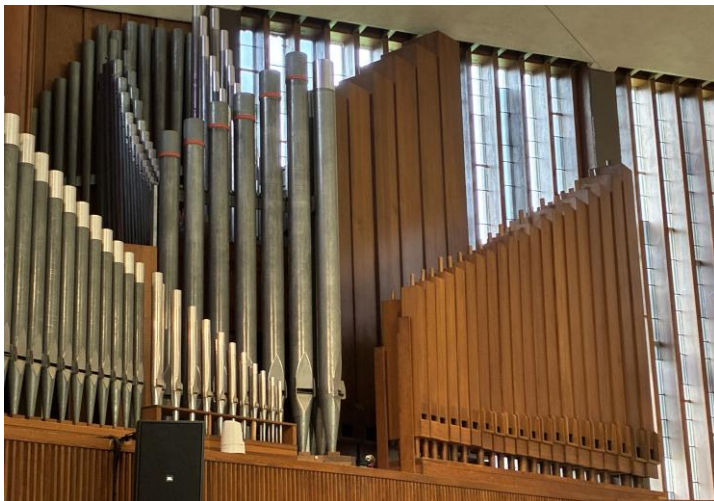
to regulate the airflow into the bellows, thus stabilizing the pressure. As more pipes are played, requiring more air, the regulator adjusts its volume to maintain a consistent pressure. Maintaining a constant air pressure is vital for the accurate pitch and tone of the organ pipes. Without a regulator, the pressure would fluctuate with the number of pipes being played, causing noticeable changes in pitch. The re-leathering will take a couple of weeks and the pipe organ will not be useable during this time. Any questions or if you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Terry.



(After Static Regulator Removal)

Do you notice anything different in our Sanctuary?

The front-most row of wooden pedal flute pipes on the right side of the organ façade were removed, and the air chest they rested on has been repositioned as far forward as possible to make room for the addition of the new pedal pipes expected to arrive soon. While these wooden pipes were out of the organ, the tuning stoppers were all repacked to ensure they will not slide down into the pipe causing it to go out of tune. Stain was then applied to each wood pipe to give a new appearance. The work area in the organ was cleaned and the pipes were reinstalled. The repositioning of these pipes has made the façade's presence appear more uniform overall in the Sanctuary with the "widening" of the narrowest part of the original design.





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3rd Annual
*Peaches
on the
Patio*

Sunday, July 13

11:30 am, during
Coffee Hour



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Visit fpenc.org or call us at 203-966-0002 ext 1

THIS WEEK

FPC OFFICE HOURS:

Office Hours this week:

Mon, July 14 – Thurs, July 17: 9:00am–4:00pm

Fri, July 18: **OFFICE CLOSED**

Summer Office Hours (thru September 2)

Mondays – Thursdays: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Come help this **Friday, July 18th from 9:30am-12:30pm** to assist the Bridgeport Rescue Mission Pantry organize their pantry. The Bridgeport Rescue Mission Pantry provides fresh produce, dry goods, meat and dairy items to food-challenged Bridgeport and area families. Let's carpool! Meet in the circle driveway and we will leave the church parking lot at 8:45am. If you're interested, please reach out to Cindy (c_graziano@msn.com), Steve (stevevdg01@gmail.com) or Wendy (wendy@fpcnc.org) if you can help.



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LETTER FROM SCOTT & SESSION

Dear Members and friends of the FPCNC,

As you may have heard in Sunday morning announcements or read in the Tidings, we are now searching for a part-time Christian educator to help offer quality spiritual formation and care for our children, focusing initially on Sunday worship children's sermons and Sunday School.

Please review position description that was sent via email last week or you'll find it on our website soon and support the church by doing three things:

1. Join the Session praying for God to lead us to encounter the right person for this position. We are hoping it is either someone from our congregation or known to a member of our congregation, ideally someone already living within or near New Canaan.
2. Prayerfully consider the position yourself, or encourage someone in your circle of friends who you think might be qualified to consider the position.
3. Please pass along the position description to other friends and teachers you trust to reach out to other people who may not be part of our community or aware of our congregation. We are very open to welcoming new friends and colleagues to consider this position.

Thank you for helping us to get the word out about what we think is an excellent opportunity to join our staff team and serve the wonderful children and families of our congregation, and please contact and/or direct interested people to connect with Tom Butterworth, First Presbyterian Church Human Resources Elder at fpcnchire@gmail.com.

Grace and peace to you.

In Christ,
Scott

EDITOR'S NOTES



Our Labyrinth is back in the Sanctuary for the summer. The Labyrinth is designed to lead one into private meditation and prayer via following the intricate path that takes us to the center. It's not a maze, but a purposeful passage that may be entered into with gentle song, prayer, or quiet meditation. Walking the Labyrinth can be a meaningful and powerful practice for personal introspection and transformation. Instructions are posted or you can reach out to Scott or the Church office for guidelines. *To help preserve the Labyrinth, we ask that you remove your street shoes, so please wear socks or bring your slippers from home.*

MISSION & OUTREACH

New Covenant House

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped this year. Next up? September 6, October 4 and November 1 this fall.

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. So, several congregants have actively been involved in the past few years in knitting hats. If you are a knitter, you may want to join them. Please let Cindy (c_graziano@msn.com) or Wendy (wendy@fpcnc.org) know if you are interested in coordinating our efforts, or able to knit hats and Cindy can forward you the hat 'template'.



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

Thanks for sharing your gifts with so many, so often, and so selflessly.

SAVE THE DATE



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Rally Day Picnic

Sunday, September 7, 11:30am



**Please join us for worship, fun, food, live
music, Ol' Faithful rides, and fellowship
directly following the worship service
at 10 am!**

CONCERTS @ FPC

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Sing Evermore: Songs Through Dark & Light

The Summer Chorus
string quartet & flute

Music by Walker
Gjeilo, Forrest
& Quartel

Thursday, July 24, 8:00 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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ROTARY CLUB OF NEW CANAAN
**40TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!**
LOBSTERFEST

Thursday & Friday
September 25 & 26, 4:00pm-8:00pm



Indoor & Outdoor Seating at Waveny

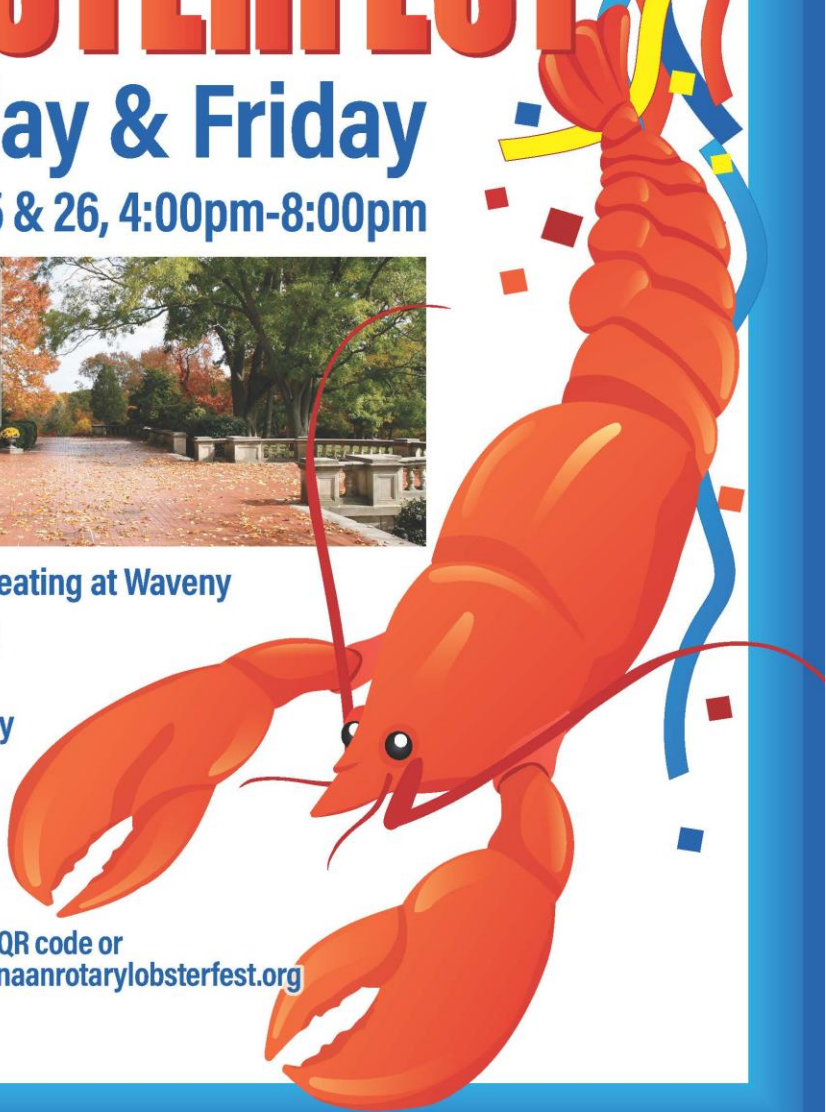
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NEW CANAAN

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: Peter Brannigan, who is a friend of Jen & Steve Van de Graaf; for the family of Robert Woods, who died on Sunday, June 29—Robert's wife, Mary Corkran Woods was a longtime member of FPCNC, who now lives in Colorado; for the family of Victoria (Vicki) Trefts, Dede Trefts' sister-in-law, died from complications of MS on Friday, July 4.

Continued prayers and concerns: Joe Achenbaum (Whitney Gulden's 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); Joan (Evelyn Bergstrom's sister) who died June 17; Mark Bridgman (Gloria Bridgman's son); Betty Drew (Sue Dishart's mother); 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 (Nancy LaBadie's friend); David Johnson (Elsbeth Johnson's son); Jeanette Johnstone (Rebecca Roth's sister) who is recovering from surgery on June 27; family and friends of Carole Josephson (Maxine Gaddis' aunt), who died on June 27; Josephine Markell (Jim Riehl's 105-year-old aunt); Mary (Barbara Wentzel's sister); Mark Martelle (Maxine Gaddis' friend) diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and recovering from shoulder surgery; Sandy Nissley; John Robinson (Darlene Harmon's brother) who has lung cancer; 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); Mindy Starr-Pfahler (Wendy Starr's cousin) recovering from double mastectomy and will soon start radiation; Charlie Stewart (Jim Riehl's brother-in-law); Joyce E. Viklund (David Viklund's mother) who died June 13; 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. PDA Giving: <https://pcusa.org/giving/stewardship-funds-development/ways-give>

PSNE Community Prayer: For the faithful work of all serving on Administrative Commissions and Investigating Committees.

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 Ferial Aldag, 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, July 13

9 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Sunday Worship

11:30 am Coffee Hour & Peaches on the Patio

MONDAY, July 14

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

TUESDAY, July 15

9:30, 10:30, 11:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)

10:30 am Staff Leadership Meeting

8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, July 16

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

THURSDAY, July 17

6:30 pm Session BBQ & Meeting @ Manse

FRIDAY, July 18

OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am–12:30pm Bridgeport Rescue Mission Pantry

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)

SATURDAY, July 19

9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)

10:30 am A.A. Group (open)

SUNDAY, July 20

9 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Sunday Worship

11:30 am Coffee Hour

CALENDAR – JULY thru SEPTEMBER

Thursday, July 24, 7:00pm Music on the Hill Concert

Sunday, Sept 7, 11:30am RALLY DAY PICNIC (food, fellowship and fun after Worship)

Saturday, Sept 20, 5:00pm Charis Chamber Voices (Sip & Sing)

Sunday, Sept 21, 10am/11:30am Christopher Hayes (Guest Preacher and Adult Forum discussing his book: *The Widening of God's Mercy: Sexuality Within the Biblical Story*)

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Debera Prosek and Keith Simpson

Lay Reader: Armin Thies

Ushers: Mark Chmiel and Jennifer Van de Graaf

Cross Bearer: Jan Lucie

MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

OUR PASTORS

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

2025-2026 SESSION ELDERS AND DEACONS

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Bob Spangler (Co-Clerk) • Jennifer Van de Graaf (Co-Clerk) • Barb Achenbaum • Tom Butterworth • Jim Ely
Angela Johnson • Nancy LaBadie • Janet Lanaway • Jan Lucie • Mark Magnusen • Bonnie Peterson
Mike Peterson • Charlie Sulkowski (Youth) • Steve Van de Graaf • Patty von Jena • Stephan von Jena

DEACONS

Dan Mason (Co-Moderator) • Kathy Edwards (Co-Moderator) • Ferial Aldag • Sue Benko • Carole Clarkson
Chris Cluett • Sue Dishart • Lisa Flanagan • Terence Flanagan (Youth) • Julie Fowler • Jo Ann Nerenburg
Debera Prosek

OUR STAFF

Terence J. Flanagan, Director of Music and Fine Arts • Jim Riehl, Business Administrator
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