



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

Where Faith, Families & Friends Connect

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time • July 27, 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:

Sonata 10

Domenico Scarlotti

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 9 and Psalm 33)**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: **I will tell of your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: **I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: **he is our help and shield.**

Leader: Our heart is glad in him,

People: **because we trust in his holy name.**

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: **even as we hope in you.**

*Hymn No. 728:

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Somebody's Knockin'

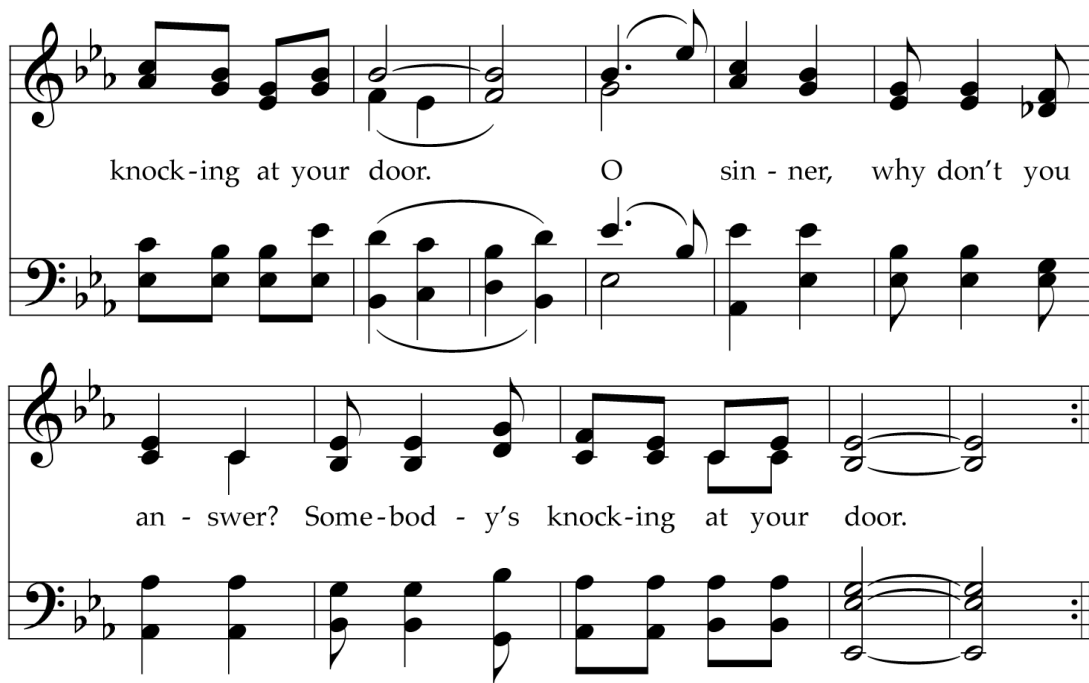
Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door; some - bod - y's

knock-ing at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you

an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

1 Knocks like Je - sus.
 2 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your
 3 An - swer Je - sus.

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 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's
 An - swer Je - sus.



Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Blessing for our Younger Disciples

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Call to Confession

Terence Flanagan

Leader: The psalmist King David wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Terence Flanagan

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer weekly, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and truly walk in the way of Jesus...

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

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Galatians 5:13)

Terence Flanagan

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous. Thanks be to God!**

***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**

Terence Flanagan

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 Christ's peace with one another.

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Almighty God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life. Give us ears to hear your hope and call. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

First Lesson – Colossians 2:6-15 (*pages 200-201 – New Testament*)

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

⁶As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson – Luke 11:1-13 (*page 72 – New Testament*)

The Rev. Scott Herr

¹He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread; ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.'" ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will

not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Teach us to Pray"

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 465: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Prayers of the People

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: Your kingdom come:

People: Your will be done.

Call for the Offering (2 Corinthians 8:5)

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

The apostle Paul commended the churches of Macedonia with these words for their generosity, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." As a sign of our dedication to God, let us present our tithes and offerings with abundant joy for all God has done for us.

Offertory Solo:

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Arranged by Don Hodell Chilcote

Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Oh, sinner, why don't you answer?
Can't you hear him?
Sounds like someone.
Oh! Listen! Do you hear it?
Knocks like Jesus.

Jan Lucie - alto

*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)

Terence Flanagan

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 175:

Seek Ye First

Lafferty



Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, and its righ - teous - ness,
you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



*Benediction

The Rev. Scott Herr

*Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude:

Sonata 8

Domenico Scarlotti

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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 Seventeenth 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 Jesus' teaching his disciples to pray. Through the lectionary texts from the gospel according to Luke and Paul's letter to the Colossians, we will reflect on what it means to pray, and how prayer helps us to stay "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith." As Julian of Norwich once said, "The whole reason why we pray is to be united into the vision and contemplation of God to whom we pray." Today, we will remember again Jesus' teaching of the basics of prayer in his name. We are glad that you are joining us for worship, and pray you'll be spiritually renewed and socially reoriented for the week ahead.

Flowers in Church today are given in loving memory of Roger C. Smith by the Smith family.

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.

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

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

FPCNC also offers 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. *There will be NO access to the Nursery School building, until early August, due to minor renovations/painting. Please drop off your children with the Nannies in the Common Room for these 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).

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

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.

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 **Giuseppe Domenico Scarlatti** (1685-1757), an Italian composer. He is classified primarily as a Baroque composer chronologically, although his music was influential in the development of the Classical style. Like his renowned father Alessandro Scarlatti, he composed in a variety of musical forms, although today he is known mainly for his 555 keyboard sonatas. He spent much of his life in the service of the Portuguese and Spanish royal families. Scarlatti first studied music under his father. Scarlatti was appointed as a Composer and Organist at the Chapel Royal of Naples in 1701 and briefly worked under his father, who was then the chapel's Maestro di Cappella. Soon after, his father sent him to Venice. After this, nothing is known of his life until 1709, when he went to Rome and entered the service of the exiled Polish queen Marie Casimire. In 1733, he went to Madrid as a Music Master to Princess Maria Barbara, who had married into the Spanish royal house. She later became Queen of Spain. Scarlatti remained in Spain for the remaining 25 years of his life. Among his compositions during his time in Madrid were most of the 555 keyboard sonatas for which he is best known.

Jan Lucie will sing our offertory solo, music composed by **Don Hodell Chilcote**. He is pianist and musician at Grace Baptist Tabernacle Church in Lyndhurst, Ohio where he facilitates the singers, and instrumentalists to be at their best giving glory to God through deeply moving songs. Don has a Master's Degree in Music in composition from the Ohio State University, and teaches piano, guitar, and voice throughout the east side of Cleveland, giving semi-annual recitals at Fairmount Presbyterian church. He sings in two Chorale ensembles of over 50 members with Western Reserve Chorale and Choral Arts. He graduated from The University of Rochester, with a BA in biology, a minor in business, and a minor in Music.

THIS WEEK

FPC SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays – Thursdays: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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.*

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 or you can find it on our website (<https://fpcnc.org/employment-opportunities/>) 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 opportunities@fpcnc.org.

Grace and peace to you.

In Christ,

Scott & Session

MISSION & OUTREACH

On Friday, July 18, 6 people from FPCNC volunteered their time at Bridgeport Rescue Mission (BRM), distributing food and stocking shelves, in their community food pantry. It was a wonderfully rewarding experience of charity and hope for all participants.

"Bridgeport Rescue Mission demonstrates the love of God to the hungry, homeless, and addicted. We provide a place of hope and dignity, fighting poverty from the inside out."

BRM is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year and provides the following services:

Food: BRM operates a community kitchen, a mobile kitchen, weekday food pantry, and their annual Great Thanksgiving Project. In '23 they provided over 900,000 meals.

Clothing: BRM provides clothing to men, women and children in need through their clothing donation program.

Safe Housing: Safe housing is offered free of charge to those in need of safe refuge, regardless of age, gender, national origin, ethnic background, religion, or socioeconomic group.

Addiction Recovery: BRM's faith-based, residential New Life Program addresses the complex needs of men and women struggling with substance abuse.

Healthcare Services: BRM has a doctor and nurses on staff who provide free behavioral health and general medical services by appointment.

FPCNC is looking to do more with BRM in furtherance of our collective missions. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers for Back to School and toiletries/personal care items soon. In the meantime, please check out Bridgeport Rescue Mission at www.bridgeportrescuemission.org and consider donating! "Whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me" Matthew 25:40.





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).



SAVE THE DATE



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!

COMMUNITY

A vibrant poster for the Rotary Club of New Canaan's 40th Anniversary Celebration, Lobsterfest. The poster features a blue background with colorful streamers and confetti. At the top left is the Rotary logo. The text reads: "ROTARY CLUB OF NEW CANAAN 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! LOBSTERFEST Thursday & Friday September 25 & 26, 4:00pm-8:00pm". Below this is a photo of a building. A large, detailed illustration of a red lobster is on the right side. The bottom section lists activities: "Indoor & Outdoor Seating at Waveny", "Live Entertainment and Family Fun", "Dine in or Take Away Meals for Kids and Adults", and "Proceeds support local non-profits". At the very bottom, there is a QR code and the text: "Tickets: Use QR code or www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.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: the family of Barbara Campbell Holt (Nancy LaBadie's friend) who died July 13; the family of David Altchek (Charles Altchek's father) who died July 17; Margaret (Peg) McConnell who's in Hospice; the family and friends of Carolyn Cryan (Maxine Gaddis' friend) who died on July 21; the mother of Carson Huber (a former student of Jan Lucie's); Alice Emme (Jim Lucie's sister) who has been critically ill and hospitalized in Illinois for 6 weeks; the family of Charlie Stewart (Jim Riehl's brother-in-law) who died July 24.

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); Peter Brannigan, who is a friend of Jen & Steve Van de Graaf; 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; 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 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); family of Roger Smith, who died Sunday, July 13; Mindy Starr-Pfahler (Wendy Starr's cousin) recovering from double mastectomy and soon undergoing radiation; family of Victoria (Vicki) Trefts (Dede Trefts' sister-in-law) died from complications of MS on Friday, July 4; family of Art Trotman who died Monday, July 14; Homero Villareal; 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; 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 First Presbyterian Church, Granby, its Members, Session, Seekers, and the Community of Granby, MA.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN

CALENDAR – UPCOMING WEEK

SUNDAY, July 27

9 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Sunday Worship

11:30 am Coffee Hour

11:30 am Session Elder Orientation & Training

MONDAY, July 28

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

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

TUESDAY, July 29

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

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

WEDNESDAY, July 30

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

THURSDAY, July 31

FRIDAY, August 1

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

SATURDAY, August 2

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

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

SUNDAY, August 3

9 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Sunday Worship

11:30 am Coffee Hour

CALENDAR – AUGUST thru SEPTEMBER

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:

Lay Reader: Terence Flanagan

Ushers: Jim Ely and Sue Sherwood

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

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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
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