



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

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Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time • July 6, 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: La Cathédrale engloutie (The Sunken Cathedral) Claude Debussy

***Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 66:1-5)** The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
People: sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious praise.
Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name."
Leader: Come and see what God has done:
People: tell of God's awesome deeds among all people!

***Hymn No. 298:** Lord, You Give the Great Commission Abbot's Leigh

1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



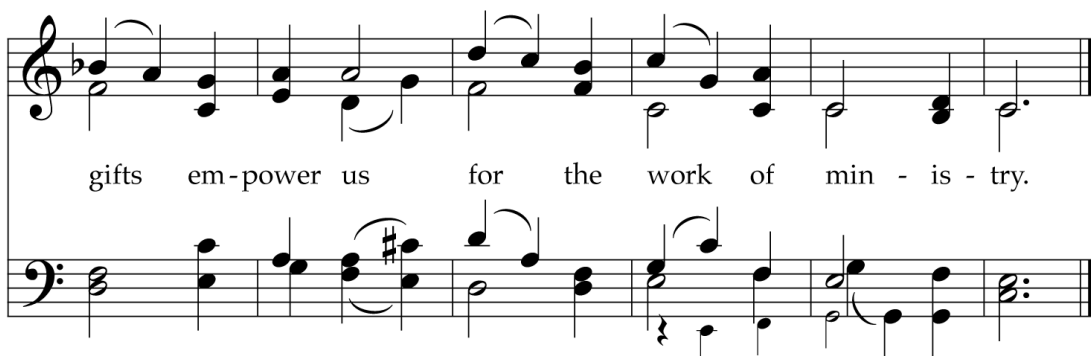
preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise, life a -
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we



gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
 bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
 lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
 you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
 serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Knobloch Scholarship Presentation

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Blessing for our Younger Disciples

Call to Confession

Steve Van de Graaf

Leader: We cannot be perfect, but we can be faithful by noticing where we've fallen short and asking God to set us right. Let us therefore confess our sins together, first in unison with the prayer printed in your bulletin, and then in silence. Let us pray...

Confession of Sin (unison)

Steve Van de Graaf

Patient and loving God, you call and call and we come up with every excuse why we can't answer, at least not right now. Forgive our fear. Forgive our hesitation. Remind us that when we answer your call, we will not be sent out alone, but filled with your gifts, surrounded by your presence, and held in your love...

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

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Steve Van de Graaf

Leader: Friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear 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**

Steve Van de Graaf

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)

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Holy Spirit, stir in us today some new understanding; some new passion; some new insight into you. As we read your Scriptures, help us to hear your still, small voice. Amen.

First Lesson – Galatians 6:1-18 (*page 191 – New Testament*)

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

¹My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson – Luke 10:1-11 (*page 71 – New Testament*)

The Rev. Scott Herr

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"For the Peace of All"

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 719:** Come, Labor On

Ora Labora



1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Call for the Offering

Steve Van de Graaf

We are promised that the harvest is plentiful; there is more than enough to go around. Trusting that God has provided abundantly enough for our needs, let us build up God's church by making our offerings now.

Offertory Solo:

O Rest in the Lord (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Henry Tate - baritone

***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)**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Holy God, bless our gifts of money, passion, time and prayer, that they may travel far in your world, blessing your children in every place; in Jeus' name. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Eucharistic Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Prayer After Communion (unison)

The Rev. Scott Herr

Almighty God, You have welcomed us at your table and given in this bread and cup as a reminder that the Kingdom of God has come near to us. Help us to be truly thankful, and to live in the power of Your self-giving love. Send us filled with Your Spirit, equipped to share Your grace and love with those around us, so that with all the saints, we may live to Your glory; in Christ, with Christ, through Christ, and for Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 338:

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw;
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine

and crown thy good with *broth - er - hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness and ev - ery gain di - vine!

*Benediction

The Rev. Scott Herr

*Ringing of the Church Bell

*Postlude:

Sonatina Toccata

Denes Agay

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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 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Today we continue through the period of months called in some church calendar traditions "*Ordinary Time*." The gospel readings move chronologically through the gospel according to Luke, week after week, with only a couple of minor exceptions. We should also remember that "ordinary" doesn't mean average or so-so; rather, it comes from the Latin word "ordinal,"

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

meaning “related to a series.” Ordinary Time is an ordered, deliberate, six-month step-by-step pilgrimage through the story of Jesus’ life and teachings, this year with Luke as our guide. Today we will reflect through the lens of the gospel and epistle texts on the theme of peace, and how our witness to our faith in the world should bring healing and wholeness, “shalom” in the fullness of the Hebrew sense of the word. We are glad you are worshipping with us, and pray you will be spiritually refreshed 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!**

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. **Starting Sunday, July 6 through Sunday, August 3, there will be NO access to the Nursery School building due to minor renovations. 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



TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

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>

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.

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).

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 prelude is music by French composer **Achille Claude Debussy** (1862-1918). He is sometimes seen as the first Impressionist composer, although he vigorously rejected the term. He was among the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Debussy was admitted at the age of ten to France's leading music college, the Conservatoire de Paris. He originally studied the piano, but found his vocation in innovative composition, despite the disapproval of the Conservatoire's conservative professors. He took many years to develop his mature style and was nearly 40 when he achieved international fame in 1902 with the only opera he completed, *Pelléas et Mélisande*.

Henry Tate 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

About TODAY'S MUSIC (Cont'd)

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.

Our postlude is composed by **Denes Agay** (1911-2007), a Hungarian-born American composer, educator, arranger and author. Agay was born and raised in a small village near Budapest and began playing piano at the age of three. In 1934 he completed his musical studies at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest. Agay was Jewish, and after the rise of Nazism, he emigrated to New York in 1939. 1942 he became an American citizen and joined the military, entertaining patients in the hospital wards in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. After the war Agay returned to music publishing, employed by companies including Music Sales Corp., Yorktown Music Press, and Consolidated Music Publishers. Today Agay is most remembered for more than 90 music books. Agay also continued to compose for the concert hall and for educational purposes. Late in their lives he and his wife endowed a Piano and Composition Scholarship Fund for the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 to regulate the airflow into the bellows, thus stabilizing the



(Before Static Regulator Removal)

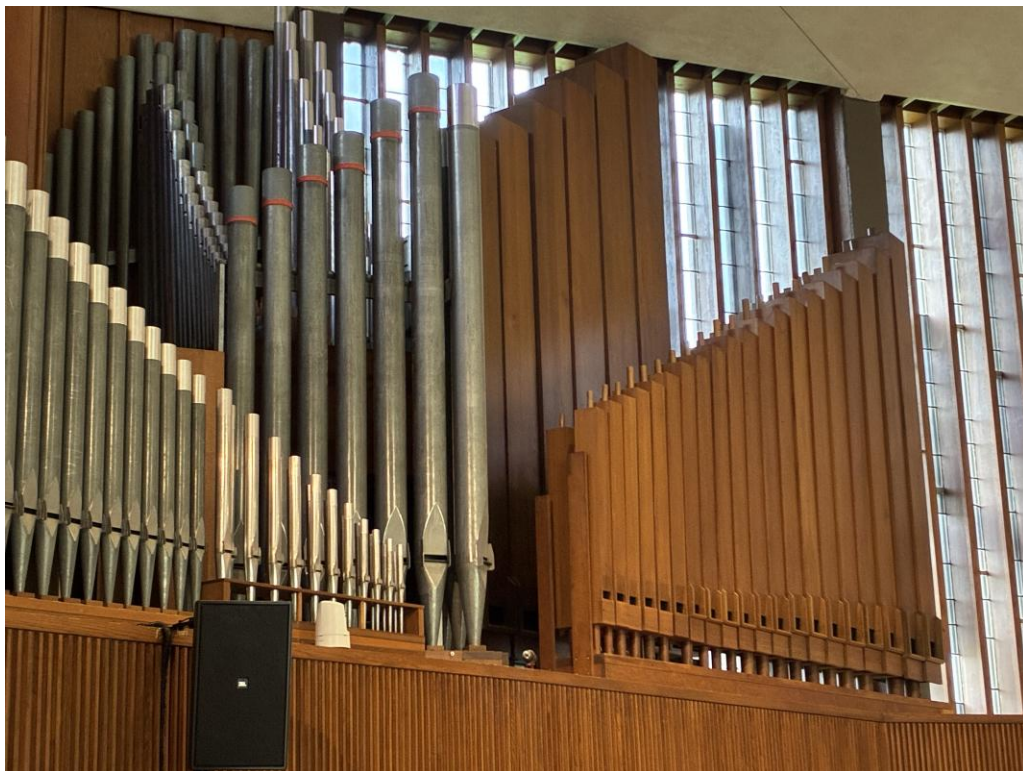
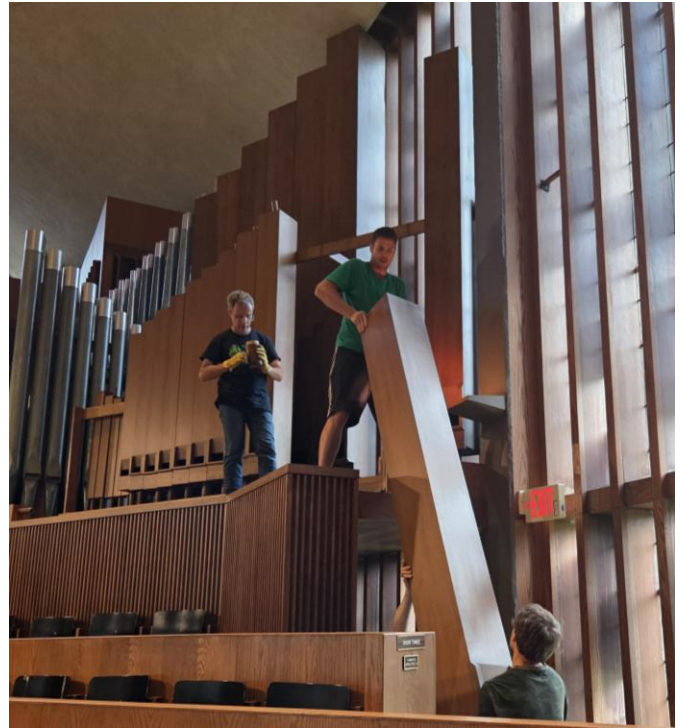
pressure. As more pipes are played, requiring more air, the regulator adjusts its volume to maintain a consistent pressure. Maintaining a constant air pressure is vital for the accurate pitch and tone of the organ pipes. Without a regulator, the pressure would fluctuate with the number of pipes being 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?

This past week, the front-most row of wooden pedal flute pipes on the right side of the organ façade were taken out, and the air chest they rested on was 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.



THIS WEEK

FPC OFFICE HOURS:

Summer Office Hours (thru September 2)

Mondays – Thursdays: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Goodwill collection truck will be here this coming **Saturday, July 12 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

The poster for the 3rd Annual Peaches on the Patio event. It has a light orange background. In the top left corner is the First Presbyterian New Canaan logo, which consists of three white squares of varying sizes arranged in a cross-like pattern. To the right of the logo, the text "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN" and "NEW CANAAN" is written in a white, sans-serif font. The main title "3rd Annual Peaches on the Patio" is centered in a large, dark green, serif font. Below the title, the date "Sunday, July 13" is written in a dark green, serif font. Underneath the date, the time "11:30 am, during Coffee Hour" is written in a dark green, serif font. At the bottom, the address "178 Oenoke Ridge New Canaan, CT" and the website "Visit fpcnc.org or call us at 203-966-0002 ext 1" are written in a dark green, sans-serif font. The poster is decorated with illustrations of peach branches with green leaves and ripe peaches in the top right and bottom left corners.

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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

BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION

We have a date! Friday, July 18th from 9:30am-12:30pm to assist with helping in the pantry. The Bridgeport Rescue Mission Pantry provides fresh produce, dry goods, meat and dairy items to food-challenged Bridgeport and area families. It will take approximately 45 minutes to get there from New Canaan, so all those interested should carpool from the church. We'll need about 4-8 people and if any youth want to help they need to be at least 16 yrs of age. We have a couple of people already, so please reach out to Cindy (c_graziano@msn.com) or Wendy in the office (wendy@fpcnc.org) if you can help.



**BRIDGEPORT
RESCUE MISSION**
Expanding Hope. Rebuilding Lives.

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.



ROTARY CLUB OF NEW CANAAN
**40TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!**
LOBSTERFEST

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



Indoor & Outdoor Seating at Waveny

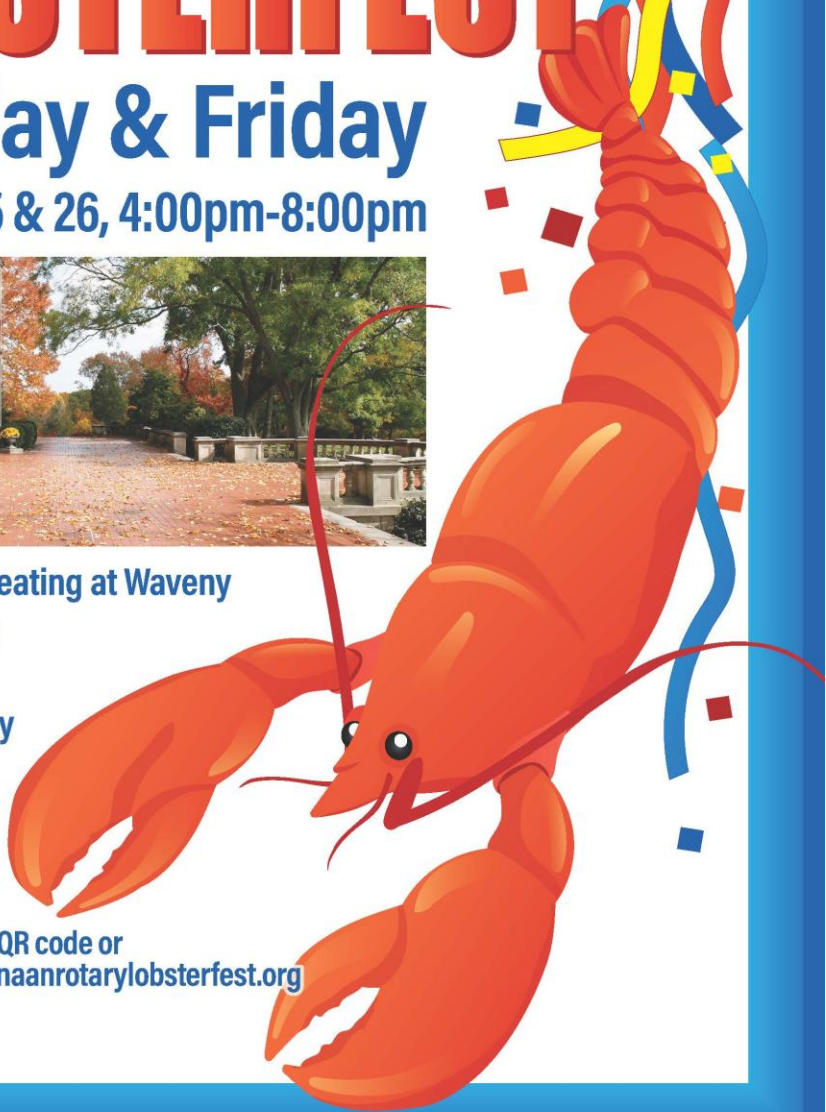
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and Family Fun**

**Dine in or Take Away
Meals for Kids
and Adults**

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Tickets: Use QR code or
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It could save a life later.



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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: Family and friends of Carole Josephson (Maxine Gaddis' aunt), who died recently; Jeanette Johnstone (Rebecca Roth's sister) who is recovering from surgery on June 27.


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); 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) diagnosed with Breast Cancer and going through multiple surgeries and 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 First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, its Members, Session, Seekers, and the Community of New Haven, CT.

GROW IN FAITH

 **SILVER HILL HOSPITAL** If you know of someone in urgent need of mental health support, please remember the resource that our town has in the New Canaan Urgent Assessment Program. The town, in partnership with Silver Hill Hospital, is prepared to offer psychiatric assessment and tailored referral for ongoing care. The Program serves children, teens and adults who are New Canaan residents free of charge. To schedule an intake call, email NCUA@silverhillhospital.org or call Silver Hill Hospital admissions at 1-866-542-4455 and indicate that you are asking about the New Canaan Urgent Assessment Program. For more details use this link: <https://silverhillhospital.org/new-canaan-urgent-assessment-program/>

Pastoral Care Team: Do you know of someone who needs a visitor or a phone call? Our congregation is fortunate to have a team of people who are ready to reach out to church members who are facing a life crisis. They may be in declining health, shut-ins, living in a care facility, grieving, or struggling with a significant change in their circumstances. Our Pastoral Care Team, made up of 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 6

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

MONDAY, July 7

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

TUESDAY, July 8

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 9

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

THURSDAY, July 10

FRIDAY, July 11

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

SATURDAY, July 12

9am – 1pm Goodwill Truck (Parking Lot)
9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)

SUNDAY, July 13

9 am **Music Rehearsals**
10 am **Sunday Worship**
11:30 am **Coffee Hour & Peaches on the Patio**

CALENDAR – JULY thru SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept 7, 11:30am	RALLY DAY PICNIC (food, fellowship and fun after Worship)
Sunday, Sept 21, 10am/11:30am	Christopher Hayes (Guest Preacher and Adult Forum discussing his book: <i>The Widening of God's Mercy: Sexuality Within the Biblical Story</i>)

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Chris Bondor and Anna Mae Bondor

Lay Reader: Steve Van de Graaf

Ushers: Bob Spangler and Jennifer Van de Graaf

Cross Bearer: Chris Cluett

Communion Preparer: Mary Lee Lesko

Communion Servers: Linda Martin and Steve Van de Graaf

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
Wendy Starr, Office Manager • Emily Johnson, Communications Assistant
Kate and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers

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